

# VICTORY

## Administration Finally Severs Links With Apartheid

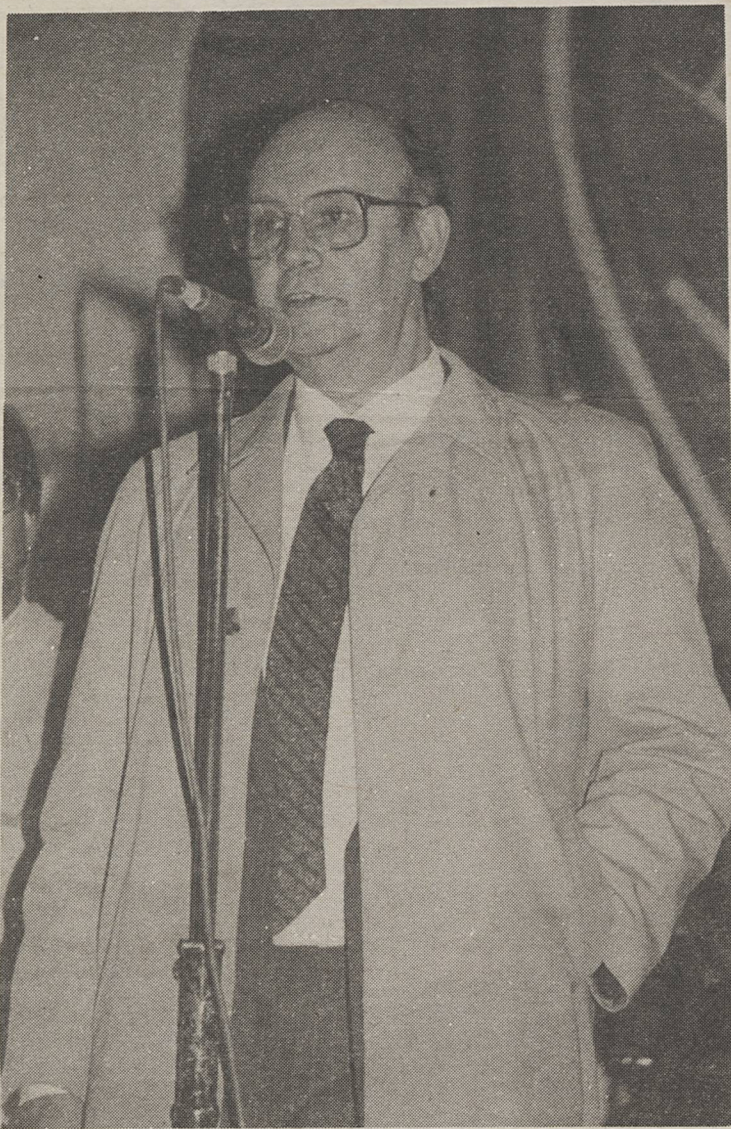


Photo: Rebecca Dutton

Tuesday 23 February, 7pm. Bob Hughes MP reads the list of companies and the divestment campaign is finally over, twelve years after it first began.

**"Its rather unfortunate thinking, but that's your prerogative."**  
— South African Embassy Press Office.

**"We appreciate the stand you have taken to impose sanctions against South Africa. Collaboration with apartheid must be made unprofitable and then it will cease."**  
— African National Congress.

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The twelve year campaign waged by the Students Union against the School's holdings in companies with South African interests finally ended on Tuesday, when the Court of Governors announced its historic decision to sell all of its shares in such companies. The LSE is the first British university to fully divest itself of South African-related shares. Messages of support were flooding into the Students Union all week, welcoming the decision which came, symbolically, exactly a year after students went into occupation over the issue.

The sense of victory felt by students involved in the Divestment Campaign was heightened by the scale of the divestment; not only the eighteen companies demanded by the Students Union, but a further eight have been or will be sold with a total face value of around three million pounds. Twenty of the companies concerned - including some of the largest firms in Britain - are no longer in the School's portfolio, and the Court has agreed in principle to sell another four, and two are deemed 'marginal cases'. These two do not transgress the less stringent EEC guidelines on divestment (which are, broadly, conditional on the employment policies pursued by companies in South Africa), but it is expected that they will eventually be sold in line with the LSE 'Code of Conduct'.

This situation signifies a remarkable turnaround since December, when only six companies had been sold and Sir Anthony Burney, chair of the Court of Governors Investments Committee, is reported to have said that "the students are wriggling". It is thought that the change of attitude within the Court reflects not only the very real threat of occupation, but the School's anxiety to avoid the sort of publicity which could provide the government with justification to reduce its central grant under the powers of the soon-to-be-passed Education Bill.

### Rally

The decision was officially announced to students at a Victory Rally in the Quadrangle at 7pm last Tuesday. Following the opening announcements from the LSE's George Binette and Avinash Persaud, the meeting was addressed by Bob Hughes MP, Chair of the Anti-Apartheid Movement (AAM), who read out the list of companies whose shares have been sold. He said that the decision would be welcomed throughout the UK. It should, however, be seen in the context of what is happening in South Africa and in the anti-apartheid campaign in this country. He condemned South African involvement in Angola and said that the situation in South Africa itself had not improved. In Britain, the new local Government Bill will give the government the power to pre-

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vent local authorities from boycotting South African companies - thus, he argued, the government was preaching freedom of choice, but supporting apartheid by restricting the actions of local authorities.

Karen Talbot, also of AAM, said that for the divestment campaign to have succeeded only a year after the occupation was "a tremendous success". She stressed the objective of publicising the LSE decision in South Africa itself, to boost the morale of anti-apartheid groups there. She appealed to LSE students to try to spread the divestment issue to other colleges - the success of the LSE campaign would, she said, encourage students at universities such as Oxford and Durham, who are at present fighting their own campaigns.

This point was made forcibly also by Avinash Persaud, who said that divestment "must go beyond the walls of the LSE". The LSE will provide an invaluable example for other students unions to cite, as it has proved that divestment is "not only morally right but practical and feasible". He said that LSE students must not be complacent but must try to make divestment NUS policy.

