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The Bar is about to be re-decorated. A shady sub-committee of the bar management committee is planning to change our tastefully designed Three Tuns into a darkened dive of blue and black, with spots and ultra-violet light.

A SPOTTED BAR?

Various ideas, such as a dancing area where the football machine is, and a mural in the bar area have been suggested.

They do, however, admit the need

to seek out ideas before they finally destroy our beloved bar in a welter of light and sound. If anyone has ideas concerning the redecoration, could they please tell the bar management committee, via the students union office.

School has "no duty" to provide nursery facilities

THE ACCOMMODATION COMMITTEE has turned down the Union's request for rent free accommodation for the Nursery. The Bursar, Mr. Collings told Beaver "Frankly, we just haven't any room."

The trouble is that it is not merely one room which is required. The local authority regulations require one lavatory per five children, and also the Nursery Committee had plans for a kitchen to provide a midday meal for the children.

The School cannot find any space for all these amenities, nor can they afford the alterations which would be necessary to convert rooms for the purpose.

Duty

The Director has apparently said that the School did not see that it was part of their duty to provide facilities for minorities, such as those students who would benefit from the nursery.

Deputy President Joan Freedman intends to ask Council to allow \$100 to be used as a Children's Playroom now that the idea of a nursery has had to be shelved. The idea is to run two sessions, morning and afternoon. Mothers would have to make their own arrangements for feeding their offspring.

Lavatories

It is hoped to get over the lavatory problem by putting some more lavatories in the Gents' on the stairs between the ground and first floors of the St. Clements' building.

"I wouldn't like to express an opinion on this without going into the whole question thoroughly" said Mr. Collings "Of course, \$100 is Union premises, but there is the question of having a Children's playroom in the middle of an Academic area".

President's Ball - mystery solved

Never mind, Francis, about the President's Ball. (See Magnus last edition). Peter had to take Janine, after all, she is related to Lord Boothby, and he does want a Tory seat.....

But Magnus saw one person there enjoying herself—Union Admin. Officer Felicity Mate. But is Jimmy Beck really as cuddly as he looks, Felicity?

Wheels of power grind slow

"THERE WILL CLEARLY have to be discussion in the Machinery of Government Committee about how student opinion should be consulted on the draft report when it is completed, but at this stage one cannot say how it will be done." School Secretary Alcock told Peter Watherston this in a letter about the draft report of the Committee which "it hopes to present to the Standing Committee and the Academic Board early in the Lent term."

Wanton wreckage in Three Tuns

A considerable amount of wanton damage was done in the Three Tuns last week.

On Tuesday evening a large number of glasses were deliberately smashed, seats were ripped, the top of the cigarette machine was torn off and one of the larger panes of glass in Florries was broken.

Mystified

Both Charles and Florrie were mystified by such behaviour. "I can't understand it, can you?" was Charles comment and Florrie expressed a similar view.

The amazing thing seems to be that the damage occurred in a packed bar and nobody even attempted to intervene to prevent damage to the property of us all.

Reported

However the matter has been reported to the school and Charles would certainly recognise two of the main culprits again. The fact remains however that so-called responsible students/adults cannot be trusted to that which most fourteen year olds are capable of doing.

'HUT'

The proposed project 'HUT', for several students to live for one week under "authentic refugee conditions" outside St. Martin's in the Fields had to be cancelled. The space had already been booked by 'Shelter'.

Mr. Alcock was not prepared to say anything further about the question of consultation with the Union over the report.

Dr. Adams told Beaver that "the Committee had still to discuss all the details of consultation" and no decision of any kind had yet been reached. He could give no assurance that the student body would be consulted.

When I tried to ask the Chairman of the Governors, Lord Bridges the same question he said "I would rather not comment on School matters from my home over the telephone."

Unforthcoming

The Machinery of Government Committee has been meeting since the Spring of this year, and no report of any kind has been forthcoming. A condition of Students joining the Committee was that they should not divulge anything that went on at meetings.

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Counterstudent

The ominous notice which appeared in the entrance hall on Monday saying that "there will be a count at lectures and classes this week" need not cause any loss of sleep. It is a national survey by the Vice-Chancellors Committee, counting the numbers using University premises. Beaver was assured that the School were not using it as a check on the recalcitrant members of the student body.

BEAVER'S CAST FOR A CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

CINDERELLA	Walter Adams
PRINCE CHARMING	David Adelstein
THE UGLY SISTERS	Francis Dobbyn Stephen Kreppel
THE FAIRY GODMOTHER	Iris Care
THE PUMPKIN	John Carrier
SNOW WHITE	Sarah Perrigo
THE SEVEN DWARFS	
DOC	Professor Griffith
DOPEY	Chris Brown
BASHFUL	Jimmy Beck
SLEEPY	Professor Greaves
SNEEZY	Professor Grunfeld
GRUMPY	Professor Roberts
HAPPY	Colin Crouch
BABES IN THE WOOD	Neil Gaskell Dawn Minahan
TOAD OF TOAD HALL	Howard Godfrey
MOTHER HUBBARD	Florrie
TWEEDLE DUM	Steve Jefferies
TWEEDLE DEE	Chris Harman

Refectory price rise — the facts

"A boycott from Tuesday". This was the suggestion in a motion brought before Union last Friday, opposing the rise in prices in the Refectory and the cut down of the evening services.

Martin Shaw proposed this motion, asking that council be instructed to inform the administration of the Union's objection. If the prices were not changed back to their previous figure, Mr. Shaw suggested that the boycott should take place.

No facts

Chukwuma Osuji spoke against the motion, backed up by Welfare VP, Pippa Jones and ex-General Secretary Jimmy Beck. It became clear that Mr. Shaw had no facts to support his motion,

which was eventually laid on the table.

Mr. Diserens, the Catering Manager, pointed out that only the meat prices had been raised. Stewing steak raised from 3/4 to 4/- a lb. is typical of the average rise of 8d per lb. which at four portions per lb. represents a 2d increase to each consumer. The overall yearly butchers bill of about £6000 is the main refectory single cost.

Reduction

Working on a basis of just covering costs by revenue, it is impossible for the refectory to absorb this cost. The price rise is strictly temporary, caused by the foot and mouth epidemic, although it may last for several weeks.

On the evening reduction of services, Mr. Diserens pointed out that the lack of trade had forced him to take action. He had suggested three alternatives to the refectory committee, that prices be raised, that the service be restricted or that hours be cut.

The committee decided that a restricted service was the most favourable alternative and thus the staff and costs were pruned.

EDITORIAL

The Machinery of Government Committee have wrapped their deliberations in a cocoon of secrecy for eight months, and even now they are only prepared to send a woolly and meaningless note to the Academic Board and the Union.

This is most disturbing since both Staff and Students laid a large part of the blame for last session's troubles at the door of Failure of Communications. Serious misunderstandings can and do arise as a result of such secrecy and the results are dangerous and unnecessary.

While both sides want their point of view to be known and understood, the School are terribly shy of actually communicating their views. Last week this newspaper led on a story

concerning alleged interference in Union accounts and asked certain questions about what had been going on. Have we had any reply or refutation? No. Both last week and this we have been stonewalled when asking questions pertaining to actions taken by the School.

Earlier this term I suggested to one of the Governors that they could use Beaver to explain the policies of the Standing Committee. "Well, there are substantial difficulties involved, and I don't know how useful it would be" was the reply.

But it would be useful for the School and the Governors to use this medium to explain what they are doing, and why. At least two of the Governors share this view, and I am

certain that things would be made a great deal easier for everybody if we all knew what was happening.

It is to be hoped that the student body WILL be consulted when the Committee's report eventually comes out. The Union has shown its teeth before and would be prepared to do so again. The troubles at Regent St. Poly, Holborn College and the City of London College are a clear warning of what can happen when the students are not consulted.

Everybody should think these things over between now and next term. We have made progress already, but I hope that those gentlemen who even now think the students can be easily fobbed off will seriously revise their ideas.

And how they lie!

AS THIS TERM approaches its close, a first term for many of us, impressions of the School begin to focus and a dominating one must be of congestion—the competition for a seat in the Library, the hungry flocks in the refectory, the gaderene rush from the East Building into the perilous canyon of Houghton Street, the throng in the Union premises which apparently often forces a girl and a man student to share one armchair, the squeeze in the lifts, the teeming crowds in the concourse (and how they team!).

We quite rightly grumble about this and must do all we can to seek relief, be it by trying to close or restrict through-traffic in Houghton Street and Clare Market with a zebra crossing, or by coveting and acquiring our neighbour's premises and the gardens of Lincolns Inn Fields.

DESPERATE

But before contemplating the desperate steps of reducing student numbers or moving the whole School to St. Albans, Dagenham or Leith Hill, we should not overlook the advantages which the present congested site imposes on us.

It has made the style of our life essentially civic and uniquely London, a School of the streets not of quadrangles, courts and grounds. The queues and the crush create their own intimacies; many a good conversation has started during the wait for a lift or acquaintance made inside one.

ESCAPES

There is a more vigorous evening life, staff and student, at the School than at any other London College I know. It is difficult to escape your friends or your enemies even if you want to; they are always there, next to you.

PSYCHIC

The huddle generates a pent-up energy, physical and psychic, which characterizes L.S.E., for good or bad, but at least distinctively, and would be dispersed if there were space for relaxation. We produce demonstrators and activists; we are not likely to produce quietists.

Even if it were financially possible to move, which it is not, could the character of the School survive the loss of its present roots and setting? In London, the greatest port in the world, we are at the centre of the national communications network, rail, road, air and information.

PERSONALITIES

National and international personalities are on our doorstep, accessible in a way that is quite impossible for Aberystwyth, York or Colchester. We are within walking distance of the British Museum Library, the Public Record Office, the Inns of Court, the Law Courts and the headquarters of the professions, trades unions and political parties.

Here we are a central institution for the objective pursuit of truth in the social sciences. To our west, lie Whitehall and Parliament, and to our east the City and Fleet Street (and how they lie!). We are within coffee-distance of the leading figures in economic and political life, and in intellectual, artistic, musical and theatrical life.



We pay a price in our siting and congestion, but at least we buy some returns with it.

Walter Adams

SEX PROTEST

Sir,

Beaver's obsession with sex has reached the stage where a protest really must be made. Magnus Carter had three headlines involving crude sexual innuendo, the fashion page carried a photograph of a girl apparently attempting to avoid being raped and had the headline "How to keep warm and still".

