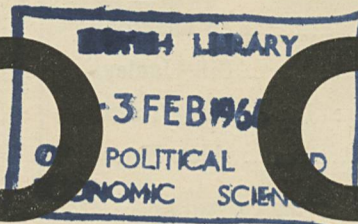


EVENING STUDENTS TO GO?



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BEAVER Front Page Comment

The move, albeit, a tentative one, by the School to discontinue evening courses at LSE has already aroused Union opposition. The question is a difficult one and to judge the issue at this stage perhaps premature.

One can recognise the need to employ the academic resources of the school as economically as possible, and the hardship which twenty years ago would have resulted from such a move has been largely alleviated by the increased opportunities elsewhere and the greater availability of students grants. On the other hand, LSE holds a unique position among Colleges teaching Social Sciences, and to imagine that a B. Sc. Econ. from a South London tech is equivalent to what LSE has to offer is unrealistic. And there are many students who, for a variety of reasons, are unable to take full day courses.

It is important whatever the final decision turns out to be, that any such move must be a positive contribution to a complete rethinking of how time is to be used. The end of evening courses should not turn LSE even more into a nine-to-five College. Perhaps the idea that we should have a double-shift system for day students is over optimistic, but a positive examination of how the School can make the best use of its time must be made.

LSE must consider what it will gain rather than justify what it will lose if evening students are to go.



Protest as erotic Suzy packs 'em in!

THE appearance of belly-dancer Suzy Khairy at an Arab Society meeting packed the Old Theatre beyond capacity last week—but not all those who saw her performance approved.

Mr. V. Kumar rushed into Beaver office later that evening with a letter which we hereby print as a warning to any future society which thinks that no one could possibly object to the sight of a besequined female oscillating on the Old Theatre stage:

"The Arab Society

has proved to be an infamous exception to the adage 'Appearances are deceptive.'

They have fully substantiated their claim to provide erotic fare this evening... in fact they have outraged the decency of not a few of the audience.

"I hope that something will soon be done to prevent this once great institution from becoming a strip-tease club."

For those less morally minded. Suzy's address is Flat 62, 13 El Giza Street, Cairo — phone number 897011.

DISCONTINUATION of evening courses at LSE is to be considered by the School authorities in the near future.

The School Secretary, Mr. H. Kidd, told Beaver this week that it was questionable whether evening students were an economic use of the School's resources, and that their future was to come under consideration.

"The number of evening students is not great," he said. "And the demand on the staff is a heavy one. If the intake was stopped, it would mean that one department at least would

Shock proposals announced by School

be able to increase its day students by more than the number of evening students dropped.

"We would of course see through those students already on our books, and the graduate students will continue and even be increased. But the provision of undergraduate courses for B.Sc. Econ. and Ll.B. during the evening have increased pretty considerably elsewhere, at technical colleges, for in-

stance.

"The School is therefore considering whether to propose to the Governors that no more should be taken in. Such a decision would have to follow a good deal of consultation with various bodies involved."

since war

There have been evening students at LSE since the School's foundation, though the numbers have dropped since the war—"due simply to

other changes," explained Mr. Kidd, "such as the increased availability of scholarship grants." Last year LSE took 177 students for evening courses.

distressed

Alan Evans, President of the Union, said this week, "I would be opposed to any such move—I am surprised and distressed at this proposal that the School should make such a severe break with its heritage."

"LSE—and other colleges—should be a centre for adult education, and this move would effectively cut off many mature peoples' chances of receiving this. This School was specifically founded to help such students."

"Courses may be available at technical continued on Back Page

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Tim gets the Boot in Returning Officer Row

"but I will not resign" he says

MYSTERY surrounds the position of Presidential Elections Returning-Officer Tim Gopsill who was told after Monday's Council meeting that he'd resigned.

Afterwards Gopsill told Beaver, "I have neither offered my resignation nor have I been asked to submit it."

Tomorrow's Union meeting will be asked to approve a Council motion which states that "Council has accepted Mr. Gopsill's resignation as Returning Officer in order to dispell rumours presently circulating in Union."

These rumours relate to Gopsill's support of Alan Gillie for the Deputy Presidency. Gopsill was returning officer for this election also until he voluntarily re-

signed last week after what Union secretary Mary Evans described as "complaints from various sources about preference being shown."

"I had every intention of conducting that election on the fairest possible lines," said Gopsill, "but since some people had doubts I resigned. Now the rumours have been applied to a different election altogether."

At Monday's meeting Miss Evans, backed by External Affairs VP and probable Presidential candidate Dave Kershaw, argued that "there is no doubt in Council's mind as to Tim's integrity. But there must be no doubt about this election. And to have two returning officers will unnecessarily complicate things."

Council passed the pro-

posal by one vote to nil, with five VPs abstaining. Gopsill, who was refused permission to remain while his case was discussed, said afterwards, "I think this is a flagrant breach of justice. I had no chance to defend myself."

He denied rumours that he was running an anti-Kershaw campaign, saying that the organisation SKAC ("Stop Kershaw at All Costs") was

a private joke and had already been forgotten.

"How anyone could take this idiotic idea seriously beats me," he said. "And Kershaw knew of this when he first approved my appointment."

Gopsill refuses to accept the "resignation" which Council has accepted, and has stated that he will continue with the organisation of the election.

Council, who appointed Mr. Peter Wells to take over the position of returning officer, will have to wait until tomorrow afternoon to find out just who really holds the post.



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What's On?

Today

I.B. Tabata speaks on "Revolution in the 3rd world", Socialist Society, 1 p.m., S301.

Slides and talk to Christian Union on the work of the Church Pastoral-Aid Society.

Wine and Food Society tasting: 7.30, S301.

Jewish Society lecture, Dr. Rose, S401, 1 p.m.

Economics talk, 7.30 p.m. S401.

Friday 4th

Jazzsoc concert—O.T. 12.30-2.15 p.m.

Don't forget the Bar Social. Public Business meeting — Clive Jenkins speaker — S101, 1 p.m.

Weekend conference, 4th-6th Feb., at Moor Park, near Farnham, Surrey. Social History. Speakers: Dr. Eric Hobsbawm, Edward Thompson, Harold Perkin and others.

Monday 7th

Public Business meeting — Hugh Mountain speaker—O.T. 1 p.m.

Catholic Society lecture, J. Birtchell, 4-4.30.

Folksoc — "Protest" songs and discussion, 1 p.m., Graham Wallis Room.

Filmsoc — "A Face in the Crowd", O.T., 6.45.

THE PROCESS—The Truth, the Purpose, the Method — plus pop group The Apostles. 1 p.m., O.T.

Tuesday 8th

Christian Union lecture and discussion. Dr. A. J. Broomhall, 6 p.m.

Emrys Hughes MP speaks to LabSoc 1 p.m.

Thursday 10th

Cultural Show—exotic Eastern Dances and Fashions — presented by Pakistan and Far Eastern Societies. O.T. 7.30.

Shirley Williams, M.P., talks to Social Science Society. 5 p.m.

Dr. Ross talks to Jewish Society at 1 p.m., S401.

Time—a talk by Mr. Geoff Gullet to the Christian Union.

Wine and Food Society tasting — Fickus Courtenay Ltd. Burgundy. S.301, 7.30 p.m.

Friday 11th

Jazzsoc concert—O.T. 12.30-2.15 p.m.

Bar Social as usual in the Three Tuns.

Saturday 12th

Dance—to the Koobas and the Five Proud Walkers in the Refectory from 8-11. Five bob.

Monday 14th

LabSoc presents an S.P.G.B. speaker. 7 p.m.

Catholic Society — Lecture by Monica Lawlor, 4.30.

"Bothy Ballads" — Folksoc meeting, 1 p.m. G.W.R. Talk.

Tuesday 15th

The Grimshaw Club. "The Administration and Formulation of U.N. policy by the U.K. Government", by Dr. Rosslyn Higgins, Royal Institute of International Affairs, 6 p.m. S300 list for those wanting buffet supper afterwards opens Tues. 8th. See Miss Syke E403.