The history of Divestment - see Page 7

The day after the decision was announced a message was received from the African National Congress, expressing thanks for the Students Union's support for its cause. It included the following passage: "Apartheid collaborators must be made to realise that they cannot defend racists and claim to be non-racist; they cannot support apartheid and preach freedom; they cannot exploit cheap labour in S. Africa and continue to trade with Africa... collaboration with apartheid must be made unprofitable and then it will cease."

### Victory

General Secretary Nick Randall commented: "The motion of support passed by such a normally right wing student body as Imperial College shows the extent to which our campaign can influence other colleges. In view of all the publicity surrounding the LSE at the moment, our victory couldn't have come at a better time with regard to its potential impact in other student unions."

Already some media coverage has been gained for LSE's divestment decision, especially in the *Financial Times* and more publicity is hoped for. It was this element which helped last year's occupation of Connaught House to be successful. Reaction from politicians has been swift and an Early Day Motion of congratulation is to begin in the House of Commons next week.



# THE BEAVER

## CONGRATULATIONS

It is nice amidst all the tacky stories about the yuppification of the LSE and all the cliches about the death of student radicalism, to record a success. Minor in terms of world history, but nevertheless an innovative first. All ending on an anti-climactic note lost in the depths of bureaucracy, but still an epic for those who took part. Above all proof that mass action can still work. The LSE has divested and we should all be proud.

But it is not simply the threat of re-occupation that made the LSE rush to sell its shares. The skillful use of the media and the support of academic staff has also been crucial to this campaign. The union officials who advocated caution as opposed to militancy have been vindicated. The long awaited announcement that LSE had finally sold all its shares in companies with "unethical" investments in South Africa came quietly, bureaucratically, in a bland statement handed to the student governors.

Now the publicity gained from this victory must be used to spread the campaign for financial sanctions to other universities. But in the meantime congratulations are in order. LSE students are back where they belong, making headlines.

## VOTE YOU BASTARDS VOTE

The most consistent feature of a Students' Union election is not anything to do with politics or even personalities. It is the typically low turnout, usually around 25% to 40%. The majority stays away and gives legitimacy to the constant moaning about the Union being unrepresentative. In fact the LSE Union, with its high turnouts for a fully-sovereign UGM and its weak Executive would be difficult for a minority of whatever party to take over. But it's nonetheless unhealthy for internal for internal democracy that so few can be bothered to vote. On Thursday this can be put right. Everyone should vote - and then stop complaining about the hacks they elect.

Dear Editor,  
I would like to correct an inaccuracy in the article "Sexual Harassment and LSE". I was not merely "hesitant about disclosing any information which might discourage women from seeking advice". I totally refused to divulge any information concerning the numbers of women who seek my advice about sexual harassment or about the nature of their concerns. All discussions are confidential, a fact which I made clear to Ms Burgess.

I did make available to her a paper on Sexual Harassment

which contains the results of a survey on harassment in LSE carried out by the Students Union in 1984. I should point out that the incidence of harassment, 53%, reported in that survey was considerably lower than that attributed to the NUS survey and that the majority was student-student harassment.

I would endorse Ms Burgess' view that LSE does take sexual harassment seriously and has taken active steps to eradicate it.

Yours sincerely,  
Dr J E Stockdale  
Adviser to Women Students

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Many thanks to Dorothee, Vanessa and Helen for typing. Full marks (jolly hockey sticks!!!) to Tom, Ali, Rebecca, Jon, Dorothee and Yours Truly for staying up too late (deadlines!!!).

Happy Birthday to Stavros (45?) who left well before dawn.

See you all same time next week.

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## A Statement from the LSE

South Africa and the School's Shareholdings

At its meeting on 23 February 1988 the Joint Meeting of the Standing Committee and the Student Governors received a report on the latest position on the School's shareholdings and South Africa.

Prior to March 1987 it had long been School policy to have no direct investments in companies which have more than 5% of profits or assets from South African sources. In March 1987, a Code of Conduct was established on shareholdings in companies which have investment links with South Africa. A central tenet of this Code is that the School will ensure that its financial affairs are so conducted that it cannot justly be accused of supporting or colluding with apartheid. The Investments Committee and the Code of Conduct Committee have carried out a thorough and careful investigation of companies in the School's portfolio regarded as appropriate for review.

In this context, in December the Court of Governors received a report on the work of the Investments Committee and the Code of Conduct Committee. The Court gave further guidance to the Code of Conduct Committee and the Investments Committee about the procedure for reaching decisions about the School's shareholdings, in the light of the Code of Conduct Committee's initial findings. The Court resolution of December 1987 explicitly stated that "this procedure should be as speedy as possible and no delay should take place in disposing of investments which are in breach of the Code."

In all, since March 1987, shareholdings in 18 companies have been sold, half the shareholdings in one company have been sold and the remaining half and shares in one other company are in the process of being sold. It has been agreed that four companies will be sold subject to the completion of the agreed procedure and the cases of two companies will be referred to the Chairmen of the Investments Committee and the Code of Conduct Committee for a decision because these appear to be marginal cases in relation to the LSE Code.

## Personal is the political !??

Dear Beaver,  
Ali Fassa's film critique of Nuts in the 15 February issue contained a false dilemma. The critic found a predicament about the integrity of the film. Mainly Ms Barbra Streisand does not know the boundary between "epic ego-trip and sensitive social statement."

What is a boundary? Maybe the predicament is that the personal is the political. I departed from the theatre, with the feeling that the entire cast portrayed that predicament quite well.

Yours truly,

E Teresa Tovey

## Verbose?

Dear Beaver,

Amidst historic news on divestment, cross-campus demonstrations against Clause 28, the Baker Bill and new sexual harassment procedures, The Beaver has decided to devote several yards of front page column inches to the fact that myself and others tried to reveal the incompetence and unconstitutional behavior of the Overseas Students' Officer - shame on me! This is personally flattering, but somewhat sad.