The Arts page was positively crawling with sex and carried an obscene picture of some sleazy oriental staring lasciviously at a rather dishy blonde in undies. Even a humble election was turned into a "sex fight".

I am disgusted.

C. W. Jones

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FASCIST EXPLAINS "FASCIST"

Dear Poisonous Dwarf,

I was reading your extraordinary broadsheet the other day when I stumbled on a mention of my name.

Putting down my sjambok, with which I was just going to beat the servants, I emitted a high-pitched scream.

It was not just that in eavesdropping my conversation you chose to detail my more inane remarks. You called me a Fascist.

What is the meaning of the word Fascist? The word

Fascist refers to a member of a dominant political grouping in Italy between the wars. It is connected with various political ideas; the corporate state, the leader principle and militarism are significantly among them. It is a term which cannot easily be applied to any political movement elsewhere. To do so is an abuse of language. As Mussolini said, "Fascism is not exportable."

When your poxy journal

refers to me as a Fascist, therefore, it is violating all standards of meaning. I believe in free enterprise, representative democracy, and regard the military merely as a cruel necessity.

In the McCarthy era, anyone who didn't agree with the junior senator from Wisconsin was a Communist. In the intellectual reign of terror at L.S.E. anyone who chooses not to agree with the prevailing orthodoxy is a Fascist. Thus modes of thought which preclude freedom use language as an instrument of intellectual tyranny.

Yours with contempt,

FRANCIS DOBBYN

LETTERS

RUGBY REPLIES

Dear Sir,

I am desultorily and beligerently abominated by the obscene and grievously insulting story related by one Magnus Carter in the last edition of your comic book. I refer to the malverted ravings of your so-called columnist which attempt to ridicule the glorious rugby-playing fraternity of this crumbling, decadent establishment.

In the cryptic title of this perverted piece of journalese the Rugby club were referred to as 'sterile chaps', a slanderous remark which we are quite willing to refute by practical demonstration.

The so-called Fascist "second-row chap" (affectionately known as Trollope to his team mates) is, in fact, a slightly demented inmate of Passfield who, due to his shortsightedness confuses, and understandably so, Ian Smith with George Brown.

Therefore I demand an apology on behalf of my fellow rugby-playing scholastics for this exaggerated and irresponsible outburst by your columnist.

NUS Improvements

What has come out of the marathon sittings at NUS council in Margate last week? Undoubtedly the structure of the Union was archaic.

Though the Executive dealt with a large number of individual problems posed by the constituent organisations there was a justified feeling among the rank and file members of their remoteness from the top people. It is also true to say that the Executive reacted rather belatedly to events rather than leading them.

ACHIEVEMENTS

These faults cannot be put entirely at the door of the Executive. Their members have remained the same while membership has trebled. One of the great achievements of Margate was to allow for two more full-time officers and an extra four committee members. This will allow the four Vice-Presidents to concentrate on broad issues, policy making and new initiatives without becoming bogged down with the day to day running of departments. A further advance was the approval of the setting up of nine regions to co-ordinate activity and implement NUS policy with greater resources at its dis-

posal than are available to individual colleges. We are in region and can work with technical colleges, colleges of further education and art colleges in campaigns for better housing and other facilities for students.

Disaffiliation is again under discussion. Bangor is going because it wants a separate Welsh Union. The colleges of education think Council is dominated by the large Unions such as Leeds and Birmingham. Leeds do not like the Executive.

NUS is the only national student body. If it is not operating properly it is our responsibility as much as anybody else's. The new structure could make it very much more effective. Let us try to make it work.

Peter Watherston

**"Education IS our top priority".
But in five days only two hours
were spent on educational issues.**

**Housing, Subscriptions, Grants,
The International Scene, it was all
there at Margate's Council.**

**Bangor is said to be leaving next
year. Can NUS continue as a voice
to student opinion?**

Tories on devaluing and reform

TWO MP's. as visiting speakers in one week: this was last weeks impressive programme arranged by the Conservative Society, perhaps to combat the growth of the FLN.

John Boyd-Carpenter spoke last Tuesday 28th between 1—2 p.m. He chose, not surprisingly, to speak on Devaluation making three points, and answering them with a five minute talk on each.

"Was devaluation a good or bad thing?" "Bad."
"Was it really necessary?" "I am certain it was not."

Proposals

"Where do we go now?" Mr. Boyd-Carpenter pointed out that the Chancellor said in July that we would never Devalue. The measures he had proposed then had not, according to the speaker, been carried out. He stated emphatically that "We are now definitely as a nation, poorer!"

On the Thursday Fred Corfield spoke on Regional Government. He advocated Regionalisation, but pointed out such difficulties as financing the regions, and finding people to serve.

He stressed that this was essentially his own view and not "well known Tory policy."

Overseas book prices rocket

The effects of devaluation will shortly be felt within the confines of the Economist Bookshop.

The price of imported books will go up almost immediately by about 15% and the price of English books may well follow as the new exchange rates begin to affect the price of paper pulp.

The manageress of the bookshop said that American books will be affected almost immediately because they are controlled by agents in England who haven't paid for past supplies.

At this time of year stocks are at their lowest on account of the October rush for books, and stock taking, and the full effects of the devaluation will only fully be seen after the new year restocking.

Margate council ducks the issue

"NUS works—for you." Thus stated one of the banners at the NUS November Council, which spent only two hours in four days discussing educational issues.

Most of the time was spent on discussing structural reforms, considered by some to be essential to Council's survival. The reforms of standing orders proved relatively ineffective, one of the most important changes being that "points of order" could not be introduced during a speech. Numbers of pointless cries of 'order' remained.

President Geoff Martin when asked to comment on the changes said, "I suppose they have not helped as much as they should have." Eleven hours were spent discussing structural changes. David Adelstein had great success with his minority report, but the several issues involved were complex and hurriedly dealt with, as was the whole of council.

Dilemma

This is the basic dilemma facing NUS, how to deal with all the issues in the short time available. Council itself did not help, arriving continually half an hour late for morning sessions. Personality of the conference was Albert Preston, who won universal acclaim for his Chairmanship.

The general distrust of Executive does not help the general attitude that Council is a waste of time. Bangor is said to be leaving NUS

day. Halls of Residence came in for heavy criticism. The whole attitude was that students are capable of deciding how, where and in what way they want to live, including deciding the regulations for Halls.

The report asks that the Ministry of Housing and Local Government take overall responsibility. A National Student Housing Advisory Board, with representatives from the Ministries, local government, NUS, planners, architects, should be established, attached to the ministry.

The report was well received, perhaps because the previous three hours had been spent on procedural wrangles. However there was some criticism on Report being discussed.

Condemned

The Executive was condemned by University College for increasing subscrip-

by the executive arrived when many colleges were closed. The attitude that silence means consent was adopted, counting the unions that did not vote as being 'in favour.'

Legal Action

An amendment to the Structure Commissions motion on Finance, though ruled out of order, was allowed discussion. Executive said that they had received legal advice conflicting with UC's and that the matter could only be settled if a Union took legal action against NUS in court.

UC then withdrew their motion. The matter remains unsettled. The situation is a dangerous one, in that it leaves NUS uncertain as to whether they could be financially destroyed if any college desired to press the issue.

Unless the International Students Conference (ISC) becomes concerned with educational issues as its main priority, NUS will leave.

Council accepted the many criticisms and reservations about ISC but decided to give it the chance to change. It was recognised that the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), had poured money into the ISC. However, rather than abandon our role in international affairs, we must stay in and attempt to change it, said Trevor Fisk.

Withdrawal

Liverpool, who along with Cardiff broke their Union mandates on this issue voted for withdrawal. "It is not our place to get involved in International Affairs. Education is NUS top priority," said Liverpool.

Mr. Eric Van Loon, executive of the United States National Students Association which left ISC became of CIA involvement, was given speaking rights. He said that in fact there still was American money coming into ISC. He added that the report produced by ISC was far more critical than that of the NUS Executive and should have been made freely available to delegates.

The Executive report was

£450 to £435 in other Universities.

The claim for increased grants would cost the Government an extra £60m a year, bringing total expenditure on grants to £180m a year.

Trevor Fisk, NUS secretary, proposing the motion said the increase was justified on two points. Firstly, the real value of awards must be maintained.

Secondly, the anomalies in



described by Treasurer Roger Lyons as "naive and totally useless."

The division between delegations arose from a fundamental difference in attitude. Some were in favour of maintaining an international role while others, the rather disorganised left and Radical Student Alliance element, felt we could not stay in ISC after its abominable record. The moderates prevailed.

A claim for a 50% increase in grants has been submitted to the Government following the debate on Grants last Saturday.

NUS is now asking that grants be increased from the present maximum of £370 to £450 for students at Oxbridge and London and from

the present system must be cleared up to put all students on an equal footing.

A case for student wages was put by Digby Jacks, Woolwich Polytechnic. He pointed out that we must convince the public that students are justified in demanding wages.

Trevor Fisk did not accept the argument put forward that grants were regarded as charity.

Alan Evans

Alan Evans, Executive, spoke against wages. "If you start talking about a student worker... then you start talking about working for 52 weeks a year and clocking in at eight and out at four."

Housing Report discussed Subscriptions increased

next year, and Exeter are considering doing so. The question is can NUS continue as a voice to student opinion?

A new approach to housing was the centre of the Interim Report from the Committee on Housing, accepted by Council on Fri-

tion fees illegally (by 5/- from January 1969). If each Constituent Union sued the National Union for repayment the National Union, having already budgeted for the increase, would have a financial disaster.

The circular in the summer to ratify this decision

Catering for all their needs—Refectory

TWO YEARS after their first attempt, the LSE branch of the Transport and General Workers Union has begun to successfully expand within the Catering section of the school staff. Up until approximately a month ago there was no official Union membership amongst the staff in the Refectory.

At the suggestion of the LSE branch the District officer arranged a meeting, between himself, the Branch

Staff join porters union

Chairman, the Branch Secretary, and representatives of the Refectory staff. The meeting was both sanctioned and positively encouraged by the School Administration. The purpose of the meeting was to outline the advantages of Union membership to the Refectory staff, and so encourage them to join.

SUCCESSFUL

The meeting was evidently successful, for 18 of the refectory staff have now joined. They have their own shop steward, and at present they are all in the LSE established Branch. Mr. Payne (Branch Secretary) pointed

out that if their membership were to reach 50 they could apply to have their own catering branch of the Union.