Dr. R. M. Hartwell lectures to Tawney Society about "something general or methodological", and is thinking about it. S.421 at 4.30.

Filmsoc—"Il Generale Della Rovere". 7.30. O.T.

Wednesday 16th

2-10 p.m. "Class in Britain", with Wetsgard, Milliband and interruptions. Socialist Society.

Acworth Society — Liner Train Depot visit.

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Union: What's Wrong?

SIR—My article 'The Student and The School' has aroused an amount of justifiable indignation. It was unfortunate that the Agitator left the article with only the sensational criticisms of a previously longer and more discursive assessment of the Student Union and its relations with the School. Let me now explain and develop some of the ideas in a more constructive way.

The problem of bureaucracy is one of the most fundamental issues. The term 'bureaucracy' can be used in two senses. I used it with a derogatory intention implying a system whereby an administrative organisation sees its interests differing from those originally intended. This certainly was a feature of Union Council when I was elected to it. The rationale of many a Council decision was based upon 'us against them' argument. We are the more efficient, informed and reasonable. They, (those on the Union floor—the rest are apathetic) are determined, for the sake of their egos, to disrupt everything we try to do. So our original intentions become blurred in an effort to undermine any opposition and to maintain our positions, whilst Union members interpret our motives as those of ambition, and thus become alienated from the Union as a whole.

This is a destructive tendency latent in any bureaucracy, i.e. when its original aims are usurped by the desire to perpetuate itself and to make itself more efficient. Once this problem is realised then I think it is relatively easy to overcome. There is, for example, no reason why the Council should be united before the Union. If a Council member disagrees with some proposal let him speak out. The Union can then decide

Student Travel Cards

SIR—I would like to clarify some of the present uncertainties among students planning trips abroad with NUS as to the exact position on the use of student identity cards.

The decision taken by the NUS November Council at Margate not to affiliate to ISC has raised certain difficulties concerning travel concessions. Though NUS is still associated with ISCT, the countries of Portugal, Israel and Greece do not

The Editor would like to make it clear that the views and opinions expressed in these columns do not necessarily coincide with his own.

Dave Kershaw
External Affairs VP

without feeling some thing is being pushed over its heads. Also, more students will be interested once they feel some control over what is going on. As soon as a mood of confidence exists between the Union and the Council the bureaucracy can become a powerful tool with which to promote Union policy.

The second of the Union's main problems is its relationship with the School authorities. The lack of communication is probably the crucial factor causing the antagonism that many students hold towards the School. At the moment only the Union President and perhaps one or two others are informed of the Schools' plans and the reasons for which it has decided on them. The remainder are left to speculate on the basis of rumour.

I'm sure that the responsibility in this respect lies with the authorities. When students make 'irresponsible' criticisms it is more a symptom of bad communication than of an inherent student trait. If the School wishes to gain the confidence of its students then it must involve them in some of the decision processes and inform them of the facts surrounding the issues.

Regular meetings of departmental staff — student committees, which should be open to observers, might begin a two-way flow of information. Perhaps members of the School administration could discuss, at Union meetings, the School's policy on relevant matters. Conversely, student representation on the governing boards needs serious consideration.

I hope ideas such as these are contained in the Union's development report in order to clarify the status of the undergraduate at L.S.E.

Dave Adelstein

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Evans Attacks Beaver

"It's in a sorry state"

SIR—I should have thought that not even Beaver could get all the facts wrong all of the time. Unfortunately, it appears that I was unduly optimistic. Your latest expedition into Union mythology provides further evidence that the presence of any facts in your newspaper is purely coincidental.

The facts regarding the appointment of the administrative officer are quite clear to anyone able to read Council and Union minutes. The appointment of an administrative officer was first accepted at an Emergency Meeting of Council on 22 September, 1965. At five subsequent Council meetings held between 18 October and 1 December, Council continued to implement this policy, subject to the final ratification of the Union.

Both Council and a large number of members of the Union considered that the policy decision taken in the Budget meeting of 12 December was an

Don't waste all that beautiful invective on the barmaid — BEAVER welcomes letters (and articles) on almost any topic. Drop them in at S 5L.

instruction to appoint an administrative officer. The debate on this appointment involved the sum of £1,000 and was certainly not 'merely a preliminary to further discussion' as you attempt to make out.

I note that you also fail to mention that the Union approved this appointment almost unanimously at the meeting held on Friday, 14 January, and equally approved—again almost unanimously—the establishment of a sabbatical year for the President.

Opposition

I appreciate that you see your role as that of a loyal opposi-

Alan Evans
President

Beaver Editor

Jon Smith

Replies:

1. So the appointment of the Administrative Officer was discussed by Council SIX TIMES last term. Why didn't it come before the Union ONCE before December 12th, and then only as part of the Budget?

2. The Budget decision wasn't suggested to be a mandate for the Officer's appointment, and further discussion was promised at that meeting. You argued then that if we didn't pass the item allowing money for the Officer's salary the whole project would have to be abandoned. Earlier this month you admitted to Union that

"Council was labouring under a misapprehension" over this. You were wrong. Face it.

3. If you read my front page article and my editorial last issue, you will find TWO separate mentions of Union's approval of the appointment. It's questionable, however, whether this was given in the light of a full and detailed discussion (which we're still waiting for) or merely as a retrospective recognition that you'd already made all the decisions alone, and there wasn't much we could do about it.

tion, but you do yourself and your readers an injustice when you do not state facts which conflict with your own viewpoint. I should have thought that the facts contained in this letter were essential for your readers to make a fair assessment of the situation.

Earlier this academic year, when you wrote a complete fabrication about my views on Vietnam, you commented that it was 'a bit of a giggle'. This did not seriously concern me, but when you write completely inaccurate accounts suggesting that the President was indulging a personal whim in appointing an administrative officer, then I think that our student newspaper has indeed reached a sorry state.

4. Your use of "a bit of a giggle" astounds me — it was my response to one of your frequent requests that I discontinue the embarrassment Beaver causes you. I willingly admit that I find the prospect of your political manoeuvres being thwarted by a vigilant press extremely funny. Your political views, however, I view with a distaste that totally precludes humour.

5. Finally, and wearily, if you disagree with my editorship, why not follow the suggestion you make in this week's president's column and ask Union for my resignation? It'd save a lot of time on both sides.

Crie de Cymru

SIR—According to Leo Abse in your last issue, Welsh nationalists are in the grip of an Oedipus complex!

I should have thought that mere self-interest would have induced any logical person living in Wales to join Plaid Cymru. After all, just look at the brilliant results of English rule in Wales — depopulation in nine counties out of thirteen, unemployment rates always higher than in England, the ruthless slashing of the railways and the recent decision to close down most of the Welsh coalfield. To say nothing of the catastrophic and wholly unnecessary fall in the proportion of people able to speak Welsh, or the radio ban on Plaid Cymru which was undemocratically enforced until the General Election was safely over.

Do I have to have an Oedipus complex to feel cynical about this sort of treatment? Do I have to have some 'love-hate' relationship with my country, just because I think that a democratic Welsh parliament could hardly do worse, and is likely to do better? Do I have to be labelled 'immature' simply because I resent the fact that, although the Welsh people have been solid socialists since the twenties, we have never had a chance to build the sort of community we have expressly wished because we are lumbered with a backward and bumbling English establishment?

By Mr. Abse's standards I suppose I ought to admire Mr. Iowerth Thomas' broadminded 'maturity' instead of thinking that he is a twisted little creep waging a nasty vendetta against anything not as heartily ashamed of being Welsh as he is. I suppose I ought to share Mr. Abse's obvious belief that England has a divine right to rule, even though, as the oldest

English colony, we can show seven hundred years bitter experience of their administrative incompetence and their bloody-minded conceit.

But I don't. Instead I remember what I believe Mr. Abse himself said a few years back. Something about he would be fighting for the F.L.N. if he were an Algerian. Don't you think that one colony has as much human rights as another? Or is racial and cultural genocide all right if it's only the Welsh who suffer?