Even more mystifying is that in trying to reveal Fabian Borcke's incompetence The Beaver thinks we have done something wrong. I thought it was the duty of a Students' Union newspaper to assist in the uncovering of incompetence and, as in the case of Borcke, the possible misuse of Union funds.

What has prompted me to write, however, is not the farcical sensationalizing of political manoeuvres but the implication in last week's Beaver that I misled the Union in an answer to a question asked by a potential Tory sabbatical candidate who refused to put his name to it.

The Beaver states that I knew about the question to Borcke asking him to account for his failure to organise the annual party for overseas students who couldn't afford to go home for Christmas. Yes I did. The Beaver then goes on "but Persaud denied knowledge of the attack on the Greens at the Union." I did, but anyone with reasonable intelligence (Beaver reporters can skip the next few lines) will spot that knowledge about an attack on the Green Forum's budget are not synonymous. Those who had access to the figures on Green Forum expenditures knew about the attack on the "Greens" - not me.

I will like to end by emphasizing one thing. If The Beaver serves to detract from incompetence and unconstitutional conduct in our Union officers then all students suffer. The Beaver should be in front informing students that we have an Overseas Officer who:

\* (fact) has failed to make any formal complaint to the School in this year's remarkable £125 above costs increase in fees,

\* (fact) has failed to organise the annual party for overseas students who could not afford to go home for Christmas

\* (fact) broke the constitution by being treasurer of the Green Forum at the same time as he was a Junior Treasurer of the Students' Union.

\* (fact) broke the constitution in holding the position of Students' Union Executive member and Junior Treasurer.

If *The Beaver* won't reveal gross misconduct by one of our officers I have no regret in doing so myself, and anybody who would like to join me in a conspiracy against incompetence is most welcome.

Yours

Avinash D Persaud

## A Real Newspaper

Dear Beaver,

I would like to congratulate you on the "Greengate" article in this week's issue of the paper. For the first time I have read something that seems to be fairly objective, without much of the usual axe-grinding.

If this standard of journalism is maintained, there is a danger that it will change from a mutual masturbation society (mutual appreciation - if you prefer) into a real newspaper. I live in hope.

Yours,

Tony Owen

(Philosophy Dept.)

## Rag Chair's Thanks

Well, this year's Rag Week is over and I must say that it's quite a relief. However, contrary to what many may believe, I don't regret a single moment. Sure enough, there were ups and downs, throughout the term and especially throughout the ten days of Rag Week itself, but the moments of fun were great. Although I won't stand for Chair next year, I enjoyed the term and a half organising rag.

Of course, the job would have been impossible had it not been for the valuable help of the Rag Committee, my friends and anyone who participated, organised or bought anything. Thank you to them. My special thanks, however, go to Richard, for the use (or should I say "misuse") of his office and support throughout.

Emma and Fiona, for a very funny Rag Mag (I thought so!) and the sandwiches which kept my body alive!

Crispin for putting together some of the best events and taking a lot of weight off my back.

Jason, a special thanks, for being there when others weren't and allowing me to put things into perspective.

Jean-Paul, for organising (with Stuart) a brilliant Tube Hunt and for being one of the few survivors of the Rag Committee on the stall.

Jim and all the bar staff for their help and consideration.

Francis, for some good ideas, good advice and egg all over my face!

The Hall Reps (Freddie, Bolaji, Ben, Kathy, Fiona, etc...) for providing many of us with some of the best events.

Kathy and Fiona for Rag Mag publicity.

Maike and Michael for general publicity.

Josh for doing the accounts (without him, Rag wouldn't have raised any funds at all!)

Michael Benjamin, Tim Hunter, Nick Randall, Justin Russell, Justin McCurry, Helen, Imogen, the Drama Soc, Lucy Smyth, Dan, Gabriella, Alex, Hall Presidents, Bear, Nigel, Mark Wynne-Jones and the Passfield Cheerleaders. More than anything, I thank Viki (a brilliant secretary), Kate and Stuart for helping me, often without realising it.

My apologies to anyone I forgot - really. Everybody helped in their own way. I hope that despite everything, you have enjoyed yourselves and that we will all remain friends.

Thank you,

Olivier Lacheze-Beer



## Success on Housing Pilot Scheme Given Go-Ahead by School and Union

by ANDREW CORNWELL

Nine months of effort by General Secretary Nick Randall to establish LSE Students Union's Housing Association have been rewarded. Last week a working party set up jointly by the Union and the administration delivered their report. It gives the go-ahead for a pilot scheme to house the first students by October this year.

Subject to agreement by the Standing Committee of the Court of Governors, the first house will be purchased in the next three months. It will be financed partly by the LSE and partly by LSE SU Housing Association from money raised in Rag Week and by a 2% levy on prices in the Three Tuns Bar and Union Shop. But the majority of the finance will come from a loan negotiated through the Nationwide Anglia Building Society. Five students will be accommodated in the first house, which will probably be in North London.

General Secretary Randall is delighted with the outcome of the working party. The Housing Association has strong support among academics and the School administration, which was reflected in the contributions and advice from housing experts in the Department of Social Administration. Pro-Director Robert Pinker chaired the working party. He said:

"Everyone is very positive about the idea. We welcome it in principle and think that it will make a significant contribution to solving the housing needs of students."

The main recommendations of his report are:

1. That a pilot scheme be established to prove LSE's competence in running a Housing Association, so that a successful application for government grants can subsequently be made.

2. That the LSE explore ways of indirectly financing the project e.g. by a capital grant to the Union. (It is illegal for universities to spend money directly on housing - for example the Butler's Wharf project is being financed by loans and donations.)



3. In addition the report acknowledged the importance of tenants being represented in the management of the Association. Until it is large enough to justify employing its own manager, the Association will rely on outside contract management for day-to-day tasks such as repairs, cleaning and rent-collection.