GRIEVANCES

The new shop steward Mr. Penny said that they had no immediate plans to use the Union, for they have no significant grievances warranting any sort of action. He suggests that most of the new members have joined in order to be able to take advantage of the social benefits offered by the union.

Mr. Payne attributed the success of the new approach to the vigour of the Unions

persuasion, the attractiveness of the Union's social benefits, and the interest awakened two years ago. He stressed the interest taken, and the encouragement given by the management. At present 98% of the porters and maintenance staff are Union members. All new staff are told of, and encouraged to join by the management.

PRAISED

Contrary to the view published in Agitator some months ago on the pay and conditions of the staff, Mr. Payne praised the conditions and pay for his colleagues, estimating that they are

probably amongst the best of the London colleges.

The last word comes from Mr. Diserens, the Catering Manager. Maintaining complete impartiality, he considers that the decision to join is entirely private to his staff. He says that he does not expect any immediate future price rise on this account.

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Magnus Carter

NO — THEY WEREN'T PETER WATHERSTON'S LEGS

Well, well, well, only one correct entry for the Legs competition. We had various suggestions as to who they might belong to, so may I disillusion those who submitted wrong answers.

Lord Bridges doesn't wear shirts like that, he's not Mod in any sense of the word. Both Mark Cooksley and Magnus have, for those who don't already know, got a profusion of hairs on their legs.

If the gentleman who suggested they belonged to Howard Godfrey had looked carefully at the picture he would have noticed that the Left leg is forward, which must rule that entry out. It was quite inexcusable to submit Ronny Millet's name. That prominent member of the Union is easily distinguishable by the custard which is invariably dripping down his leg (at least I think it's custard!).

No, those lovely legs belong to Francis Dobbyn, in one of his SHORT dresses.

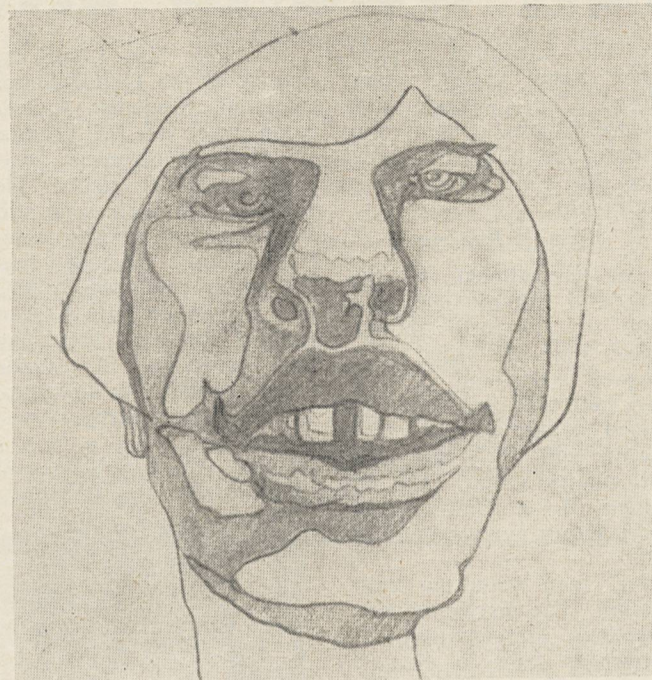
Would Miss Bobby Hall kindly come and collect her prize.

NERVOUS STAFF

Tutor, after a thoughtful pause, "What are the students up to at the moment?" Student: "Nothing, as far as I know. Why?" Tutor: "Are you absolutely sure?" Student: "Yes, I'm sure. What are you getting at?" Tutor: "Well, the staff are getting a bit nervous. Things are far too quiet at the moment."

Come on, Socsoc — you've got them on the run without even trying.

If you really want to cause ideologically acceptable fireworks you could always start by trying to get workers on the new LSE buildings Unionized. The site works "The Lump" system at the moment. Think of it—a real live industrial dispute within loud-hailer distance of Florries. What more could you want?



Members of Beaver staff have, as usual been assailed by enquiries as to my identity. Prompted by Ronny Millet's remarks that I must be a female, I rush to defend the honour of my sex by publishing my picture. Let's get one thing straight, I don't belong to Francis's fan club. I can't claim to be in the same class as Scott "Valen-

tino" Moss, but if there is a woman who casts aspersions at my virility I will readily make an appointment to disprove her argument.

Well, who am I? Answers, on a postcard please, to Beaver Office. Prize? An evening out with me or Joan Freedman, depending on the sex of the winner.

MISERABLE

RAG

Undoubtedly, the most effete society in London University is the College of Estate Management. It is situated "well hidden in the back streets of Kensington", — well hidden more by the political colour of the students than by anything else. They differ from the average city gent only in the replacement of the pin-stripe by a well-cut Harris Tweed sports coat. With only about two girls and twenty times as many MGB's, its full-time students number about 500; a solid phalanx of Young Conservatives.

Last year it celebrated its annual rag with the usual vulgar gusto. You may remember that last year they hit the National Dailies by 'kidnapping' Juliet Mills. Very original, you may think.

The only trouble was that it was all rigged. Someone there was a friend of the Mills and a little chatting-up and a few gins and the whole thing was fixed. This year the same thing happened with Belinda Carroll, the bird who is starring in 'There's a Girl in my Soup'. Very original, aren't they.

The rest of this momentous week hardly bears mentioning. Anyone who happened to be wandering down that reactionary stronghold, Kensington High Street, may

have seen the bath in the entrance to Barkers which they hoped to fill. It's amazing what you can do with no ingenuity; all you have to do is speak with the same accent as the Dowagers. On the Wednesday they had what they call Oswald's Birthday Party (Oswald being their mascot), which is just an excuse for them all to get drunk.

SMASH

CAPITALISM

Freud's theory about sporting activity being a form of catharsis for repressed sexuality took a severe hammering in the Three Tuns last week.

During a hectic game of sixpenny football, LSE's doyen of respectability, quiet spoken Consoc Chairman, Stephen Kreppel, the original Scots Jew, emulated closely many of Edward Heath's Parliamentary performances by scoring a goal against his own side. In a paroxysm of rage/frustration he flung his arms round his team-mate, extrovert working class Deputy President, Joan Freedman, the original White-chapel Jewess.

Unfortunately, apparently blinded by Joan's famous flashing smile, his grasping hands missed their aim and came into violent and expensive contact with the jukebox, smashing the glass, not to mention the Kreppelian fist.

Miss Freedman, you will remember, was recently elected as Chairman of the Bar Management Committee. If she continues to have this effect on patrons of the bar, it seems we can expect some pretty drastic modifications during her term of office.

From the Circular to Academic Staff 1967-68 (No. 3): "Psychiatric Service—it is regretted that, due to pressure on the service at the present time, no appointments with Dr. Read or Dr. Wilkinson can be made for members of the Staff".



SENNETUS

INTERRUPTUS

O brave and bold Sennet! Risking the wrath of the Director of Public Prosecutions in such a noble cause. But, sad to say, the whole grand design of saving the University of unwanted infants is nullified by one glaring omission. You forgot to tell us to take our trousers off before starting.

Join the ROBERT SATCHWELL FAN CLUB . . . now . . . The most inactive, ridiculous, obnoxious, offensive, irrelevant organisation in LSE . . . After Magnus that is . . .

CAT'S EYE

VIEW

Chaos! The sound of grunts emitted from Beaver Office, hereinafter known as hell, as I strode purposefully along the corridor. My initial enthusiasm evaporated as I wondered what mad orgy was in progress.

Before I even had chance to state the reasons for my presence I was given a Letraset block by balding bearded ex-editor David Baume, with the comment "Finish it in 20 minutes". My attempted protest was squashed with a curt "You want to work on Beaver? So get on with it."

Inevitably I ruined the block and was promptly shouted at. "Regard being shouted at as a sign of affection", I was told. They then told me to lay out a page. "But I want to write", I wailed. "Get on with it".

Three or four days later I was actually given an exciting story to write, about a lift, which was received without enthusiasm.

It hasn't got better — in fact, incredibly, it's got worse. Now they want me to model a chastity belt! They'll be wanting me to play on the virginal next.

Are there any vacancies on Sennet?

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATES IN THE PROBATION AND AFTER-CARE SERVICE

Would you like to work with people, offer a professional service to the community and face the challenge of helping offenders and their families? The Probation and After-Care Service offers real opportunities for young men and women graduates. This is demanding but satisfying work which calls for an unusually high degree of initiative and personal responsibility if effective help is to be given to a wide variety of people. Training before and after entry helps the new officer to develop his skill and confidence in dealing with difficult problems of human relationships.

Career prospects are good and there are opportunities for work connected with research, training and administration and for secondment to prisons for experience of work in institutions.

The service is expanding and there are vacancies for trained Probation Officers in most parts of England and Wales. Training combines academic and practical work, and lasts between 17 months and two years according to the course chosen. If, however, your degree is in social studies or allied subjects you can complete training in less than a year.

Grants similar to those paid to students on first degree courses are provided during training.

After appropriate training graduates enter the probation officer salary scale at not less than £1,020, increasing to £1,510. Officers working in the London area receive an addition of £75 a year. The service is expanding rapidly and promotion within five years is not uncommon. Senior Probation Officers' salaries rise to £1,850; the salaries of higher grades range up to £2,990 according to the probation area (£3,450 in Inner London).

If you would like to have more information and talk about the job write or telephone: Peter McNeal, Probation Officer, University Liaison Officer, Inner London Probation and After-Care Area, 58B Bow Road, London, E.3. Telephone ADVance 4678.

Hilde Himmelweit is Professor of Social Psychology. The only Professor in the Psychology Department, she is author of numerous reports on student selection and a survey on the effect of television on children entitled "Television and the Child", and now writes about the only Social Psychology Department in the country.

There is a tendency for other social sciences to judge the quality of psychology by the unexpectedness of its findings

THE SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY Department came of age three years ago (until then it had been a sub-department of sociology) — a very long time after other London Colleges had already established major psychology departments teaching their own undergraduate degrees. It is ironical, though, if this does not sound too smug, psychologically understandable, that a School of the social sciences needed so much longer to consider whether psychology was in fact a basic social discipline requiring study in its own right, than did the more broadly based Colleges.