Dave Williams

Dear 'Disgusted',

SIR—I would like to put "Disgusted" right on a few points concerning the Athletic Union, about which he apparently knows very little. First of all, the AU receives from the School a grant of £3,250 which is nowhere near twice as much as the Union receives. Furthermore, I will concede the point that we have a tenth of the membership of the Union, but at least our 400 members—all of whom pay to belong to the Union—are active.

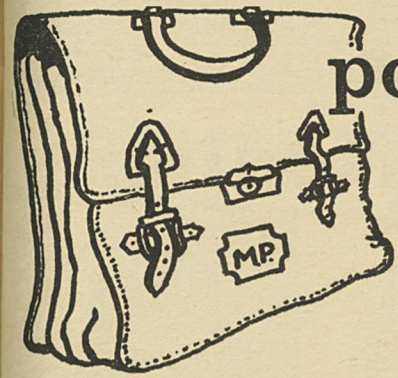
How many students can be considered as active members of the Students Union? To back this up take the election turnout for both Unions—at the last AU election for VPs there was a 91% turnout compared to the SU's 37%. I think these figures speak for themselves.

K. W. Hewison
AU President

Is this the African 'civilisation'?

SIR—Your news that Nigerian students welcomed the recent coup has disgusted me even more than the coup itself. The end may justify the means in many cases—but not this one. The butchery of politicians, however corrupt, opportunistic or illiterate can never be justified. That this slaughter should include as a victim one of the most respected of statesmen, Balewa, only compounds the crime. Has so little civilisation rubbed off on Nigerians in their time in Britain that they know no better?

John C. Burdett



political brief

Bill Hanley
Gerry Pastor
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Peter Smith

Introducing the Team

A team of writers, weekly press conferences and reports from the length and breadth of Britain characterise Political Briefing. This feature is designed to inform you of the issues and the hidden motivations of modern British politics. This page is designed to take you behind the headlines and involve LSE in the political world. Each week the political societies at LSE will attend a Beaver Press Conference and give their views on current issues. Reporters will follow all the big political events, on the spot. This week we feature Hull North, Party Conferences, major rallies and meetings, interviews with visitors to LSE and interviews with the big names from Westminster and the parties; all will be covered by Political Briefing. Our panel of writers is already engaged on a number of long-term projects—Leyton a year later, the lunatic right and the revival of the Left. A General Election will see the PB team out in key constituencies throughout the country and it is hoped to co-operate with Nuffield College, Oxford, on this venture.

Transport House ban

NO wonder LSE hasn't seen sight or sound of a Front Bench Labour Minister (shadow or otherwise) for many years. Lab-Soc are currently engaged on an attempt to add Vietnam fireworks to the tinder dry fabric of the Albert Hall, when Harold Wilson conducts this month's Nuremberg Rally. The Socialist Society is turning its instant passion to the problem of wage earners versus the 'capitalist dupes' of our Labour Cabinet. Meanwhile the Conservatives at LSE are having a field day—Central Office is sending the cream of its sour Tory milk into the Old Theatre and making Con-Soc's programme akin to Bernard Crick's conception of a continuous election campaign.

It appears that a Labour Minister will speak at LSE this term — Lord Chalfont, Minister of Disarmament. Yet he is a guest of the Liberal Society. Perhaps Harold Wilson will appear here one day as a guest of the Old Whig Society. Is LSE Lab-Soc really persona non grata at Transport House? Or could it be that they don't try hard enough.

On the horizon

SOME Economists at LSE are predicting a March Election on the grounds that the April Budget will be so tough as to risk frightening Labour away from the hustings until it is steeped in the dead bodies of the MPs who fell in the battles of the all night

sitting. Again it is argued that a new electoral register coming into force in February will enable Labour's organisation to bring out their maximum vote.

An election fought later in the year can be based on a list of electors which is composed of a substantial minority of the dead and the removed. The Conservatives have a much more efficient vote getting machine than the Labour Penny Farthing. The tracing of removals and postal votes is tracked down by the ruthless Prussian Blue-shirted Guard. Labour have still not cracked the postal vote nut. If Labour doesn't go to the polls in March, then their future is black. Labour no longer has time on its side.

The Boy Krauts

THE most ghastly news of the year say I. BNP to set up youth movement. Reported with complete detachment in the Sunday Telegraph of the Nigerian gentleman sitting next to me on the Bakerloo line.

In the previous Sunday's Mirror a report of three East End kids, aged 14 to 16, charged with attempted murder for stabbing a middle-aged Jew.

Quite frankly the idea of spotty fair - hair - blue - eyed Aryans banging about like the Boys Brigade, learning how to tie granny knots in broken Negro legs, Church Hall dances and smashing the screen when Dionne Warwick slinks on. And sticking burning crosses on Pakistani doors for a bob.

Is just too pathetic to even be laughable.

Ee's in! Ee's in! E'es won 'ULL!

"I owe it all to Harold Wilson!"
says jubilant
Kevin McNamara

KEVIN MCNAMARA strode across Hull City Hall to give his ritual speech, to the chagrin of the national political press, and the joy of the N.O.P. Proclaiming the Labour victory, "Harold Wilson... I owe this result to Harold Wilson," he said and repeated in every possible combination of words.

Interviewed by Beaver he again paid homage to the God, "This election has been fought and won on domestic issues. Harold Wilson has gained a vote of confidence." The Tory, Toby Jessel, tried to maintain a Heath-like grin, but this brave attempt was submerged by his utter sense of disappointment.

The announcement of the result on Thursday night was observed by a crowd of 2,000; students chanted "Gott, Gott!" but as the results were read out their hopes of creating a fatuous "Radical" revival were crushed. "Jessel 19,128". "McNamara, 24,479". Immediately the declaration was finished Labour burst into

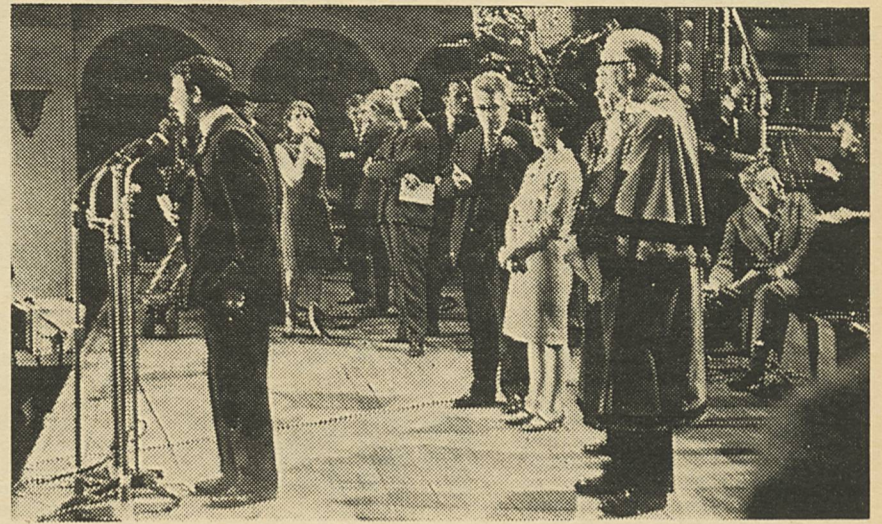


the "Red Flag" the even more traditional jeers for the Tory, and the slightly unfamiliar Yorkshire cries of "Ee's in, Ee's in".

The eve of the poll Press Conference was attended by teams of professional pundits forecasting doom for Labour. The open efficiency of the Tory political machine seemed to convince them that it was a race between the Central Office E-type and the Labour pennyfarthing. On the day, the Pentagon-like curtain of secrecy was raised on the Labour organisation and party workers called on each Labour household again and again. Cars were everywhere. "Nobody walked to vote" said a policeman. "We were even taking people by car from the house next door to the polling booth," commented a Labour worker.