By far the biggest problem facing Randall's initiative is uncertainty over government policy. A new Housing Bill is

currently going through parliament. If unamended it could seriously affect the chances of being able to buy and let property on an economic basis. Further restrictions are planned on eligibility for housing benefit, which could force up rents to levels beyond what students can afford. And, worse, the ceiling for levels of grant to Housing Associations is being cut from 90% to 50%. Without adequate grant finance the long-term future of the LSE project will be in doubt.

The announcement of success was welcomed on all sides at last Thursday's UGM, and candidates for sabbatical elections are rushing to pledge their support for the policy. But there was inevitably some controversy. LSE Conservatives claimed that the Labour-run SU is simply copying their approach to housing. In response Nick Randall said after the Union meeting that:

"Since Thatcher was elected, new housing starts have fallen from 52,000 a year to 18,000 a year in the Housing Association sector. Now Housing Corporation grants are going to be cut by half. I think LSE Tories are a little mixed-up."

It is now two years since then-Senior Treasurer Richard Snell set up the Housing Association on paper, but Randall believes times of slow progress are past. "It's nice to know something concrete has been achieved, subject to ratification by the Standing Committee." The ball is now in the LSE Governors court.

"This House Believes There Are No Major Human Rights Abuses In The Soviet Union" Proposed by Sergei Chasnikov, Soviet Embassy.

Opposed by Professor Freeman, UCL.  
Wednesday 2nd March 1.45pm in the Old Theatre.

### Course Evaluation

A Course Evaluation Questionnaire, developed by the Committee on Undergraduate Studies will be available to all undergraduate and General Course students, when they collect their examination entry and option registration forms this week. Students are asked to complete the questionnaire with regard to any two of the courses which they are pursuing to examination this summer. Return completed questionnaires (which are anonymous) to the Exam and Timetabling Office (H302) when you return your exam/option forms.

Mike Reddin  
Lecturer in Social Administration (for C.U.S.)

## Victory On Divestment How They Reacted



**"I warmly support and congratulate you on your efforts. I hope divestment will extend to other universities."**

**- Tony Benn.**

**"It is a tremendous victory for students at LSE and for black people in South Africa and ought to be a beacon of hope for black people everywhere."**

**- Diane Abbott MP.**

**"In 1968 students were attempting to make their colleges more socially responsible. It is a sad comment that it has taken 20 years to achieve this."**  
**- Martin Tomkinson, Deputy President of LSE SU in 1968.**

**"I am delighted. It is part of growing pattern which I hope will increasingly produce a withdrawal of Britain's shameful involvement with the apartheid regime."** **- Bryan Gould MP.**

**"Splendid news. I hope it will be emulated by other universities."**

**- David Steel MP.**

**"We welcome the decision taken by the LSE and congratulate the Students Union on the success of its campaign."**  
**- National Union of Students.**

## Computer Violence

Last Wednesday night Psychology Department lecturer Andrew Wells was assaulted as he confronted a thief in an office in the St. Clements Building. He was struck in the face and badly bruised. His attacker was white, well built, around 6ft tall and in his forties. A police investigation is under way.

The incident is being linked to a series of thefts of computer hardware that have occurred in the St. Clements Building since the New Year. In all six computer keyboards have been stolen from offices in the building. The attack on Mr. Wells has prompted the School steps protect both property and staff. The School Secretary, Dr. Christine Challis, has issued a new set of security arrangements for the St. Clements building effectively closing it down after 9.30pm. It is not yet certain how long these "arrangements" will stay in force.

### Selection of Papers for Next Session

(This concerns all First and Second Year Undergraduates)

*Undergraduates, General Course and Diploma Students.*

You should go to the Timetabling and Examinations Office (H302), Connaught House, as soon as possible on or after **Monday 29 February** to collect your individual CONFIRMATION OF EXAMINATION ENTRY AND SELECTION OF PAPERS form for next session.

The form must be completed, signed by your tutor, and handed in at the Timetabling and Examinations Office no later than **FRI-DAY 11th MARCH.**





## AT THE UNION

by JAMES ROBERTSON

"If you go down to the woods today, you're in for a big surprise ... Or maybe not."

The billing wasn't really appropriate. In big letters and silver glitter, the Old Theatre proclaimed the "LSE Variety Show". It wasn't Variety. In fact, it was the annual hustings meeting. The performances of many of the would-be sabbaticals might be more accurately described as Alternative Comedy. Alternative Comedy, to paraphrase Alexi Sayle, in that it wasn't funny.

Indeed, funny it most bloody well wasn't (apologies for the Chas Begley style of alliteration/gutter press prose). This is no place for righteous anger, not even with one's tongue in one's cheek, so let us proceed straight to the bottom line. This concerns whether the studied populism of Randall-Ford-Russell, and its achievements over the past year, from divestment to the Housing Association is to be continued by their chosen heirs, Amanda Hart, Jason Ruff, and Phil Davis, or is to be halted by a split liberal (sic, small: l) vote, courtesy of SWSS and the, otherwise invisible, "Albanian Stalinists" of the London Student Movement, and a unified anti-Labour vote drawn, "like flies to shit" said one, to the Conservative candidates, von Hapsburg, Blakeman, and Mehmet. According to last year's figures this seems unlikely, but within the bounds of possibility.

Such anti-liberal, progressive, social-democratic, call it what you will, bedfellows are not as strange as they may seem. The overriding conservatism of much of the Union has been increasingly apparent since last year's occupation. Indeed, the cry of the SWSS candidates was "tradition", and the calls of the LSM men for "unity and action", were as vague and empty as Blakeman's claim to embody the "future of student unionism into the 1990s".



Cicutti rants ... The vicious attacks of the vicious Tory government led by the vicious Thatcher and her vicious Lackeys ...

In his speech, would-be Senior Treasurer Nic Cicutti invited "the right" to "piss off". However, the most enduring image of the meeting came near the end, with



Cicutti grinning, dionconcertingly like Pat Robertson, as he jumped about, vigorously applauding would-be General Secretary Francis von Hapsburg as he scored some minor political point at the expense of that ubiquitous devil, "the Labour Club". Perhaps they should do a deal now; drop Blakeman, like Popeye without the spinach, and Cicutti's equally forgettable running mate, and run on some kind of "dream ticket", promising to close down the Union and offer everyone a free copy of Socialist Worker and membership of BUPA instead.