After all, the social sciences are concerned with the study and prediction of the behaviour of people as they operate and function in various social institutions. Inevitably, they have to make psychological assumptions about man's nature and the way he responds to his environment. Many of these assumptions are correct, others are not; but unless investigated in the context in which they are used, their incorrectness does not become apparent.

As a result, there is a tendency, on occasions at least, for the other social sciences to judge the quality of psychology either by the unexpectedness of its findings or by its immediate usefulness to specific problems, rather than by the contribution that it makes to the systematic study of human behaviour.

OBVIOUS

The situation is not dissimilar to the one which faced Dr. Oppenheim and myself some years ago when we published a study on the effects of television on children. As the topic was of general interest, the study was widely reviewed. Most reviewers concluded by saying that they liked the study, that the findings were to be expected and agreed well with their own observations. Because our findings had such an obvious ring about them, Dr. Oppenheim and I carried out a little enquiry on the side at the same time as the

reviews came out. When we were asked to talk to audiences of specialists on children, television, or both (parents, teachers or television producers), we began our talk by presenting two brief accounts of our findings and asked the audience to indicate which they believed to be the true one. One was the correct one, the other totally incorrect, each finding having been reversed. The results were nearly always 50:50. Both sets of findings sounded so eminently reasonable, yet each implied a different picture of children's needs and their response to the environment and of course, the predictions to be made from each would be quite different.

It is just conceivable that economists and lawyers, to take just two examples, may be operating on a view of human behaviour, about the way decisions are made, for instance, which, if examined in the appropriate context, would turn out to be incorrect or in need of modification. Whether this is so is being examined at present and proving very interesting. This is a study of how juries arrive at their verdict which is jointly planned by members of the Law and Psychology Departments. The findings will be of value to both fields; they will illuminate the process of law and also add to the psychologist's understanding about the way inferences are drawn and decisions made.

Our starting late also had some real advantages; it made it possible to consider what kind of emphasis, within psychology, would be best suited to a School of social

sciences. It was decided, and rightly so, that the emphasis should be on man within society, on man in interaction with others. The link of psychology with the other social sciences was made explicit in the title of the Department, which is the only Social Psychology Department in the country.

STRUCTURE

Starting as a sub-department of Sociology has also proved of great value; it has shown the psychologists how necessary it is to understand the social structure in which the individual is placed, and to become familiar with the theories and concepts of sociology and anthropology. Too often, social psychology pays lip service to social factors but goes no further than

recording an individual's social class. We have learnt a great deal from this contact and it has made us sensitive to the need to check by observation and field studies the findings obtained in the laboratory. As a result, in its teaching of methods, the Department stresses equally experiment, field studies, survey and documentary analysis. In the United States there is too often an arbitrary division among social psychology in terms of method of enquiry. This tends to have a stulti-

fying effect on the development of the field.

A third advantage came from the way in which the Department developed, which runs counter to the customary pattern in British universities of beginning with an undergraduate course and later developing a graduate programme. We did it the other way round.

Because we had no opportunity to teach an undergraduate degree and because, at the undergraduate level, all our teaching is in the form of service courses to other departments ranging from Sociology, Anthropology, Social Administration, Personnel

Management and Operational Research to Trade Union Studies (it is also an Alternative Subject in the B.Sc.(Econ.) Part I), often with so little time that only a kind of Cook's Tour can be provided, the Department has, right from the start, channelled much of its teaching into a graduate programme in social psychology.

In its interests the Department is pretty catholic — the members vary in their orientation, in the methods of enquiry they use and in the level of abstraction at which they operate. There is Roger Holmes's paper on The Primal Horde and the University Seminar, experiments on conformity and the ten year follow-up study by means of survey analysis of middle and working class adolescents who were reinterviewed at the age of 25. This last study shows clearly how the effect of given social institutions — in this case the school system — depends as much on the way these institutions are perceived by the in and out groups as on their aims and overt characteristics.

PREDICT

Social psychologists are increasingly called in by government departments to find out how individuals view a given situation or to predict or assess the impact of innovation.

Next year, the Department hopes to begin its teaching for an undergraduate degree in social psychology. Judging from the enquiries we have already received, and from the popularity of joint sociology and psychology degree courses elsewhere, such a degree should fill a genuine gap.

DEMANDS

I have mentioned the many advantages that come to psychology from being in a School of social sciences — one disadvantage though is clear; in Colleges where there are departments of engineering, chemistry and physics, the demands of the psychology department for technicians, workshop and laboratory space are seen as chicken feed.

In the School, where most of the research is carried out in the library or outside the School, the same demands are seen as expensive. Yet the proper development of the subject requires adequate experimental facilities. Without them the teaching and research becomes lopsided, the emphasis being dictated by facilities rather than by the needs of the subject. The Heyworth Committee stressed the need for building up a strong social psychology department. We are now waiting for the University Grants Committee to do something about it.





GRADUATING '68

Your application should be like a night club strip act

COACHING is a practice frequently resorted to by those who are worried about examination results.

From my experience a few comments on how to write a letter of application and how to cope with an interview might be equally valuable to those about to make the transition from University life (being educated) to industry (making use of that education).

Your letter of application should be like a night club strip act. It should reveal enough to interest those that see it so that viewers ask for more, in your case an interview. Very few people have ever been offered a job on their letter of application but many have got themselves interviewed by what they did or did not say in their letters.

For would-be graduate entrants to industry, it is best if they give brief details of themselves, but the essential minimum is the University or College, the course being taken, with the year of expected completion, age, and possible fields of interest if these

are known.

Of course you must give an address at which you can be contacted, and your name and initials. It might be better to enter the address and your name in block capitals for easier reading.

Achievements

Probably you will eventually receive an application form to complete. This is needed for two reasons, to have a basis of discussion at a possible interview and to have some record of achievements.

Even if the form is the umpteenth to be completed by you, it is still sensible to complete it comprehensively, as requested by the company concerned. A slipshod and obviously rushed job is not likely to inspire the company sufficiently to further the cause of your application.

When you are invited for interview, or are allocated an interview time in your College, you should think even more seriously about your application and consider what are you

trying to achieve at the interview. A company worth joining will have some reasonably clear ideas as to what it wants from the interview and chief amongst these are:

What does the applicant think he wants to do?

How real are the statements made on the form?

Are there any places for a person such as the candidate appears to be?

In addition the interviewer will try to give relevant information about the company concerned.

**By C. E. Quekett
Group Graduate
Training, G.K.N.**

Consumer Guide

THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON Appointments Board was originally set up in 1909 to provide students and graduates of the University with careers advice and assist them to find suitable employment.

Before the last war, when the rate of unemployment was high for everyone including graduates, the primary function of the Board was to find posts for new graduates. In present circumstances, with the broadening of the fields of opportunity, there is a far greater need for help in selecting a satisfactory and progressive career, so the officers of the Board now concentrate far more on giving students up-to-date information on the opportunities available and how to take the fullest advantage of them. They pay frequent visits to many employers in all fields who are interested in recruiting graduates and keep themselves as fully informed as possible on the latest trends in the employment market.

Advisory

The Appointments Board, which is a Department of the University, has a staff of twenty-six including nine careers advisory officers, and the offices of the Board are at 49 Gordon Square,

and information. In view of the large number of registered students both internal and external, the officers of the Board have in general to confine their attentions to final year students.

Interviews are by appointment and in the first instance a minimum of three quarters of an hour is spent with each student. Part of this time is devoted to ensuring that the student is fully

**By E. H. K. Dibden
Secretary to the
Appointments Board**

aware of the wide range of career opportunities open to him or her. At the same time as much advice as possible is given to enable sensible decisions to be made, and subsequently substantial help is provided in arranging for students to be put in touch with suitable employers. The officers are aided by the considerable volume of careers literature available in the Information Section of the Board which includes pamphlets provided by employers, reference books and collections of published material about individual concerns.

Apart from the large number of students, the other main problem which the Appointments

Board has to face in providing a careers advisory service is the wide geographical spread over the London area of the constituent Schools and Institutes.

For many students a visit to Gordon Square is both time consuming and costly and to overcome these factors the Field Officer Service Scheme has been introduced. This Scheme entails the officers of the Board paying regular visits to the majority of Colleges to see students on their own home ground.

Appointments

In particular the London School of Economics has, since the retirement of Commander Warren-Evans, been included in the Scheme. Mr. J. D. Paffley and Mr. C. D. Green are the two officers of the Board who visit the

Against this background it is obvious, to the interviewer at least, that the interview should be regarded by you as of importance to help you decide as to what you want to do and with which company you are going to do it. So, try to be tidy and businesslike in your approach, dress, manner and behaviour. This means that you should have done some homework about the company concerned and have at least a glimmer of knowledge of the company's activities and what it has to offer to you.

It does not necessarily mean a 'band box' turnout but it does mean clean and tidy clothes and a reasonable personal appearance, including tidy and clean hair however long or short. Slovenly appearance and manner does sometimes conceal genius but not so frequently as some would like to think.

Good manners and consideration for others never cost anything other than effort; but surely this is worth while at an important occasion at which a door may open or shut for you, which may affect your future career.

Questions

Be prepared to ask relevant questions of the interview, and do talk freely and honestly about what you have done and what you hope to do in the future.

Remember that your degree is going to be only one part of your qualifications to join industry; the other is what sort of person you appear to be, ie what abilities aptitudes, attitudes you have. It is an evaluation of the combination of both these qualifications that will determine whether or not you are made an offer of training or a job in an industrial organisation.

**Cartoon by
Hilary Jones**



School. Appointments with these officers may be booked in the Careers Advisory Office on the 4th floor of Connaught House.

Some 250 employers interested in recruiting graduates visit the offices of the Board in Gordon Square in the Lent Term to conduct preliminary interviews with Final year or Postgraduate students. A copy of the programme of visits can be obtained on request. In addition for the benefit of students of LSE a number of these employers also visit the School.

The 1968 edition of the Directory of Opportunities for Graduates, published by the Cornmarket Press, is available from the Careers Advisory Office at the London School of Economics. This is an extremely useful reference book containing details of several hundred organisations who recruit graduates. Final year undergraduates are entitled to a free copy of the Directory.

The confession of a compulsive eater . . .

Some people around here may be addicted to pot and such like. Me, well I'm addicted to food, fatty, starchy, full of carbohydrate kind of food, things like chocolate, and biscuits, and new bread with lots of butter, and spaghetti, and cake and all the things that tend to add weight.