After the result the Hull Tories searched for alibis; "Rhodesia" said Jessal in a voice trembling with despair. Yet foreign affairs were not an important issue, Gott only received 253 votes and his appeal for peace in Vietnam seemed horribly irrelevant to the bread and butter

An on-the-spot report by the Beaver team at Hull North



interest of the Yorkshire voter. The Tories imagined desperate theories about their organisation; "using the wrong canvassers on the wrong roads" was the kind of explanation they used to minimise the 5,000 Labour majority. All this was in vain. For the secret seemed to lie in the Labour election address concentrating on the theme of "A vote for me is

a vote for Harold Wilson". The dominating figure of the Premier might account for the fact that figures for the fall in the Liberal vote and the increase in the Labour majority were virtually the same.

Once again we will be faced with the perpetual ramblings concerning the date of the general election. Will it be March? June? The

closest gues would be October, when (according to the report of one M.P.), the exact date is already marked in the P.M.'s diary. Perhaps an election this year with a Labour victory based on the sort of figures produced by the Hull spectacular would at last end the continuous speculation and political uncertainty that leads to "public relations government".

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President's Column

"What the proprietorship of these papers is aiming at is power; and power without responsibility—the prerogative of the harlot throughout the ages".

(Stanley Baldwin)

During the Michaelmas Term a very heated debate took place on the role of the official Students' Union newspaper within the School. Now that some of the passion aroused by this issue has been dissipated, it is worthwhile looking at the arguments that generated such fierce controversy.

There is at L.S.E. a group of students who believe that the official newspaper should be completely free to write whatever it pleases. The analogy often used is that of the national press: if this is uncensored why should the student newspaper be censored? Like all analogies, this one does not stand up to close examination.

The relationship of the editor to the Union Executive is quite different from that between a national editor and the Cabinet. In the first place, a student editor is an equal of the members of the Union Executive, and can often exert more political pressure than them. Through his 'executive' position he may have access to information which, in the interests of the Union and the College, it is not politic to print.

It is also important to remember that most Union Executives

YOUR WAY INTO PRINT

The Union and its Press

do not have collective responsibility, nor any party allegiance or discipline, and are able to work together at all only by the exercise of good sense, sympathy and understanding. A student editor who played on the divisions within the executive could completely negate its ability to act effectively as a political and administrative unit.

The analogy again does not hold when one considers that a student editor has a monopoly of the professional means of communication within the community. This monopoly enables him to exert considerable political influence, for good or ill. It is indeed power without res-



ponsibility, and he may indulge in the most profligate suppression and distortion of the facts with impunity.

It is my personal opinion that an executive that wished to change the status quo would find difficulties if the student newspaper opposed it in a scurrilous and irresponsible manner. Censorship is not the answer, but co-operation and good sense is. The student editor should be consulted and informed at executive level, and if this trust is continually broken then the executive should ask for the resignation of this editor, subject to the ratification of the Union.

Praise

Most editors work very hard, often in deplorable conditions, and deserve more praise than they receive.

Unfortunately, student newspapers do not on the whole endear themselves to student bodies, Union executives, or College authorities. I doubt whether there will be any change in this attitude until the relationship between these bodies and the student editor is placed on a firm and rational basis, compatible with the power exercised by the student editor within his institution.

It's a headache finding a place to dance!

THE second of the newly-elected Vice Presidents to give their ideas and comments to Beaver is Liz Brockbank, the Social V-P. Well known among LSE students for her work for Jazz Soc, Liz has provided a glamorous addition to the Council; as to whether her achievements will match her looks is a question which only time will answer, but below are her ideas for the future.

As one of the largest colleges in London, LSE should be one of the top names in the student entertainment field. We have, however, to work within a very narrow framework, dictated by the lack of adequate facilities. The refectory, in which the School permits us to hold a dance only once a fortnight, accommodates only five hundred. The occasional use of more than one floor in the main building involves considerable negotiation and it does not really solve the problem. Lack of space is a School as well as a Union problem. We can but hope that in plans for enlarging the school, the need for a large hall will be considered.

wish to save money wherever possible, I hope to use this £165 to build up the reputation of the LSE Saturday night dances.

Relay

Whether it will be possible to run these Saturday night dances every week I do not know; at the moment they are running fortnightly. At



above: Liz Brockbank, Social Vice President. She's got all the headaches!



above: Top of the charts, The Overlanders at LSE last week. But have we the space for big-name crowds?

The mainstay of the entertainments programme has for long been the Friday night Bar Social. Over the past few years these have enjoyed considerable success, and this seems to be continuing. We do however face certain problems.

Though generally packed we rarely make a profit, because of the low capacity of the Concourse Area and the high charge of the groups. The only solution seems to be to raise the price to 1/6, but this I am reluctant to do, since the most characteristic feature of the Bar Social has been its continued low cost. There has been some demand for new ideas to be introduced into the Bar Socials, and any suggestions would be welcome, although I would like to preserve the concept of a cheap Friday night.

This year the Entertainments Committee had a grant of £100, while the previous Social V-P Malcolm Cardy left a profit of £165 behind him. While I do, of course,

these dances we have already had the Overlanders and Herbi Goins, and shall have the Koobas and the Ram Jam Band—and, of course—the Five Proud Walkers.

It has also been suggested that we relay records and announcements to the bar, coffee bar and Concourse during the lunch hour. Any comments on this would be appreciated.

At the end of the Lent term we hope to hold, in conjunction with SASA, an all-night dance. I say 'hope' because at the time of writing approval has yet to be gained from the School and Union. We plan to present a combined programme of Pop, Jazz and Folk Music, and possibly a film. The dance will last until the Tubes start in the morning, if it comes off!!

To conclude: I hope to continue the present pattern of Bar Socials and Saturday-night dances, making some changes and introducing innovations within the existing framework.

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“SQUALID FIX” SAYS DATELINERS GLASGOW M.P.

Secretary of the Overseas Student's Committee of the University, Maurice Nadeem, last week hit out against the failure of both the Union and University authorities to do anything constructive against the colour bar among Leeds's landladies. He emphasised that this failure seemed to indicate an acceptance of discrimination by both, but following this outcry the Union, at least, has taken action. A committee is to be set up to investigate the situation further and attempts are to be made to inform the landladies of the countries whose nationals they have to deal with.

THE Leeds production of the 'Duchess of Malfi', entered in the recent N.U.S. Drama Festival was threatened when many of their props were stolen only two days before the performance. Fortunately last minute action allowed the play to be put on, although at extra cost to the theatre group.

The three youths, aged 15 and 16, who had committed what the Magistrate called a 'dirty trick', were fined between £7 and £15. The £440 of props which they had stolen were eventually returned to the Theatre Group.

Perhaps this incident had disrupted the production more than was realised for 'Sunday Times' critic Harold Hobson described this serious play as "The loudest laugh of the week."

Manchester

HOPES of Manchester Union to be represented on the University Council received a severe set-back when the Vice-Chancellor declared that they were unlikely to contribute anything to efficient administration. As evidence of this he cited the changes instituted by successive Union Councils in the plans of the Union Building.

Kieth Flood, Union President, has disagreed with this view, maintaining that the students should be able to voice their opinions on matters which affect them and that their object is not to interfere with the University administration.

London

KING CARROT III, the mascot of Northampton College, London, ended up in the Live Letters department of the Daily Mirror with a label "Happy Christmas" on it after being abducted by Imperial students at the end of last term.

To kidnap the three-hundred-weight mascot, twenty Imperial stalwarts took part in a daring raid on Northampton in November which took its toll in injuries when the thing was dropped down a flight of stairs. Mascot rivalry between these two colleges has remained a central part of their lives now for over a decade.

Cambridge

PUBLICITY on sleep-learning has led to the adoption of this method by some Cambridge students. So far the results obtained are said to be "extremely encouraging", so much so that practitioners of this new method have formed their own society. As yet their ranks have only swelled to twelve members, but a big expansion is expected if more conclusive results are obtained.

Commons Row Over Students Charge

FOLLOWING disciplinary action against six Glasgow students, one of whom was barred for life, MP Tom Dalyell accused the Vice-Chancellor, Sir Charles Wilson, in parliament last week of being a participant in "a squalid fixing operation."