Von Hapsburg nurtures beard

Indeed, the only time any of the bed-fellows got beyond the vaguest of generalizations about "self-activity", independence and the like, was when the Conservatives took enough rope to hang themselves with such gems as "let's not worry about South Africa" (Mehmet), and the NHS is of "very little relevance to us at the LSE" (von Hapsburg). The inability to forget the whole divestment campaign, or to overlook the fact one's health is not guaranteed simply by the fact of being a student, led many to feel that such statements showed little understanding of life in and around Houghton St.

By contrast, what details and ideas as came forward were from the candidates of the established order, pushing the usual staid but rewarding populism/collectivism. Ruff claimed the mantle of Richard Ford, promising a minibus and "up to date records", Hart talked about issues such as Clause 28 and disabled access, and Davis outlined his priorities for the Union's dealings with the School, including the desire to establish a Central American Scholarship, and strengthen the South African one.

Divestment, and the Housing Association, not surprisingly, were other priorities. Earlier, Randall had declared that "our de-

Public Enemy Number One. Yes, it's Paul "Kitchen" Mehmet bidding for stardom.

PHOTOS by THOMAS BOARD

mands (on divestment) have been met" by the School. Reading a message of support from the ANC, he outlined how the issue was now one of taking our example to other Student Unions. With his usual careful timing, Randall also promised that the Housing Association would have its first house "before October", with the School coming up with 50% funding. "We've actually done something", he pointed out, "Vote Labour in the election!"

This, the first part at least, was something that even von Hapsburg, whose concern for the housing problems of students has been conspicuous by its absence up to now, was forced to admit, when he talked of the "excellent policies" of the present incumbents. As for the second part, well, the contrast was stark.

Meanwhile, life, surprisingly, goes on outside of the LSE. Alan Rogers of the Stamford Hill Estate in Hackney, was treated to us behaving "like pigs" (Imogen), while he tried to outline the circumstances of the 200 people living on the estate facing eviction by 250 police, plus bailiffs etc., next week. Mr. Rogers invited our support, trusting in the belief that the LSE has "something of a reputation ... for militant action ...". "This will not be a boring demonstration", he promised, but rather "a lively affair", offering scope for some "autonomous action". It would not be the kind of place for the paper-sellers or the "Today" readers of the Cicuttivon Hapsburg axis. Expect to see them leafleting the Brunch Bowl.

So, up the Picadilly Line to Hackney, and "... you can make some links with lots of local people who are rather pissed off ...". It was, perhaps, a call to all the "generally alienated students", described elsewhere in the meeting, who usually put in an appearance, or a least a question, at this time of year, to criticise the hacks. Actions, so they say, speak louder than words. Clearly, in Hackney and elsewhere, everywhere, there are more important things than LSE elections. But the pigs could still take over the farm. After the hustings meeting, these elections appear important enough to remain concerned that the work of the last year or so doesn't go down the drain in the time it takes to read a copy of Socialist Worker or see through the purile games of the Conservatives.

J.R.

TO CAROLINE STACK - EVEN THOUGH I SEE YOU IN MY CLASS, I STILL DIDN'T HAVE THE COURAGE TO ASK YOU TO BE MY VALENTINE. J.H.

There's the known and the unknown. What separates the two is the door. That's what I want to be ... I WANNA BE THE DOOOOORRR!!! - JM/EB

Alfred's mother is back from the grave.

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Capitalist tips for the week put on hold, writer on vacation.

Wendy Denis had the most admirers this week. You can lead, follow or get out of the way - Combat Batchelor

A certain female American general course student seeks a well-bred Englishman to ride into the sunset.

## Personals

Thoughts in time and out of season. The hitchiker levels his thumb in the calm calculus of reason. J.M./E.B.

Dear NICK, JUSTIN and RICHARD, You sure remind me of 3 other people: MAGGIE, NIGEL and KENNETH.

Would you like to work in the CAFE? £2.30 per hour - see Shirley for details.

The law against cannabis is immoral in principal and unworkable in practise.

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## C SOCIETIES RNER



by STAVROS MAKRIS

EURIF (European Integration Forum) in association with WEPS (West European Politics Society) present on Monday, 29th February at 5pm in S601 Professor Vernon Bogdawor of Oxford University. He will speak on the *Question of National Sovereignty in Europe and the Myth of European Unity*. While on the subject of Europe, a new society is being formed. It is to be a branch of a national and a European organisation. It will be offering the chance to all those interested in matters of the Community to participate in "European activities outside LSE". The first general meeting is to be held on Tuesday, 1st March at 1pm in A141 where the objectives of the organisation will be highlighted. On Saturday, 5th March the national AGM will take place in Oxford.

EURIF regular meetings are on Wednesdays and this week the society will be discussing its constitution.

The LSE History Society has arranged trips to the *Age of Chivalry* exhibition on Monday, 29th February and Wednesday, 2nd March. All interested should meet outside the East Building at 2pm, the admission fee is £2. The society is also sponsoring a free lecture on *Marriage and Politics in the Middle Ages* on Tuesday, 1st March at 5pm in A506.

On Monday, 29th February, at 5pm in A506 Richard Graham from Survival International will be speaking about the plight of Australian Aborigines. This guest speaker will be expanding on the steps taken to grant Aborigines their rights. All members of the School are invited to attend.

The LSE Chaplaincy presents Jo Richardson MP: Shadow Minister for Women on Monday, 29th February, in A85 at 1pm. The theme of this speech is *Public Office Versus Private Life. Do Women Pay a Higher Price?*

The Cari-Soc present on Tuesday, 1st March H. Blackman of the World Bank (Paris). His talk will evolve around aid and whether it helps underdeveloped nations. All interested should turn up in A220 at 1pm.