In moderation I suppose it might be all right. But not the way I do it. I always eat like some starving child from some famine struck plain in India. I start eating and I do not stop until I have consumed everything I can lay my hands on.

I think I hold the all time record for the consumption of a bunch of grapes—challengers? And I have yet to meet anyone else who actually wants to eat a banana concurrently with smoking a cigarette!

starvation

I go on a diet from time to time — and slide gently off it — the urge to eat is too great. Diet biscuits and special foods are hopeless, fill you up they might but what is the use of that when one is an eater for the sake of eating. Simple starvation was the best — but it cannot be kept up indefinitely. I make resolutions never to use lifts, always to walk up the stairs, even five flights of them; to walk instead of taking short fourpenny bus rides — but an inborn tendency to be five minutes late for everything soon puts paid to that. In any case I most certainly can't excuse myself just by taking some exercise, the problem is plain simple over-eating, just so many hundred excess calories taken in every day.

state of mind

Hence to find the cure one must first find the cause. Why do I and others like me over-eat. It is by no means a phy-

sical necessity, I am not really starving, I never have been starving. We had a motto where I worked once: 'Obesity is a state of mind'—we all tended to put on weight there. We wrote it down, pinned it up prominently on the kitchen wall — then ignored it and carried on eating. Despite efforts we could not stop ourselves. But we admitted the truth of it. To eat between meals and to eat too much at meals was a form of compensation for an emotional satisfaction that was lacking to us. In this case we were looking after children, who are notoriously ungrateful for the attention and care which is lavished upon them.

bedsit life

In the present case I imagine the root cause is the bedsitter kind of life I and many others at present lead. A basic student accommodation problem is to decide whether to share a flat with friends and risk one's work being continually interrupted, or to live alone, and when a piece of work is finished at maybe ten or ten-thirty, or you just feel like a short break there is no-one to talk to.

At this hour it is too late

to go and visit anyone unless they live very close. It is far too late to go to the cinema. So what do you do? You put on the kettle and fish out the biscuits and have a quiet little nosh all by yourself, and because you are alone and are not gossiping between munches you tend to eat far more than you would if you had company.

take to bottle

So we come back to where we began, decide to work hard and alone, and unless by a supreme effort of will-

power we are going to have to find a prop to loneliness.

We can buy a television, or take to reading light fiction. Or we could chain smoke, or take to the bottle; in comparison with which eating is not really so bad. And now will you excuse me because I really must find something to eat.



Up to a few party tricks

What a beautiful inspiration it was that first made Mary Quant think of putting little pats of make-up together in a single case. Lipstick and shadow and liner and mascara, and the brushes you need to put them on with, all that is wanted to make a pretty face, laid out in a box like a children's paint-box.

Now comes, just in time for the Christmas party season, a special box of party make-up. A box of party tricks. It includes: Gold, Silver and Pearl-white Eye-Shapers; Brown-Black Cake Liner; shiny Q10 and Q11 Brush Lipstick; and for fun lots of glittery little bits and pieces: diamantes, aquamarines, jet daisies . . . A glam present to yourself for Christmas.



Thirties Look Lips. The Clara Bow mouth is pioneered by Yardley with a brilliant and unashamed red called Ace of Hearts in their Moisture Creme Lipstick range at 5/6.

BARE LOOK

No more caked and powdery skin now. You can have a look of barefaced beauty and elegance from Revlon's new Moondrops Demi-Makeup. Seven shades that will blend perfectly with any skin tone, and so gossamer light you will think you are wearing no make up at all. Translucent Flowing Creme Foundation at 21/6; loose Face Powder, in light and dark translucent shades at 25/-; Pressed Powder Compact at 18/6; and Demi-Blushing Powder in three shades, in a compact with deliciously soft hair brush at 37/6.



by
Alison
Barlow

WISHFUL THINKING

The trouble with Liberty's is that I always spend too much money when I go there. I have had to be forcibly removed from the premises on more than one occasion.

My worst enemy is the material department. I always have fancied myself as a dressmaker, but never get the chance to work with really nice material. At Liberty's there is roll after roll of gorgeous stuff, which anybody would look marvellous in. But it's all very expensive.

Never mind, one can always dream about what will happen when I win the pools.

Sensible and elegant too

Available in black, brown and beige; from Ronald Keith, Oxford St. at 6 gns.



Buy now before inflation puts the price up. Smooth Italian Shoes In Calf with Silvery buckle.

But dare you wear it!

I wonder how long before the menfolk start pinching our lipstick and false eyelashes. A lot of men still think that even aftershave is sissy—and hairspray, though it is a vast improvement on the traditional greasy brilliance. Still these things are

now largely accepted. But what will be the general reaction to Revlon's new range of Braggi Man-Plan cosmetics recently launched in Harrods. These include: a Facial Pick-up Mask at 36/-, and a Protective Outdoor Cream at 27/6. Even among

the younger set there is enormous prejudice to be overcome before men will both use them and admit that they use them. They are too afraid of being laughed at. If you buy him some for Christmas it will show that you at least approve.

Not a biography but a way of life

THIS is an important book, by no means a polite and courtly biography. It is very doubtful whether it is a biography at all. Harold Nicholson gives us a fascinating social, economic and constitutional history of Britain between 1865 and 1936. That it coincides with the reign of King George V is almost incidental and the word "reign" emerges clearly as a mere label of convenience.

This beautifully written incisive account shows how near-sighted politicians were then as now. The sub-idiocy of Lloyd George's statement at the outbreak of the Russian Revolution that this was "the greatest service that the Russian people have yet made to the cause for which the Allies are fighting" is echoed a few months later by Ramsey MacDonald's expectation that the Labour Party Convention of June 3rd, 1917, in Leeds would "do for this country what the Russian Revolution has accomplished in Russia."

A great number of forgotten facts emerge. Who still remembers the riots in the early weeks of 1919 in Glasgow, Belfast and at Luton (where an angry mob burned down the Town Hall) aimed at the injustice of the original demobilisation plans? In this

near revolution, Winston Churchill hurriedly transferred to the War Office, succeeded within a few weeks in restoring order by introducing a fairer method. Men were demobilised at the rate of 50,000 a day and discontent subsided.

The personality of the King shines throughout the pages as that of a friendly and thoughtful person, always on the side of humanity, eg. during the Suffragette troubles, in a memo to the Home Secretary in 1913 he strongly advocated the abolition of forcible feeding in prison.

How very modern the problems were in the last years of his reign, 1934-35. "The King realises that new methods of visual and oral communications, new means of transport, new educational systems and opportunities were creating a younger gen-

eration, possessing different eyes, different ears and different minds. No longer will any adolescent be taught, or inclined, to take his status for granted".

The publishers claim that the book is illustrated. This is an overstatement considering that there is a mere block of eight pages of indifferent news photos. It is also a pity that the Appendix II, the pedigree of the Royal Family, is marred by inaccuracies due to bad sub-editing.

KING GEORGE VI: HIS LIFE AND REIGN
by Harold Nicholson
Pan 15/-

BENHAM'S ECONOMICS

Eighth Edition by F. W. PAISH, M.C., M.A., formerly Professor of Economics at the University of London.

Developments in economics, both in applications and in ideas, have necessitated a second revision by Professor Paish of Dr. Benham's classic work, which is probably the most successful economics textbook ever published. Considerable changes have been made to the chapters on the sources of national income, unemployment and the trade cycles pre- and post-war, the monetary theory of interest, business profits, the control of bank profit, national income and the balance of payments, the post-war situation, and British economic policy since the war. Professor Paish's recent pronouncements on the present economic situation have made him a central figure in economic debate, and a book such as *Benham* demands a reviser of such stature.

Hardcover 27s. 6d. net.

Paperback edition 17s. 6d. net.

Some reviews of the last edition

Mr. Paish has made an excellent job of revising Benham . . . The resultant textbook is thus really up to date and of great value.
TEACHER IN COMERCE

. . . perhaps the most outstandingly successful of all the introductory manuals on economics, whether for the student or the man of business.

BRITISH BOOK NEWS

Actuaries and students already know of Professor Paish, but to others it will be a welcome introduction as obviously this is a book to be read and studied.

POLICY

As one would expect, in Professor Paish's hands the work has lost nothing of its remarkable authority and value.

COMMERCIAL TEACHER

This book can be recommended.
ACCOUNTANT

The best British general textbook for the level of its exposition.
ECONOMICS

PITMAN

Portrait of a young beautiful woman

THE FRONT PAGE reveals a portrait of a then young and beautiful woman with a face which one has the tendency to overlook because even though it is beau-

THE EMPTY SPACES

By Lady Sarah Churchill

tiful, it is uncaptivatingly shallow. But looks deceive, for I doubt that any reader will ever forget Sarah Churchill, a person who I feel is one of the least publicised and yet one of the truest poets of this age.

The Empty Spaces is a collection of some sixty poems written out of plenty of care, experience and love. The

appeal is pure because the style is simple. The reader will not even try to analyse her poems but stand amazed at a person who is such a genuine romantic that she is not ashamed of writing about what she feels. Sarah Churchill's poems concern things which we do not often talk about like: "the joy of cutting one's knee" because they are too trivial. Or even about Passion:

"Soaring, soaring into space
clapped and held in one
embrace

of colour, ecstasy and sound

Then lowered gently to the ground" because such things are intimate.

So here, I feel, is poetry. It is an art which is not divorced from real life but it remains art because in it life is seen from a unique and aesthetic angle. Lady Churchill has managed this extraordinary flair quite well, and in doing so, teaches us an extremely compassionate moral, that:

"Just as we take advantage of what is, we should recognise the utility of what is not." (TAO).

IT'S A GOLD, GOLD, GOLD, GOLD, WAR

THE COLD WAR has been the subject of many discussions, explanations and interpretations. The series 'Studies in Imperialism and the Cold War' of which the current book is volume one offers another viewpoint.

Editor Horowitz explains that the Cold War is 'the post-war phase of a long-term historical development' — namely — 'the decision of the US to assume its role, as the newly dominant capitalist world power, of guardian of the global status quo'.

No-one doubts that the United States is a status quo power. Her political, economic and ideological 'interests', as seen by the US government all point that way. But the Cold War is a much

portance of other political, racial and economic factors.

They also show (taking into account the anti-American bias) that the myths surrounding communism consumed by most of Western public opinion and many decision makers need smashing.