The punishment was inflicted by the University Senate, whose procedure was "contrary to basic natural justice."

Duty

Mr. Dalyell went on to say that the University authorities "had made a serious mistake in the first place and had tried to cover up ever since."

Women

The charges levied against the students followed anonymous telephone calls and letters to a woman secretary at the Students Representative Council H.Q. in Glasgow. The students had not even been informed of these charges, said Mr. Dalyell, and when an appeal court had found at least one of the students not guilty, this unanimous verdict had been over-ruled by the Vice-Chancellor and the clerk of the Senate.

Although the police had fully investigated the whole affair, they had never brought any charges, which had left the University's reputation "mud-spattered by gossip and rumour". Mr. Dalyell demanded that Parliament should call on the University to justify this "gruesomely unkind action"; he and some of his colleagues would not let the matter rest.

"Best Ever" Folk Concert at Albert Hall

"The Biggest Folk Concert Ever" is to be held at the Albert Hall on Saturday night, run by Battersea College, and presenting some of the folk-world's biggest names from both sides of the Atlantic.

Among those appearing will be the Ian Campbell Folk Group, The Dubliners, American folk-song writer Tom Paxton, Hedy West, Bill Clifton and the Echo Mountain Boys.

The Folk Club secretary, Mercia Tapping, said this week "This concert has been aimed to provide students with a Festival they will appreciate and which is geared to the student grant."

Ticket prices range from two to ten shillings, available at the R.A.H. Box Office and their usual agents; the concert is due to begin at 7-30 p.m.

BIRMINGHAM University newspaper, the Sun, this week devoted six inches of its backpage to a lament on the absence of Newcastle Brown from the bar in recent weeks. Quote: "a pathetic huddle of tortured souls sat bemoaning their bereavement in an otherwise deserted commonroom..." Roll on the day LSE ever gets a barrel of Northern beer...

Cambridge

NEWNHAM GETS £1/2 - MILLION OVERHAUL

IN accordance with the policy of increasing the number of female undergraduates at Cambridge, a £300,000 wing is to be added to Newnham College to accommodate 26 new students.

The cost of this expansion, added to another £250,000 for modernisation, was thought to be too much for the University Grants Committee, and so a public appeal is to be made to raise the money.

LUXURY

The plans for which this money is needed include the construction of new rooms in the extension at a cost of £2,200 each and a central heating system to replace the present 'minute gas fires'. The cost of the new rooms is high in order that they should not be of a notably lower standard than the old". Obviously the girls of this college are used to luxury—old members have promised to donate £87,000 to the scheme.

WAR BY COMPUTER

Sixty students are using the computer in Leeds University, in a four-day exercise which they think may provide a contribution to solving the war in Vietnam.

MURDER SEARCH LEADS TO ARREST

AN Indian student has been charged at Birmingham with the murder of his brother, a 30-year-old landlord. The deceased's head, arm and leg were found in lockers at the Birmingham C.A.T., wrapped in plastic bags. The discovery was made by porters of the college who forced open the steel lockers after students had complained of the smell. Police enquiries were made throughout the college before the arrest was made.

EXETER EDITOR DEFIES CENSORSHIP

'Further Action' over Thefts Story

DESPITE the attempted coercion of the authorities, Oliver Boyd Barret, editor of Exeter University's paper 'The South Westerner', published a story in the latest issue of which was held to be 'not in the best interests of the University'.

Now that the attempted censorship has failed further action threatens the editor.

The story concerned food thefts from the Refectory involving sums of between £500 and £2,000 a year. Investigations have been made by the police after reports of these activities had been made to the University Authorities. At that time (the end of last term) it was decided that the story should not be disclosed while the police were investigating.

Sir James Cook, Vice-Chancellor of the University, asked for the story to be withheld from publication, solely on the grounds that "It was not in the best interests of the University". He would give no other grounds for his decision and on this basis the thefts were made public.

When the story was published further issues of the paper were suspended, but later this ban was lifted. This decision might possibly have been brought about by articles in several major national papers, all of whom were very critical of the authorities' action. The ultimate fate of those concerned is still in the balance; the matter will be dealt with by the University Senate, which does not meet until February 9th.

CHEESE IN CHARGE

Two theological students from St. David's Lampeter were arrested last week for being drunk in charge of a cheese.

Seen reeling down the main street and rolling a large cheese in front of them, they explained to the court next day that they had been to a party given by an eccentric friend, and he had distributed strange foods as a finale...

DIVINE RIGHT

A THIRD YEAR Oxford undergraduate has just passed his Prelims after getting into the University with no 'A' levels. The undergraduate was 20-year-old Maharajah Scindia of Gwalia and his success came at his FOURTH attempt.

"Wrong"

Tariq Ali (Exeter) commented "This is very wrong. If he wasn't a Maharajah he would have been sent down long ago. There are masses of Indians and Pakistanis with the right qualifications who do not get the chance of going to Oxford."

In answer to this criticism Nicholas Montagu, the Steward of New College J.C.R., said "There is a strong case for allowing a man who has to rule over a multitude of subjects to complete his education here."

The majority of Oxford students, however, have pointed out that they fail to recognise this new form of divine right, and argue that it is this kind of thing which maintains Oxbridge's "snob-ridden image" among other colleges.

ALONE

The Editor of Darts, Sheffield's student newspaper, has his problems too. In an exclusive interview with himself on the front page this week he declares that he's "not going to run a bloody one-man...newspaper," and that Darts will have to close down unless more support is forthcoming.

Following this article, and a scathing attack by President Viv Astling, twenty new recruits appeared. Watch Beaver's front page next issue...

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What the Hell is AIESEC?

"AIESEC Offers Cheapest-Ever Flights to the States"—headline in the last issue of Beaver. So what the hell is AIESEC? What are its aims? What's in it for the LSE Student?

The opportunities this organisation offers you have been hidden away far too long. Here Keith Young, head of AIESEC, describes just what the Association Internationale des Etudiants en Sciences Economiques et Commerciales exists for—and how it can help you.

First of all, don't be put off by the name. AIESEC is a student-run organisation with English as its international language, and it isn't just one more tiny group of foreign students trying to get pen-friends out of you.

Our main aim is to find you traineeships in any sphere of commerce—general management training through to computers—in any corner of the world. We can fix you up to do accounting in Australia, marketing in the Americas, banking in Buganda, giving you an opportunity to discover places you'd never otherwise see, at the same

time you gain experience of foreign business practices and solid practical experience of whatever you want to do.

right:
Keith
Young
at the
recent
Barcelona
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We do this through organising exchanges with foreign students who come over to

Exchanges

this country for the same reasons. The traineeships we offer are usually for about two months, and they're all paid, responsible, and non-manual jobs. How much money? It depends to a certain extent upon the country involved, but everywhere there's a minimum level which covers food, accommodation, travel—and more. Obviously some countries pay higher—the States for example have a sixty dollar per week minimum, and on longer traineeships—of up to six months perhaps—it can go up to about eighty or ninety dollars a time. There's one on the books at the moment, for example, working with RCA in New York at eighty-five dollars a week. Anyone who wants it for the summer can see me and get it.

All the incidental details are dealt with by AIESEC. Accommodation is arranged in advance by the foreign committees—we've branches in over forty countries—and the trainee is met on arrival, introduced to the place, mixes with foreign students at their place of work and in the home. There are receptions where he can meet people and forward not only international relations but, more immediately, his own language ability.

Jobs

Taking a traineeship of this kind can obviously prove of great use to the student's career. Certainly when job-hunting anyone who can show that he has intimate knowledge of foreign condi-

tions is better placed than someone who's never been further than a factory floor in Acton. For example, AIESEC's Chairman two years ago, David Llewellyn, is now working for the Treasury under Professor Cairncross—who also happens to be AIESEC's Honorary National President. On the other side, we arrange jobs for foreign students who want to work for a time over here—last year we found places for sixty-five of them, looked after them, took them on tours of places and pubs, much the same sort of thing that the foreign committees do for English students visiting them. The more traineeships we find over here, too, the more there'll be abroad—so I'd like to appeal to anyone who can help us over this to see me.