Peter Loizos of the Social Anthropology department, will be speaking on Tuesday, 8th March on "Whose solution to whose Cypriot Problem", a subject close to the hearts of Cypriot and Greek students around the world.

Associacao Sul Americana LSE, in other words the LSE South American Society have organised a *Carnaval Ball*. "London's Best Brazilian Band" Matraca will be playing. The venue is the Bedford Corner Hotel, Bayley Street, Tottenham Court Road Tube and the date is Friday, 11th March at 8pm. So jot it down in the *old diary*. Dress Fancy Formal. For more information contact members of the society.

The Lse Actuarial Society held its first meeting on Tuesday, 23rd February, where Geraldine Kaye drew an overview of actuarial employment in different areas of actuarial science. The society would like to remind its members that its next meeting will be on Thursday, 17th March at 5.30pm. Christopher Deykan, will be speaking on the role of the subject in government policy.

I would like to apologise to the Afro Caribbean Society and to the LSE Greens for not including information about their activities this week. This is due to the fact that information handed in concerning their meetings was inadvertently lost among the mounts of information that reach *The Beaver*.



## Students' Union Sparks Debate

by SHANTANU MITRA

The Students' Union has embarked on an ambitious attempt to bring high-level political debate to the LSE. The first of the LSE/New Statesman Debates will take place on Tuesday 1st March at 7.30pm in the Old Theatre. The motion that "This House believes that the Free Market is the Prison of the Poor" will be debated by Roy Hattersley, John Lloyd of the *Financial Times*, Professor Kenneth Minogue and Bruce Anderson of the *Sunday Telegraph*.

All those interested are invited to attend and to put across their views from the floor. It is hoped that this will be an "on-going" series which will attract distinguished speakers to the LSE on a regular basis.

The debates are a joint venture between the Students' Union and the *New Statesman*. General Secretary Nick Randall told *The Beaver* he was "extremely happy that we have managed to organise such a prestigious event. Hopefully it will revitalise intellectual debate at the LSE, and it should be remembered that this has come about as a result of the efforts of the Students' Union and not the School".



**Divestment Boogie: LSE celebrates after last Tuesday's Victory Rally.** A collection and raffle raised £210 for anti-apartheid, said LSE AA chair Francis Cassidy. Two bands gave their services for the benefit gig.

## Awayday Of Action

A small contingent of 15 LSE students travelled to Manchester last Saturday for the National Day of Action against Clause 28 of the Local Government Bill. The march - which attracted around twenty thousand people, "the largest demonstration Manchester has ever seen" (BBC) - was vociferous and well-organised; there were no arrests.

The large turnout has been seen as indicative of the anger that Clause 28 has provoked; it has received condemnation from almost all sections of society, and this was reflected in the diversity of people protesting.

The rally was held in Albert Square, in front of the Free Trade Hall. Bands had been booked and celebrities like Tom Robinson, Jimmy Sommerville and Michael Cashman (Colin from EastEnders) were there giving moral support. Speakers included Linda Bellos, Peter Tatchell, Duncan Campbell (of Zircon fame) and a Labour Party representative who read out a letter of support from Neil Kinnock.

Their message was very straightforward: Clause 28 is bad news indeed; Its implications for the gay and lesbian community are extremely worrying; It is negative legislation, sponsored by reactionary politicians; It will help no-one, but only jeopardize the progress hitherto made in changing people's attitudes. Concern was expressed that the Clause 28 would curb artistic freedom by outlawing any work of art, film or literature deemed to be "promoting homosexuality." The Clause, in its current form, is sufficiently vague to allow this interpretation.

## News in Brief

by TOM PARKER and ANDREW CORNWELL

### Good Start For Labour

Though voting is not due until Thursday, first results are already in for the SU Executive elections. Mike van Hulten (Overseas Student Officer) and Avinash Persaud (Postgraduate Officer) have been returned unopposed. Both are Labour candidates.

Van Hulten, recently elected President of Carr Saunders Hall, stated that he intended to make the better integration of overseas students into the Union a priority. He feels that at present they are often excluded from both political and social life at the LSE and he welcomed the creation of the Overseas Student Forum to tackle this problem.

Voting for next year's three sabbatical officers, delegates to the NUS Easter conference, SU Finance Committee and SU Executive is between 9:30am and 7pm on Thursday. All students are entitled to vote on production of their library card.

### London Grant

The University of London has been allocated a recurrent grant of £265,870,000 for 1988/89. The Court of the University will be considering the distribution of this sum to schools at its March meeting, after which the School's allocation will be known. In all the government will be distributing a grand total of £1,574,000,000 to British universities in the next academic year, an increase of 8.2 percent over 1987/88.

### Graverobbers Threaten LSE

Mr. Derek Fatchett, on Labour's front-bench, has tabled amendments to Kenneth Baker's Education Reform Bill allowing the LSE to acquire the freehold of its main buildings upon the abolition of the Inner London Education Authority (ILEA). There are fears that the property could revert to the Tory-controlled Westminster council and then be sold, regardless of LSE's history and reputation. Westminster council recently made the news by selling three council-owned graveyards to property developers for the impressive sum of 5p each, a deal which is now being investigated by the Fraud Squad.

### All The President's Men

LSE alumnus Judge Anthony Kennedy (General Course student 1958) has been confirmed for the US Supreme Court by the full Senate. Mr. Kennedy is President Reagan's third choice to fill the vacancy left by the retirement of Justice Lewis Powell last June. The two previous candidates, Judge Bork and Judge Ginsberg, were both considered unacceptable by the opposition Democratic Party which currently holds a majority in the Senate.