But Horowitz cannot offer this book as an explanation of the Cold War, which basically describes a relationship between the US and Russia. "Containment and Revolution" basically describes Western action in various revolutionary situations, exposing much of the Western propaganda in the process.

If it is accepted as such and helps to explode the ideological myths perpetrated by the West, it will do much good.

CONTAINMENT AND REVOLUTION

Edited by David Horowitz
Beacon Books, about 55/-

other factors besides "Western Imperialism": the importance of the differing beliefs and power of individuals in the US government and in the various nationalist and communist groups; the im-

Lively and readable

THE misfortune of this novel is that in its length and subject matter it automatically invites comparison with some of the greatest literature of the past half century, most especially with Dr. Zhivago. A glance at the front cover is enough to tell us this. A picture of a young girl, greatly resembling Miss Julie Christie, and kneeling tearfully before a greyhaired gentleman fearlessly upright

BECAUSE THE NIGHT WAS DARK
by Paul Chauchavazde
Pan Books 7/6

before a firing squad is surmounted by the description: "A gripping novel of the unbridled violence, blood and bitter fury that was the Russian Revolution".

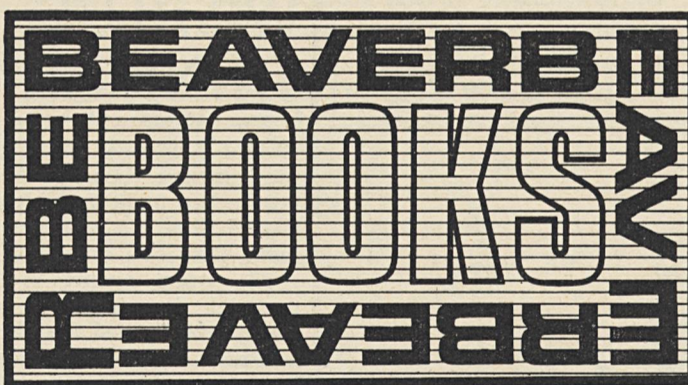
The author did himself live through the events he describes with a vivid colourfulness. We follow him on a devious middle path between the inhumanity of the Tsarist regime (perhaps here regarded as the lesser of the two evils) and the like inhumanity of the Bolsheviks, typified for this author in the policies of Kerensky.

Yet for all this it lacks an essential quality which might give it a genuine life. It is predictable to a degree. The violent history of the period is a backcloth against which stock characters play.

LIBERAL

They are all there: Sandro, the young man of aristocratic birth and liberal leanings; his overbearing but basically insecure father; his nonentity of a mother; Andrey, his friend, a charming and carefree young man; a good Communist; an evil Communist, and so on including a multitude of genuine historical characters varying from Rasputin to Trotsky.

Very charming from beginning to end. A good entertainment for an evening when you have nothing else to do.



The desires of a man

I HAVE recently read, and now fully recommend a brilliant exposé of one of the most widely talked about controversies of today — Homosexuality.

This theme is curiously peppered up in a most extraordinary fashion and it runs very obviously in the life of Rad-

cliff, "Did Christ ever love a woman?"

Argument: If he did not, how could he have existed with a body, hence the physical desires of a man?

Conclusion: He must have loved another man!

"RADCLIFFE"
by David Storey
Penguin Books 5/-

cliff. Mr. Storey hardly treats the matter lightly, the novel has a strong tendency to be disgusting, even fearful. But his communication with the reader is perfect, even when Radcliffe asks quite point-

Bombastic writing, so we inevitably scream with Radcliffe as

we begin to understand his frustration. But, in fact, we still do not quite comprehend this 'queer' personification of love! So perhaps the intrusion of Jesus Christ served its ironical purpose.

This brilliantly constructed summer sex-

in

MISS JULIE:
Cambridge

THIS is another in the series of distinguished revivals being shown at this converted theatre. Adapted from the play by August Strindberg, this film was made in Sweden in 1950. It is the best film to be made by veteran stage and screen director Alf Sjöberg, the man who revived interest in the Swedish Cinema after the last war.

TRANSFER

The transfer from stage to screen, has for once occurred without mishap. Set during a midsummer festival with all the appearance of an orgy. Brilliantly constructed out of, for once justified, flashbacks and straight narrative. All the visuals are striking for their beauty and power.

It would be an error to approach this work, both as play and film, as a piece of social comment. The problems of love between aristocrat and manservant have no real relevance today, if then. What concerned the partially demented Strindberg was his own personal conception of the sex-war.

VICTIMS

All the major characters bar one are victims. Sometimes they struggle to escape their predicament. But more often they seem intent to plunge further into their misfortune. As the servant with



aspirations Ulf Palme is excellent, suggesting all the inadequacies and fears of a man too embedded in his role to escape it. Anita Bjork is both beautiful and touching as the tragic heroine. But the film is so constructed as to give the most emphasis to the carnivorous mother of Miss Julie, played by Lissi

Alandh. A feminist who existed only in Strindberg's nightmares, but who is nevertheless fascinating to watch.

In the last analysis you can guess this was a play but it also works as a film, and a good one. One minor plea-

sure is to see Max von Sydow, virtually unrecognisable as a drunken, half-witted groom.

BEAVER REVIEWS

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THE FLIP SIDE
Apollo Theatre

THE FLIP SIDE is a sex orientated play about two couples who achieve a predictable 'swop'. It carries vague messages about the value of love versus the value of lust, and comes out unexpectedly on the side of the former.

Once it has quickly sprung upon us the novel central theme, and we have accepted it, the play is carried along by the verve of the two actresses. The men play typical 'old boy' husbands, each exasperated by his wife, each sounding a little hollow.

The women 'darling' each other continually, and win our sympathy by the old tactic of empty-headedness. Anna Massey seems cruelly subdued after her Candida flair in 'The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie'. At first, she appears as the character who must carry the morals of the set up; but she is drawn too quickly, and with too little resistance, into the friendly frolic which professes D. H. Lawrence as its creed.

After the flippancy of the first half, the emotion and regret of the second fail to convince. The ending is predictable, and the last line is not a bang but a whimper.

Minor El Dorado

This is the best Western, bar one, I have seen this year. It is "El Dorado" in minor key.

It opens well with a very good theme song, Dimitri Tiomkin back in form, and manages to keep up the good work throughout. John Wayne is the hero again, out to get revenge for being framed into prison, and being robbed of his ranch.

Kirk Douglas is a flamboyant gunman who is pre-

Transvestite Guinness

The play is centred upon a male triangle and is full of 'queer' nuances, presented with both humour and pathos.

One weakness is that the dialogue, apropos of homosexuality lacks the subtlety and verve which might have made the whole play extremely funny. As it is, the

THE WAR WAGON
Carlton
Haymarket

vented from killing Big John only because he thinks it will be more profitable to cooperate with him. All good clean homicidal fun. I forgot to count the deaths, or the good jokes. Not strictly tongue in cheek but definitely made with the light touch.

Burt Kennedy directs, the excellent photography is the work of William Clothier. And supporting to good effect are Keenan Wynn and Howard Keel.

WISE CHILD
Wyndhams

author fails to give the play those humorous boosters which lift a tense play of this nature from the ground.

Alec Guinness's role of a man pretending to be a woman gives him very little scope. His performance is without flaw, but is anchored by the play itself. He is admirably balanced by Gordon Jackson, a young actor who plays an effeminate, mal-adjusted youth for whom Guinness is a 'mother' image.

SYMPATHY

Jackson's performance is beyond criticism. He amuses, bemuses, and wins our sympathy for a character whose weakness ought to be annoying.

Thus Guinness and Gordon, well supported by Simon Ward, carry the play

50 EGGS AN HOUR

COOL HAND LUKE

Astoria, Charing Cross Rd.

This is the first film of Stuart Rosenberg, an experienced American TV director. Basically an old fashioned Prison melodrama, it has all the modern attachments. Paul Newman is an anarchistically minded loner, thrown into jail for cutting tops off parking meters.

He is a glutton for punishment. Picking a fight with another prisoner who is twice his size. Betting he can eat 50 hardboiled eggs in an hour. Constantly initiating wild pranks. And escaping whenever he has half a chance.

UNCTUOUS

The guards are extremely ferocious and eventually cow even Newman, or do they. The prison is just a compound, the prisoners work all day on the hot dusty roads. The captain is an unctuous, oily hypocrite. He puts Newman in the punishment box so that he will not be tempted to run when his mother dies. But dominating the prisoners and guards, and the film, is Boss Godfrey, the road gang boss. Never without his dark glasses, he never speaks; his only method of communication is firing his gun.

UNDERTONES

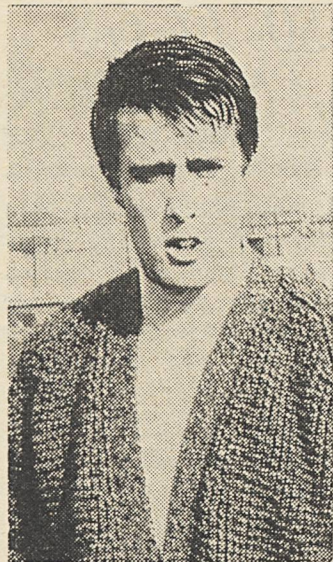
Whenever something unpleasant occurs he is in the background. The other prisoners live vicariously off Newman's exploits, they need a legend to cling to and they create it.

Despite its considerable undertones this film is very definitely there to entertain. It is a melodrama with unexplained elements to add spice. Paul Newman rivals Brando in masochism, but gives a good performance. George Kennedy as his buddy is excellent. Especial mention is due to a scene-stealing guest spot by Jo Van Fleet.

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Geoff Hurst

"If I retaliate my play deteriorates"

"Why the 'ell can't we swear? It's our training pitch isn't it?" called Geoff Hurst to trainer Ernie Gregory during a six a side. In these days when there is more and more trouble on the field and players are getting booked and sent off for foul language this may seem an ill-advised remark. But Hurst was only fooling about, and he, of all people can't be faulted for dirty play or obscene language.

"If I retaliate, my play deteriorates" he told me, "It's



Ron Greenwood

just not worth it." A wise attitude from one of the great stars of the game who is always heavily marked, more often than not by a "spoiler". "The toughest are Walker of Southampton and Ronny Harris of Chelsea" he said, "they never give you any rest during a game."