But traineeships aren't all that we deal with. There's the charter flight to the States this summer which will cost only fifty pounds return, lower than anything you'll find elsewhere. It's not connected with the traineeships, but open to anyone—though AIESEC trainees will obviously get preference. What else on the travel line? With an AIESEC card we can arrange sixty per cent reductions on flights to Turkey. And we've got a big Far East offer coming up soon which should prove an immense attraction.

Two other things that

AIESEC is mainly interested in doing. The first is the running of seminars in Britain—last summer we held one at LSE which brought together some of Britain's most eminent speakers, and we're organising another for this year.

Training

The second big thing that AIESEC can do for the LSE student is give him a chance as a member of the committee to get some first-class training and also to do his own travelling with the organisation. I've just come back from Barcelona where the annual conference was held—and last year I visited Helsinki. Later this year I'll be going to Paris for a weekend, Tel-Aviv for a congress, five visits to other British Universities. All the expenses are paid for by AIESEC, and for the person who takes over my job this year there'll be a trip to Canada for the next ten-day congress, along with other members who will form the UK delegation. The congress in 1968 will be in Tokyo. With most of the senior officers leaving this year, there's an excellent chance for new people to come in now and take advantage of what running AIESEC has to offer.

Those who want to take advantage of other aspects of what we are doing should contact us as soon as possible at the AIESEC office—Room C 18 in number five Clements Inn Passage. The flights to the States are filling up fast—those who are interested should see us now.

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To give you a brief on their ideas, their leader, ex-Cambridge student Hugh Mountain, outlines just what the Process is;

of your circumstances, because aeons back you chose to forget, along with everything else, the simple fact that you create your own circumstances. You lead drab and unsatisfying lives, which you try desperately to make stimulating or glamorous or

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You are totally unaware of the real depth of your feelings of responsibility; such feelings have long since proved far too dangerous and demanding for you to allow yourself to be even remotely conscious of them. You see yourselves as being almost entirely at the mercy

just comfortable, without the faintest idea of what you are, why you're here, and why you behave as you behave and feel as you feel. You have lost your way with a vengeance.

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SKY West and Crooked. Little can be said of this—the latest Mills family effort—except that it has an intriguing title behind which lies meekly a confused, unrealistic tale of village life.

An attempt to unravel the themes will show what I mean. Hayley Mills plays Brydie, a girl of seventeen whose mental development has been arrested at the age of ten by an accident with a shotgun. In this same accident, a boy was killed, and his father, an embittered drunkard carries the recentment still. Brydie's mother is unmarried, gin-soaked, sluttish and resentful.

The upshot of this situation is that Brydie is threatened by the boy's father, and while fleeing in terror, falls into the river from which she is rescued by a gypsy boy who is secretly in love with her. I ask you . . . Wound round this and casting a rather disenchantingly lugubrious light on the "typical West-country village" is the God-

Hayley Mills

quest of the village children; "Do animals have souls? the inevitable question is coupled with animal burials and tritely labelled crude crosses in the churchyard.

The ending of course happy, in spite of the fact that Brydie's mother, thinking her drowned, dies of heart failure during a consolatory gin-session. Brydie follows her gypsy and the two are united under the perpetually blue skies of Somerset.

calls

As far as acting goes, it seems that Hayley Mills was being broken gently into her first "woman" role. Strangely enough her vacant childishness was dispelled by her first screen kiss, but she still manages to look and sound a consistent 12-year-old. Not a trace of a West-country accent in the whole village, far, far too much type-playing, and too much effort devoted to putting across social conflicts. Precocious child acting, ferocious smoke-blackened gypsy acting, bumbling parson, wise parson's wife.

growing up?

An effort to profit from "Whistle Down the Wind", even the vague similarity of mood in the title, but oh so boring, so untrue to life, so Hayley Mills-ish . . . She even sings.

It's a magnificent, exciting masterful production!

A. David Baume at the Aldwych

FOR those who never get to the end of a review anyway, let me just say that "The Government Inspector" provides some of the finest entertainment London has to offer, a judgement I am bound to make despite a personal preference for entertainment on celluloid.

In Peter Hall's utterly confident production the theme of the play is far more important than the plot, a trifling affair about a penniless Government Clerk who is mistaken by the inhabitants of a small country town on which he descends for the dreaded Government Inspector. Whilst the characters are certainly very real people, it would be ingenuous to pretend that their actions and motives have no reference to the world outside 19th Century Russia.

It is no disrespect to the brilliantly hideous settings of John Bury and Elizabeth Duffield to say that the main appeal of the play is verbal. Paul Rogers' explosions of outraged Mayoral innocence, the infuriating double-talk between Bobchinsky and Dobchinsky, and Eric Porter's wildly funny ramblings about the hard life of a servant, all contribute immensely to the production. Perhaps instead of "verbal" I should have said "vocal";

Aldwych version the total for I must mention not only the delivery of the lines but the excruciating collection of accents which Peter Hall has by some weird alchemy conjured out of his cast.

Which brings me to the supreme triumph of the production, Paul Schofield's quite impossible performance as Ivan Alexandrovitch Khlestakov, the opportunist Clerk. Impossible vocally; as he systematically mangles and destroys the fair tongue of England with a malicious thoroughness unparalleled since Herod's massacre of the firstborn. Impossible physi-

cally; in the long scene where, surrounded by gaping yokels, he steadily gets more and more drunk whilst spinning wilder and wilder fantasies about his life in Petersburg, where the Prime Minister is to be seen every day at Khlestakhov's vast receptions "Just standing around", and he calls at the palace ten times a day.

This performance alone would entirely justify the production a place on the small list of memorable theatrical experiences; but when it is surrounded by such brilliance as it is in this effect is an excitement, and above all an enjoyment, which can very rarely have been equalled in any medium. Go and see it. It is magnificent.



JAZZ TALK

The story of Ella and the Duke

THE announcement that Ella Fitzgerald is to accompany the Ellington orchestra on the forthcoming Tour of Britain has blown up into a full-scale controversy between Ella and Duke fans. Does this double-billing mean that Duke's reputation will suffer?

Really staunch Ellington fans have gone so far as to say that the package deal has been organised as a plot against Edward K. to destroy the following he has built up in this country. But will it?

Agree

Personally I agree with them when they say that Ellington could easily cope with the concert on his own. With his wealth of solo talent plus the prospect of perhaps hearing live more of his extended compositions he'd have no difficulty in filling a two-hour programme and still only give the barest glimpse of his skill. To argue that his popularity is fading and that he needs to engage Ella as

an extra crowd-puller is just ridiculous.

In fact I suspect that the effect of the double-billing will be to exclude a large number of Duke's fans. Ella's popularity over here is considerable and appeals to a wide but less jazz-minded audience than does Duke, whose fans are going to be disappointed in the mass rush to see Ella and consequently perhaps become embittered. It might even cause something of this decline in the Duke's following that we've heard so much about.

But the fans on both sides have spent their time in bickering over the affair without finding out just what Ellington himself feels about the whole thing. The mere fact that he has agreed to take the bill along with Ella surely shows that he has no objection to the idea. Would he jeopardise the reputation of his orchestra if he thought that Ella would kill his soloists? I doubt it.

The main trouble is that fans are annoyed because their hero has refused to conform to their mental image of how a top jazz musician should behave. It isn't the first instance of musicians losing fan's approval because their intentions have been misunderstood by those who don't know their true character.

This kind of blind thinking can kill progress and experimentation. Not that I'm suggesting that Ellington plus a singer is progress, but at least the idea might be given a fair trial. Until we have seen whether these concerts turn out to be spectacularly successful or complete disasters, the critics should defer their judgement. And anyone who refuses to buy a ticket just because the package deal departs from the normal has only himself to blame if he misses what will, I feel, be one of the most interesting concerts of 1966.

Lee Conway.