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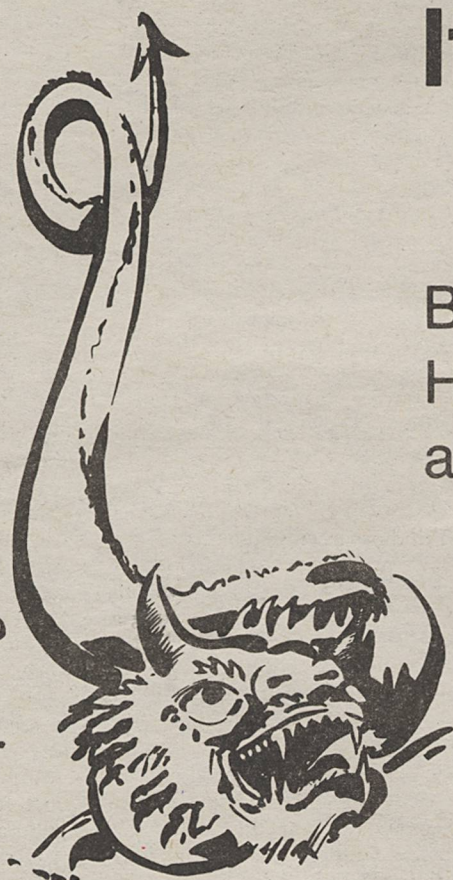


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# Sanctions and South Africa

by MARK WYNNE-JONES

Few international problems have been aroused so much passion as South Africa's policy of apartheid, and to the many "solutions" put forward as a way of ending apartheid, that of sanctions has generated more heat than light. In this debate there are few agnostics. Support for sanctions has become almost a litmus test of morality: the anti-sanctions lobby is automatically regarded as being in favour of apartheid and repression.

Yet this is a false argument. Supporters of sanctions do not always have morality on their side. But neither do opponents — as the South African government, Mrs Thatcher, and Ronald Reagan would like to claim. Sanctions can be an international gesture; their effects cannot be quantified. And that, primarily, is what the argument is all about.

Because sanctions are such a complex and long-term weapon, it is essential that the goals be very clear: an end to apartheid; independence in Namibia; and democracy in South Africa and Namibia with "one person one vote".

Sanctions on their own will not accomplish this, for conflicts usually end at the conference table. But sanctions will be successful if, as in Rhodesia, they shorten the time before genuine negotiations begin. There are two overlapping strategic goals for sanctions: first, to convince white South Africans that it is in their own interests to negotiate a prompt and peaceful handover of power to the majority; and second, to reduce the ability of the white minority to suppress the black majority.

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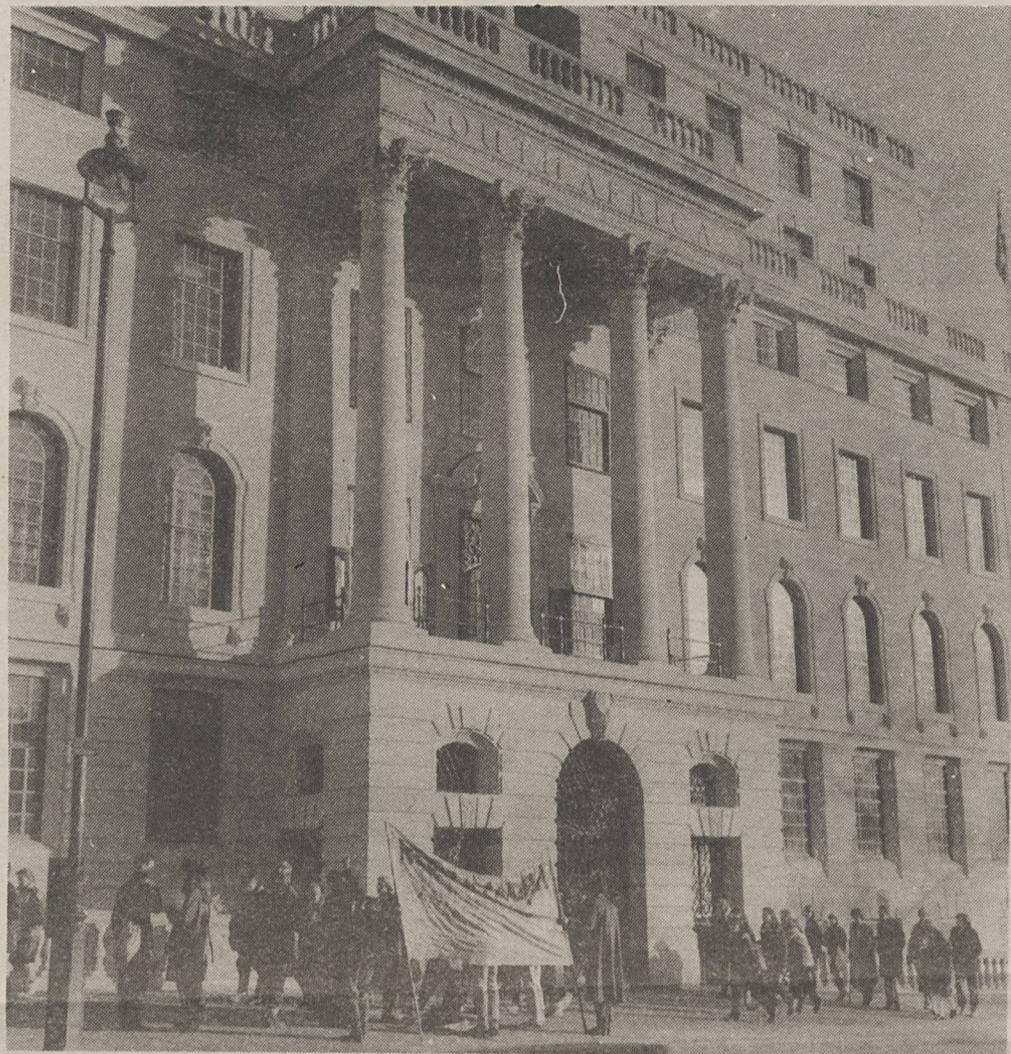
The most obvious tactical objective of sanctions is to deny essential goods to South Africa. The South African war machine is partly dependent on imported items. Computers, electronics and other high-technology items are also not produced in South Africa, and are essential to the modernisation of industry there. It is also important to prevent an influx of skilled people to South Africa. By its very nature the apartheid system ensures that few blacks receive adequate education and training. Consequently South Africa is always short of skilled workers. Traditionally this gap has been filled by white outsiders who either emigrate to South Africa or are sent by parent transnational companies. The shortage of skilled people was an important factor in the eventual effectiveness of Rhodesian sanctions, and would also be so in South Africa. A second tactical objective is to put pressure on the economy and deny it hard currency. Indeed, sanctions will work only if they put enough pressure on the economy to make the present government unable to fund the war and satisfy white consumption demands.

ing and bleeding and so I call on the international community to apply punitive sanctions against this government." Sanctions should be "effective" and "immediate", but he declined to say what kind of sanctions he would welcome. "We face a catastrophe in this land and only the action of the international community by applying pressure can save us."