GOOD RECORD

West Ham have a very good record for clean play. Last season when a goal down to Nottingham Forest Sissons kicked the ball out of play when he had a scoring chance, because Forest keeper Grummitt was lying unconscious on the ground after colliding with a post. But there are no rules about rough play. "You just don't get on in this club if you play it rough. There's a sort of unspoken code" said Hurst. "Anyway, it affects your play, so it's not worth it."

BEAVER spends a day with **WEST HAM**



West Ham certainly seems to be a very happy club, even if their results are not as good as one would like. Most of the team managers are old players. "I'm the new boy, I've only been here seven years," laughed Ron Greenwood. Goalkeeper Jim Standen, who played in the winning F.A. Cup and Cup-winners' Cup teams is off to America in January. But for the moment he plays for the Reserve and 'A' teams and helps coach the juniors. There must have been nearly fifty players of all ages and standards training the morning we were there. They all go through the same routines, and all of them get some attention from Greenwood. The First Division men of the future may be amongst them.

Complete professionals

West Ham, the enigmas of British football. Now languishing near the foot of the First Division in spite of having three of the World Cup men in their team. We went to watch one of their training sessions when the team were preparing for a League Cup game with Second Division Huddersfield Town—which they lost. The Saturday before they had run rings round Chelsea, and earlier lost 4-3 to Stoke City after leading 3-0.

It's dangerous to be a West Ham supporter, because the lads can turn you into a manic depressive. On the other hand, they can make you feel as lightheaded as the 'Bubbles' of our famous theme-song.

We've seen great times at Upton Park, and we won't be in the doldrums for long. Watch out you northern supporters, we'll get the Cup back even if we are too inconsistent to win the League. But that's West Ham. I wouldn't swap 'em for anything.



The King (Bobby Moore) came down the pavilion steps gazing into the middle distance, with the autograph hunters clearing a path in front of him.

Without looking down he stretched out a hand, took an autograph book and signed it. Still moving, he signed one by one until all the small boys were happy, but still staring at him in Godlike devotion. "Don't any of you dare touch my car," he said as he walked over to have a chat with us.

All the other players had been mobbed by the kids as they appeared from the pavilion (most of the girls crowding round Harry Redknapp) clamouring for autographs and milling round their cars covering them with sticky and



dirty paw marks. But Moore is clearly the King in their estimation. They just aren't annoy him. But it is not fear which prompts their actions, it is respect.

Cushley watched this performance with awe. "He's the complete professional" he muttered enviously.

Skilful but casual

"Let's have less natter and more do, lads," shouted West Ham Manager Ron Greenwood as his players seemed to amble through a Monday morning training session at Chadwell Heath. It all looked rather halfhearted and casual, with Greenwood coaxing rather than urging his men on. At least once they had got away from the physical jerks and some exercises on the boards which made mere onlookers wince. "We only did a hundred this morning 'cos they're playing Huddersfield on Wednesday. Normally we do two hundred. That's what this lot will be doing," the trainer told me between taking the first team and the reserves.

Next there was some lapping and the team straggled round the ground "Come on you three at the back, you're not out for a Sunday afternoon stroll".

But things relaxed when they started working out the moves. Everybody tried, but it all looked rather casual. Brian Dear was the odd man out, rushing about with more enthusiasm than skill yelling his head off. "Referee! Did you see that!" he shouted as new full-back Billy Bonds pushed him in the back as they went up for a high cross from Harry Redknapp. "Och, get on with it and stop complaining," growled centre-half Cushley.

It was obvious that all the usual West Ham characteristics were there. Skilful, intelligent football but not as much bite to it as could be desired.



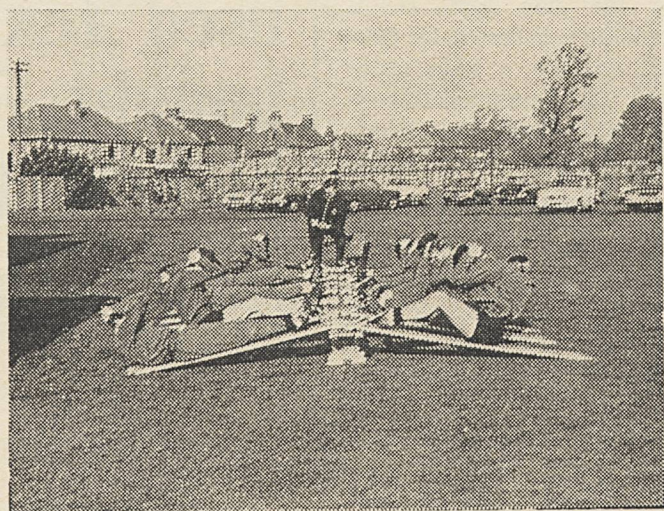
Hard training, but no iron methods

"When you're a pro you don't need to be shouted at. Anyway, the training here is just as hard as it was at Celtic", West Ham's recent

signing from Glasgow, Cushley, replied when I told him I thought the training looked over casual.

Apparently most people don't use Tommy Docherty's iron-man methods. "We believe that footballers are intelligent people. They should think about the game. Players don't like being shouted at and bullied like I was when I was a player," Manager Ron Greenwood said. Bobby Moore agreed, adding "You only need hard training at the beginning of the season. After that it's just a question of keeping to the peak of fitness you've reached. Training is really a matter of improving the team's performance on match days."

"It's a good life, I wouldn't change it for anything" Bobby Moore said with a grin. "But your private life is constantly interfered with by the fans. I get hundreds of letters and phone calls, and you have to answer all of them properly. If you don't the public tend to get the wrong idea, and we're all absolutely dependent on our public."



Soccer despair

IN THE last few weeks the first XI have been overtaken by a mood of depressing despair.

Results show a 2-1 defeat by QMC, having beaten them twice in friendlies, a 4-1 defeat by UC and a fortunate 2-1 win over IC. The team has been affected by injuries but the players who have been promoted have commended themselves admirably; no blame can possibly be attached to them.

A revival of spirit is needed and all members of the team must strive to achieve the goal of success. Perhaps the only salvation would be if Walter Winterbottom took up the offer of the honorary post of team manager; this would be much more demanding on his ability than any other he could possibly have, even that of England team manager.

LSE II 0 — LSE III 5

From the point of view of the second XI, the least said about this local derby, the soonest mended. This performance by the second XI was probably the most constructive display of apathy every witnessed on a football field.

LSE II 4 — IC III 2

It was gratifying to see the revival of spirit in the second XI in this game. The home side set the pace from the first whistle and the pounding of the opposing defence

was rewarded by goals to Zlosnik (1) and Jones (3).

LSE IV 1 — LH III 2

Amidst a host of cancelled matches, the fourths have not had much success. Phil 'Feet' Peatfield led the team to a 1-2 defeat against London Hospital 3rds; and a well balanced side failed 2-3, after being two up through Thomas and Whitehead.

LSE V 3 — KC 1

Despite periodic shortages of players, the fifths have been remarkably successful so far this season. Of eleven matches played nine have been won, one drawn and one lost. Maximum points have been taken from both League games, and a notable victory was recorded at Cambridge, where King's College were defeated 3-1. Goals have come in profusion—over fifty—but these have been evenly distributed among the players.



Walter Winterbottom talks to the England team

Tactical talk for teams

ON THE invitation of Dr. "Bernie" Donoghue, Walter Winterbottom, ex-Manchester United player and ex-England manager, spoke to the Soccer Club on tactics and training.

In a wide-ranging talk that lasted three-quarters of an hour, Mr. Winterbottom emphasised the crucial impor-

ance of intensive training and careful planning in soccer management. To a horrified audience whose propensity to train is, to say the least, marginal, he outlined the implications of 45 second training. Discussion in the bar (where else) afterwards concluded that 20 seconds on, 20 seconds off would be more than sufficient.

Mr. Winterbottom's tactical ability is perhaps second to none in Britain. He enlivened what can sometimes be a dull subject with stories

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The visit of Walter Winterbottom, ex-England soccer manager to the Soccer Club, seems to me to be one of a series of small, but important incidents in our A.U.

Until recently the Athletic Union was completely separate from our 'other' Union. Tucked away at the opposite end of the corridor from the Union, nothing was ever heard of it. No questions in Union, allegations against the President, votes of censure, allegations of misuse of funds, hard fought election campaigns or any of the other apparently inevitable characteristics of the Union.

from his own experience as player and manager. — Sivori's feat of dribbling from the centre circle along the half-way line to the touchline where he would stand with his foot on the ball in true Roman style; the old-style goalkeepers who never left their line and enabled Dixie Dean to pop goals in from five yards.

Amid much amusement he explained a move along the wing with repeated references to "feet": our own P.H. "Feet" Peatfield a soccer hero? We were incredulous and in hysterics. Apart from that incident and the occasion when Barry Firth appeared(?) to be asleep, our attention was riveted on Mr. Winterbottom's anecdotes and explanations.

DISCUSSION

Question session provoked little but pointless and heated discussion over the inclusion of Roger Hunt in the England side for the World Cup Final. Mr. Winterbottom corrected one or two facts and exposed the uselessness of partisan argument over the relative merits of players and teams.

We repaired to the bar much amused and enlightened.

Wandering once, in error, into the Annual General Meeting, I thought I had entered a prayer session of the Methodist Society. It was orderly! Quiet! It almost seemed as though business was being discussed! No Harman! No Carrier, Beck, Crouch!

SUBTLE

Then came the first subtle change. A quiet, intelligent-looking Liverpoolian began to make himself noticed around this office. Discreet enquiries disclosed that he was the new President of the A.U. Sports articles started appearing — one week so many appeared that we overflowed the page that has been traditionally been given over to sport. No more scraping around to finally print the result (usually incorrect) of the fifth football team three weeks previously.

The Union structure reform commission was instigated. For the first time ever, members of the A.U. served ex-officio on a Union committee. Infiltration had begun. And not a word from our Union watchdogs.

Then the bitter blow. A football machine appeared, mysteriously and unannounced, in the Three Tuns. Despite moves from hardened drinkers, and a recent attempt at sabotage the machine by removing one of its legs, this vile symbol of athletics appears to be here to stay.

RECENT

And now, the most recent of the series. An AU society having a visiting speaker whose talk could, by all accounts, have been of interest to others than the nebulous group of people whose exhibits we read of on this page. The thought arises: do these people really play sport, or just make up the reports that drift into this office? We have yet to hear an impartial eye-witness to these so-called "football games". Or is it a plot to take over the Union for their own ends?