SOME directors are story tellers; some are sociologists; some are poets. Charles Crichton, much praised by the critics for his direction of 'He who rides a tiger', fails abysmally in his role as pseudo-sociologist. Following the new-look cowboy and Indian films, where good Indians win through, the cops and robbers scene has changed. Criminals assume haloes, albeit because of horrifying pre-natal experiences, and the cops gather shades of corruption as bribes are pocketed.

Peter Rayston, masterfully played by Tom Bell, is seen as a likeable young cat-burglar, eight times in prison, efficient,

I've got a Tiger in my tale!

by Alex Finer

self-confident, the grammar school James Bond. The plaintive cry of a vixen caught in a trap, and he takes it to the vet, smashing a tea cup when the vet puts the animal to death. He spends time at the orphanage where Joanne, an intriguing and principled slice of womanhood, played by Judi Dench, sad, beautiful, desperately self sufficient. We have in other words a sob story.

Tom Bell emerges from this film as a first class actor, rising above the sugary dialogue. A story teller, a sociologist or a poet could all make informative and interesting films from this topic.

Crichton treats crime, the tiger which Rayston rides and can never dismount, with an unhealthy sensational touch.

Modesty Blaise — the Bond Bombshell

VIOLENT and often fatal action — carnal passions smouldering — voluptuous luxury, meticulously described — inevitably the shadow of Bond looms large over this new thriller. From time to time one feels that Peter O'Donnell is casting wry glances at Ian Fleming's creation; with affection rather than with any guile. But Miss Blaise is rather more than a female Bond, and her adventures, whilst no less unlikely, do at least contain people rather than the menacing ghosts of Bond-world.

Modesty's background certainly has a plausible ring. An orphan who brought herself up in the refugee camps of Europe after the war is very likely to have acquired some of the skills of survival on which our emancipated young heroine relies so heavily throughout the story. Also fascinating is her odd but somehow quite believable relationship with right-hand man Willie Garvin, technical wizard and rough diamond with some very sharp edges, adventures—Xhead

But the adventures, the situations, the plot and the gadgets are pure Bond, a description I intend as high praise. The book has immense pace. Throwing knives concealed under the false skin on Willie Garvin's back streak unerringly to their target, and a silk tie lined with plastic explosive blows the head off its victim at the appropriate instant. There is always a good demand for this kind of glossy and very professional hokum, and I am certain that, with Modesty Blaise, Peter O'Donnell has struck gold.

Peter O'Donnell

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Seconds in shock cup defeat

LSE 2nd XI 0 — UC 3rd's 2

CUP hopes for the Second Eleven were shattered by their shock two-nil defeat at the hands of U.c. Thirds last week.

On an ice-covered pitch LSE were soon taking command and Pitts opened our attack with a shot which hit the woodwork in the first few minutes. But UC gradually took over the midfield play and began to hammer the LSE goal where Mercer was strained to the utmost to keep out the leather.

When we attacked, a tight defence prevented Teare, brought into the side to replace injured captain O'hare, from opening up any successful moves, though he

fought hard against defenders who excelled less in skill than in sheer tenacity. Injuries to right-back Gorty and centre half Hughes proved too much for LSE, and two goals in the second half saw UC through as worthy winners. Brown, Mercer and Rowland were the only players to come out of this match with credit, and the result drives home the message that if the team are to atone through league success a greater determination to succeed will be essential.

tatty-heads trounce bewildered Vets

LSE 2nd XI 4 — Royal Vets 1

SOLE-LESS boots, tatty blue jeans tucked into vermilion socks, three sweaters topped by a corduroy jacket — hardly the sportsman image, but this was the wear of Third Eleven goalkeeper Alex Mercer. And the Thirds are a difficult team to beat, despite their light-hearted approach to the game—as the Royal Vets discovered to their cost. Within a few minutes after halftime, LSE were three goals up, thanks to

Evans, Finney and Teare. The last of these three came from a move by Alan Evans, showing greater control in the football field than on the Union floor and swinging a long ball across the heads of the Vets defence onto the fast-moving Teare, who slammed the ball past the startled goalkeeper from twenty-five yards.

Victory was completed when Smith walked the ball over the line in the last few minutes.

Fourth's revenged for I.C. victories

LSE 4th XI 4 — IC 4th XI 2

THE Fourth team made up for their two league defeats at the hands of IC by taking a four-two Cup revenge against them last week.

On a bone-hard pitch, greasy on the surface, LSE came back after an initial defensive period which had given Imperial a goal start, and Lockwood and Devoy shot LSE into a two-one lead by the halfway mark. Imperial were again the first to find the net in the second half, but were then taught a lesson in hard tackling and cool play as LSE fought through to a thrilling finish. Edwards made a defence-splitting pass which opened the way for Crellin to blast a shot into the top of the

IC net, and LSE's opponents seemed to lose heart. The issue was left in no doubt after Cheetham found the net again towards the end after a solo run from Lockwood.

Basketball team heads league

WITH five wins out of six games the Basket team now leads the University of London league. Last term's scoring was led by Julian Gamba and Bill Franke, who has since returned to the States. Both players averaged round twenty-five points a game.



U.C.'s goal is under pressure but LSE couldn't break in. (See above left).

Cross-country team beat all comers in London Trophy

THE LSE Cross-country team took a narrow, five-point victory over UC to win the John Banks Trophy for London colleges last week.

Two hundred runners, representing thirty teams, raced over the gruelling 7½-mile course, 2nd Guy Ogden (13th) with Dave Yaffe (23rd) soon took useful positions, closely followed by Kevin McCahill in the 28th spot.

The heavy plough soon took its toll of the runners but the LSE team, conspicuous in their new 'Yellow Peril', vests were well to the fore throughout, packing seven in sixty-one.

The team also took third place in the Open Event behind Cambridge and Leeds. The fixture incorporated a league match and enabled LSE to strengthen their challenge to the leaders Borough Road.

This victory was ample revenge for the University Championships, when LSE came runners-up to UC, and

it now seems impossible for any other London college to challenge the supremacy of the two clubs.

Badminton pairs can't find form

ALTHOUGH the Badminton club possesses three fine pairs in Captain Koh and Khoo, Lamb and Richardson, and Ali and Loh, the team's full potential has been sadly unrealised at times due to the inability to field the above people on all occasions.

Results have consequently fluctuated from the very good to the mediocre, and the

season so far has been far less successful as far as the University league goes at it might have been.

The second team has as usual enjoyed some successful games with Bernard and Stores, and Wing and Benison being prominent. This term a mixed team has been formed; the club tournament is to be held in late February.

they're already talking Cricket...

THE Annual General Meeting of the Cricket Club was held on Thursday last. At the meeting the following officers were elected: Captain: Alan Baldwin; vice-Captains: Tony Davies and Hugh Emy.

I am sure there are many others who are interested in playing for L.S.E., and I would like any potential players to contact me, giving their names, previous experience, etc.

A. BALDWIN.

LSE falls to rampaging Imperial College

LSE 1st XV 3 — IC 1st XV 9

A LAPSE in defence in the closing minutes brought L.S.E. defeat for only the second time this season. The game, against one of London University's better teams — Imperial College — was fast-moving, boisterous, and never dull.

But despite L.S.E.'s persistent efforts they failed to take advantage of I.C.'s only having 14 men for a good deal of the match. In retrospect I.C. narrowly justified their entering the next round of the Gutteridge Cup and not L.S.E.

The day was cold, damp, and a slight breeze blew downpitch. L.S.E. began in fiery form, tackling well and backing up. Gradually their opposing pack, however, took a grip of the game. On several occasions it was the L.S.E. backs who with excellent tackling, kept the rampaging I.C. scrum at bay. Davies, at full-back was infallible.

Numerous penalties were taken on both sides. For L.S.E. Thomas had one very near miss from the half way line. But it was RAY, the I.C. Captain who kicked them into the lead when already they had lost one of their men with a cut eye.

After the interval tension mounted as L.S.E.

drew level from a Tudor kick. The game was open, L.S.E. pressed hard with attractive rugby. Several three's efforts came near but the teams were tiring. In the closing minutes, following a defensive error, I.C. scored in the corner.