SATISFIED

Are the AU not satisfied with their own grant and accommodation, or are they trying to take over all the Union facilities?

What, for that matter, is the shape of things to come? Visions appear of Dr. Adams in black shorts being forced by Union decision to referee a Soc-Soc v. Con-Soc football match. Peter Watherston being forced to do fifteen rounds in the ring with Joan Freedman. Francis Dobbryn taking on Peter Lane at Judo. Union administrative officer Felicity Mate at scrum-half in the first XV.

Man the banners, non-athletes, before it is too late!

Powerful running hits public school

AFTER a period in which points seemed hard to come by, LSE first XV swamped Old Merchant Taylors' "A" by 69 points to 3, scoring 17 tries, 15 of which were scored by the backs.

Richardson's powerful running brought him four tries, and Garstin, Lewis and Williams each scored a hat-trick. The remaining scorers were Foster, Hunt, Pickup and Bilton. The latter also kicked nine conversions.

This victory gave the team ample confidence for the first round of the cup against Bedford College the following Wednesday and a satisfactory win was achieved by 18 points to ten, though at times the team struggled to find form.

GOOD GAME

The visit of Aston University provided a very good game, though occasionally tempers ran high, as evidenced when Stead was unkindly referred to as a

"F—ng teddy bear." LSE were somewhat unlucky to be 10-3 down at half time, and in the second half Aston were constantly troubled by LSE's persistent attacks. However their defence could not be cracked, and LSE had to be content with being valiant in defeat, the game ending 10-3.

SLUGGISH

The following game against Woolwich Polytechnic was unfortunately not of the same standard. LSE's pack was strangely sluggish, and did not click as a unit, with the result that we were never really able to take a firm grip on the game. A try by Hunt equalised a Woolwich try shortly after half time, but despite some strong running by Rothwell, Garstin and Hunt no further score ensued and the game ended in a 3-3

draw.

CHRISTMAS

The captaincy of the club changes hands at Christmas, and it seems likely at this stage that Clive Jones will be appointed. Cliff Pickup the retiring captain, despite criticisms of his administration, has always led the team by example, on the field, and it is to be hoped that his vacation of the captaincy will not mean the loss of his valuable services from the field of play.

Confidence in the league but lost cup

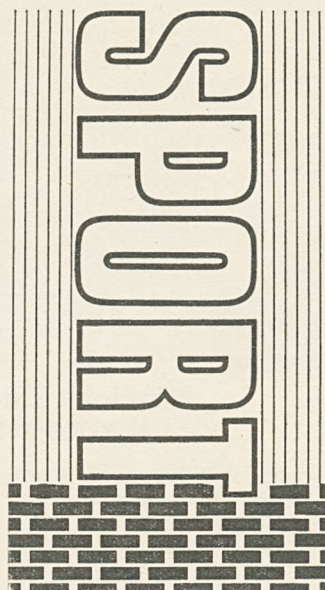
ARCH ENEMY Kings did L.S.E. a rare favour last week when they lost to Goldsmiths in the Men's Hockey league.

As we have already beaten Goldsmiths and drawn with Q.M.C. we can face the main part of the programme, next

term, with some degree of confidence. L.S.E.'s best performance came, however, not in the league but in the cup when we lost in extra time to St. Mary's Hospital. Despite quickly being two goals down, a fighting come-back coupled with good teamwork led to second half goals by Derek Fry and Keith Hindley. Against the run of play

St. Marys scored in extra time to win 3—2.

With outstanding players both in defence and attack L.S.E. possesses a strong, well balanced side this year and assuming that we can beat Kings and U.C. next term could well see L.S.E. winning the league after five years in the relative wilderness.



Motoring penalties slammed

"All the statutory disqualifications for motoring offences hinder the courts and in many cases result in some of our best and safest drivers being off the road" said Lord Chief Justice Parker when he came to talk to the Law Society last Thursday.

He argued that a compulsive motorist, who was continually up for taking and driving away would build up a total of about twenty-five years disqualification by the time he was twenty-one. "If these people had a licence



they would probably be excellent lorry drivers. But because of what Parliament has laid down they will never be able to do the job for which they are best fitted."

Asked about the recent criticism of different sentences for the same offences he said that the press were largely to blame because they did not know the full facts in many of the cases where criticism had been levelled.

"How is the Daily Express to know that when I let an old lag out on probation it is because his employer has come and spoken for him and said he would have him back. Similarly, I may not send a young man to prison if he has found himself a steady girl friend and wants to settle down and get married."

Stressed

He stressed that in sentencing the judges have to try to work out in what way to make a useful citizen out of the offender.

He was sure that savage sentences would stop a spate of one particular sort of crime. He quoted the recent cases of vandalism in telephone kiosks which ended after a long prison sentence was meted out.

Prison

Also the Race riots in Notting Hill were brought to an end when four teenage boys received prison sentences of three years each. But habitual crimes could not be stopped by savage sentences. The Recorder of Liverpool had tried doubling the sentences for House-breaking, but crimes of this nature had increased not decreased as a result.

Apprehension at Holborn that a large number of African students who are fearful of disciplinary action and generally apathetic about Union matters may not lend their support.

Four years of negotiation over adequate student representation

Regent St. Poly's five basic demands were refused. Instead they were offered a weak joint committee not dealing with matters of direct concern to students.

AT THE MEETING in the Old Theatre last Friday afternoon, Union welcomed speakers from the Regent St. Polytechnic and Holborn College of Commerce to support a motion urging that "Union expresses its complete support for the students of Regent St. Poly. and Holborn College of Commerce in their struggle against the College authorities."

"Union instructs President and Council to

organise, if necessary, the maximum numbers of L.S.E. and other students possible to participate in the demonstration and meeting next Thursday."

This appeal to direct action follows four years of fruitless negotiation over adequate student representation in the administration of the Polytechnic. Matters have come to a head in recent months since the proposed amalgamation with Holborn.

Although no dissent in principle to the amalgamation has been expressed, on

both sides students have been complaining of a lack of staff-student consultation. At Holborn two working parties were set up to discuss the details of the new conditions of work and of Student Union structure.

Autonomy

According to the new arrangement, the Union at Holborn, previously enjoying considerable autonomy are to lose this. At a teach-in on Monday evening the Principal, Mr. Williden, and the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Mr. Totterdale, were repeatedly asked why they had not pressed for the

inclusion of student representatives on these working parties. They were unable to give acceptable answers.

In both colleges the student's feel that they, as the integral part of the institution and as responsible and mature members of a community, should play a part in the government of that community.

They made, accordingly, five basic demands:

(i) 10% Student Representation on the Governing Body. This was refused.

(ii) A permanent liaison committee of 50% Students, 50% Administrative / Academic staff. In Regent St. they were offered: "a weak joint committee not dealing with matters of direct concern to students." At Holborn, nothing.

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Many staff and students have been dissatisfied with this way of doing things. One member of staff told me, "I believe there should have been public discussion on these matters from the start."

Comments

The Academic Board sent a resolution to the Committee asking for information and received the following reply:—"The Committee is proceeding with all speed to complete its draft report which it hopes to be able to present to the Standing Committee and the Academic Board early in the Lent term. The Committee would expect to meet later to consider any comments which the Board and Standing Committee may make on the report."

This reply was described to me as "irrelevant" by a member of staff.

From its very beginnings the Committee has been silent about what it has been doing. It has so far been impossible to get any comment from anybody concerned, with the exception of the Director, who is as helpful as the Committee will allow him to be.

Traffic negotiations

If the thought of returning to LSE after the Christmas vacation and its excesses seems somewhat dismal to you, Ents Comm. have lined up a programme of dances which should re-ignite your spirits.

Plans are in store for better dances with better groups—booked so far are "Ten Years After," the newest of the progressive Blues groups from The Marquee, who feature the incredible guitar playing of Alvin Lee, held by many critics to be second only to Eric Clapton.

For those with a more discerning ear, the "Bonzo Dog Doo-Dah Band" are guaranteed to entertain, startle and offend. Their last appearance at the Saville, which boasts the most notoriously



New look Ents Comm, from the posters upwards.

"cool" audience in town, brought two encores and three curtain calls.

If none of these groups appeal to you, perhaps the re-

sults of present negotiations for Jimi Hendrix, Traffic or The Cream will tempt you into LSE on a Saturday night.

THE Graduate Students' Association has at last pulled itself together, if only in the form of a reasonably coherent committee. They intend to be more than just tea party organisers and with the first long and tedious AGM over, those at the top have settled down to thread their way carefully through the narrow roads that may lead to some improvements for graduates.

Ronny Millet and hench-

men are both well organised and enthusiastic, but bound by a genuine lack of interest in what they are trying to do.

But more significantly, the Association is hampered by its past, rather negative role at LSE. It desperately needs money—almost double or treble its present income—and a secretarial staff if it is to attempt to carry forward its intentions.

Certainly, it needs more publicity—and it needs to

have greater co-operation with the Union—if only to break down the ice cold gap between graduates and undergraduates. Whilst the committee is "utterly disgusted" with the School's attitude on the proposed nursery, very cordial relations with the Secretary of the Graduate School have gone a long way in helping the G.S.A. to engage itself in the real problems which face graduate students.

(iii) 25% representation on all Academic and Departmental Boards and Committees. Nothing was offered except the possibility of joint committees being set up by the Academic Executive Council.

(iv) A Disciplinary Tribunal of 50% Governors 50% Students. They received a numberless committee, two of which would be students, to deal with those disciplinary measures not dealt with by the Director of the Academic Council.

(v) An Autonomous Student Union. No Autonomy granted.

March

For the planned strike today the two colleges have arranged a mass demonstration culminating in a march to County Hall and the Lobbying of M.P.'s.

A large number of other colleges, Polytechnics and Universities, including Strathclyde, Southampton, Bristol University and Bristol College of Commerce, and (of course) L.S.E., have sent messages of solidarity, and in some cases promises of active support.

The Principals of the respective two colleges have indeed now recommended that the students take their requests to I.L.E.A., or failing that to the Ministry. For now in fact they claim that responsibility no longer rests in their hands and that, in any case, the ultimate responsibility rests with the Education Authority in consultation with the ministry.

Turnout

The organisers hope to see a large turnout from Regent St. Poly; it is expected that at least 75% of students will take part. At Holborn there is apprehension that the very large number of African students who are fearful of disciplinary action and generally apathetic about Union matters may not lend their support.

It now remains to watch developments closely to see what result this action will have.