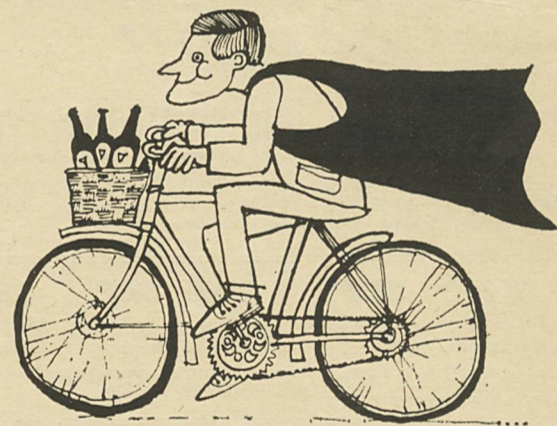
A demoralised L.S.E. could only watch as a second try was achieved a minute later. Final score 9-3. Everyone played their slightly unfit best.

7-2 Hockey win-on-ice

THE Men's Hockey Team began the term in great form by beating Avery Hill T.C. by seven goals to two. On a snow-bound pitch, LSE took the first half easily, and at half-time were level with two goals each.

But the team erupted after the interval and ran riot with another five goals; John Bernard notched up a hat trick, and Rog Persons, Manfred Ziercke, Paul Nicholas and Tim Marshall each found the net once.

Unfortunately the same control was sadly lacking in the next league match.



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Universities
Impart, from Hull to Peking,
Noble qualities:
None the less, conjecture
Excites us here to think
Some learning needs no lecture---
Such as learning what to drink.

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Evening Students

continued from Page One colleges, but if the choice was offered, I have no doubt any student would choose LSE; I personally would prefer to see a two or even three-shift programme here, with a corresponding increase in the staff to cope. Anything that would turn LSE even more into a nine-till-five university will face my strong opposition."

*LSE is the only remaining college of the 'big four' in London University which still takes evening students for full-time courses. Kings discontinued the scheme two years ago; neither UC nor Imperial College take evening students.

The Presidential Elections will take place on the 16th and 17th of this month; nominations close on the 8th. With the next meeting of the Academic Board, which must ratify the Sabbatical Year proposal, due to take place in the first week of March, this means that candidates for the presidency will not know when they enter their nominations whether or not they will be getting a free year in office.

IN BRIEF

Mr. D. A. Clarke, present librarian of the University of Liverpool, has been appointed to succeed Mr. Woolwich as LSE Librarian as from the beginning of next term. Mr. Clarke was previously at University College, Salisbury, Rhodesia; his appointment will follow the present Librarian's retirement.

EPISODE Six, the pop group 'adopted' by LSE a year ago, brought out a record at the beginning of term which has entered the bottom half of the charts. The Five Proud Walkers, due to appear at the next Saturday Dance here, and including third-year computational methods student Jim Horrocks, are also planning to bring out a record in the near future.

A Mathematics Professorship is to be set up at the School as from next October, in order to provide some of the facilities which increased statistical usage here has demanded.

Manchester University have challenged LSE to a bus race to Turkey during the Summer vacation; anyone interested should sign the noticeboard in the concourse area.

Room S51, the present Beaver Office, is to be taken over by the Economists' Bookshop next term to make way for expansion which they have been forced to make in order to comply with the Shops and Offices Act. The Union is to be offered S100 in return by the School.

'DEAD' STUDENT STORY DENIED

RUMOURS that a first-year sociology student was missing "possibly dead" in Tangiers were dispelled earlier this week when the Registry told Beaver that the student, Peter Shaw, was on his way back to this country.

The rumours about his disappearance began to circulate after police visited his Brixton flat while attempting to contact him, saying that it was possible that he might have "got into trouble" while abroad. Mr. Shaw has now succeeded in getting a lift back to Britain and is expected to return to LSE within the near future. "He seems to have been delayed in returning."

Mr. Alcock, School Registrar said this week. "His family has been informed that he is on his way home by the Foreign Office, and may be back by now."

"AGITATOR"

CONCERN about the position of the Union if the magazine 'Agitator' were to be found liable in a libel action was expressed in last Monday's Council meeting. Although the Director has stated that as the magazine is neither published nor distributed by the Union it is unlikely that it would be involved in any such action, Council feels that as the Union duplicator is used in the printing of the 'Agitator' some precautions need to be taken. The editors of the magazine are to meet Council next week to discuss how this may be done.

• Treasurer Ted Razell is considering means whereby insurance against libel actions affecting any Union publication—including Beaver—might be taken out.

COUNCIL FOR SASA

At a Special Union Meeting last week, Union secretary Mary Evans presented Council's donations of ten shillings each to SASA.

Bob Hilliard, the SASA Treasurer, told the meeting that the Appeal needed ten shillings from each student at LSE to be effective, and that it was hoped to raise this through class collections.

In addition, an all-night dance is planned for the night of March 18th, from 10 p.m. to five in the morning, in aid of the Appeal.

In aid of SASA, Union has suspended its annual World University Week, though reaffirming its intention "of making a contribution to WUS."

Delegation Row

The question as to whom should compose the NUS delegation at Easter came under heavy discussion in Monday's Council meeting, when a suggestion that the retiring president had an automatic right to go was challenged by several Council members.

Alan Evans rejected the idea that his place should come before Union for approval. "I think it is a gross insult considering the amount of work I have done for this Union," he said. "Unless the past president is included, the entire delegation could consist of new and inexperienced people."

Academic Affairs VP Marian Rubin opposed suggestions of a precedent for Evans going, pointing out that at least one recent President — Roy Burke

— had not attended the NUS conference. "It is likely that unless at least some delegates are elected, the delegation would not be representative of Union's opinions".

The matter was deferred until proof of a precedent could be put before Council.

LATE SPORTS RESULTS

Soccer:

1st XI 1; U.C. 4.
2nd XI 6; QMC III 1.
3rd XI 1; Pembroke Col. 14.

Rugby:

1st XV 3; South'ton 9
2nd XV 3; South'ton 9
3rd XV 3; Old Eastamians 11

Hockey:

Mixed XI 1; Brighton Tech. 4.

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Female research fellow requires accommodation for occasional study leave in London. (EX-LSE). F. Wilder, 47B Waverley Road, Southsea, Hants.

SASA wants your old books for its secondhand bookstall — anything from the Constitution to the Carpetbaggers. Bring them to Union Office.

Sailing Club's Norfolk Broads Cruise — why not join in? Cost is only ten pounds — first week in Easter vac. — contact Kevin Corcoran or Anthony Bromley via club noticeboard.

AIMEZ-VOUS MOZART? LSE Choir and Orchestra need new members for its end-of-term performance of Requiem; it doesn't matter if you're no good at singing, you won't be alone. Choir practices — Tuesdays 6-30 in Graham Wallis Room; Orchestra — Wednesdays 6-30 in the Shaw Library.

CONGRATULATIONS TIM. Keep it up.

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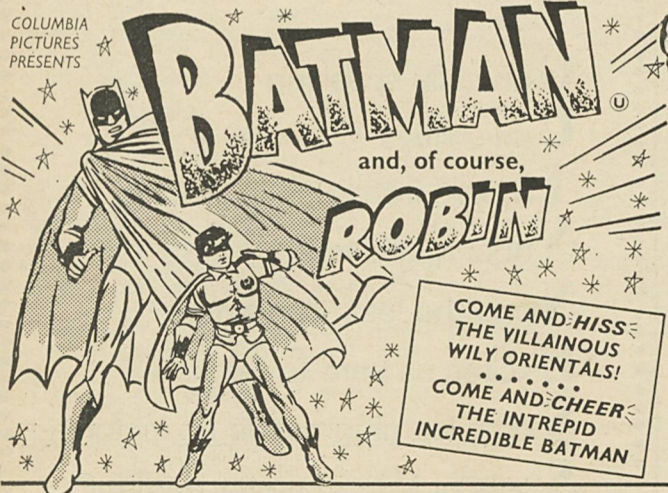
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