Bishop Tutu also dealt firmly with the argument, much favoured by Mrs Thatcher, President Reagan, and the South African government, that sanctions would mostly hurt blacks. "I hope that most who use this argument would just drop it quietly and stop being so hypocritical. It is amazing how everybody has become so solicitous for blacks and become such wonderful altruists. It is remarkable that in South Africa the most vehement in their concern for blacks have been whites."

The dilemma that black trade union leaders face over sanctions was summed up by the General Secretary of a large federation: "If I stand up in public and call for divestment, our members at Leyland would kill me." On the one hand, the black unions want, as urgently as any political leaders,

the removal of apartheid; on the other their job is to protect their members. Sanctions and job security are said to be mutually exclusive. Yet a number of unions, some of whose members would



South Africa House - Unsanctioned White supremacy in Trafalgar Square

**"There is no case in history that I know of where primitive, general economic sanctions have been effective to bring about internal change." - Margaret Thatcher**

more fanatical Herstigite Nasionale Party; white right-wing violence against blacks, encouraged by the neo-Nasi Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging; and a mistimed general election in which the Right sweeps to power. Armageddon results.

Proponents of sanctions say that instituting international boycotts and divestment will send a message to the white voters of South Africa that apartheid puts them beyond the world's moral pale. Sanctions hearten the disenfranchised black majority, making them aware that they are not forgotten. They will also make apartheid too expensive to maintain and force change upon the country. It is also hoped that sanctions will push whites to the conference table and thus avoid a South African bloodbath.

Opponents of sanctions often argue that international campaigns of this kind will simply drive the whites back into the laager, slow the "reform" programme of President P.W. Botha, affect South Africa's blacks, and its neighbouring states, more than the whites, and stunt economic growth which, it is said, will bring political liberalization.

Even sanctions may not lead off the apocalypse. Perhaps too many whites will decide that it is better

for them and their families to die than to give up the privileges and power of apartheid. But apartheid is still so beneficial that most whites have yet to consider their position. Few have looked closely at neighbouring Botswana and Zimbabwe, so they do not realize that there are countries with majority rule which are prosperous and where white people still play a role. Perhaps sanctions will increase the pressure enough for more whites to begin to rethink.

It will be a long haul, and it will not be free. There will be some unpleasant side-effects in the countries imposing sanctions. A few people will lose jobs. Some products will become more expensive. But people will discover that claims that South African minerals are essential to the West are, in fact, a myth. The West may be forced to do without South Africa in any case.

"There is no case in history that I know of where primitive, general economic sanctions have been effective to bring about internal change", claims Mrs Thatcher. However, a recent study, "Economic Sanctions Reconsidered", examined 103 cases of economic sanctions and found that 36 per cent were "successful". Among the successes cited were British/UN sanctions against Southern Rhodesia, British sanctions against Argentina (imposed by Mrs Thatcher herself), and South African sanctions against Lesotho.

For sanctions to be successful against South Africa, they will have to be imposed by all the major trading countries. Sanctions-busting is certainly the most serious difficulty sanctions face. As was seen in Rhodesia, it was widespread sanctions-busting which made economic expansion

possible. Rhodesia's two most important neighbours, South Africa and Portuguese-ruled Mozambique, refused to impose sanctions. British oil companies broke sanctions, allegedly with the knowledge of the British government. The United States, under the Byrd amendment, purchased Rhodesian chrome and other minerals from 1972-77. In 1979, Donald Losman, then a visiting professor at the US Army War College, wrote: "It must also be stressed that Rhodesia would have been unable to survive sanctions without enormous gaps in its enforcement. A truly universal embargo, one without loopholes, would have brought quick capitulation."

This holds true for South Africa, as was noted by Robin Renswick in his study "Economic Sanctions": sanctions will succeed "only to the extent that sufficient real pressure is exerted to give the target regime a serious incentive to negotiate. Total or "mild" sanctions are liable to produce a reverse political effect... without exerting any real pressure."

Professor K.K. Prah of the National University of Lesotho put it another way: "Sanctions are rather like antibiotics. If not taken in the right dose, but rather administered weakly, they cause the bacteria to develop resistance and become even more difficult to eradicate."

Thus we can conclude that sanctions against South Africa will face serious difficulties, and will not work quickly. But if imposed correctly, they stand a good chance of helping to end apartheid.

**"We face a catastrophe in this land and only the action of the international community by applying pressure can save us." - Desmond Tutu**



## How victory was won

Alex Crawford tells of the long road towards last week's divestment victory.

The simple fact, the four lines in the newspaper, the bottom line is that the LSE is the first British university to divest fully from companies with any links with South Africa. But behind this lies a very long campaign, that started in the 1960's and culminated with the historic decision of Tuesday 23rd February, at which the Joint Standing Committee of the Court of Governors announced the the LSE's investment portfolio no longer included companies with links to South Africa. Shares with a total portfolio had been sold. 24 companies, including some of the biggest names of British industry, are now no longer associated with LSE's investments.

scholarship for a black student to come to the LSE, .. But somehow, students moved no closer to divestment.

Early in 1986, the Academic Board passed a strongly worded motion in favour of divestment, and so did the UGM. The pressure was mounting. Responding to this, the Court of Governors passed the matter on to the Investment Committee (on which there are no student members) "to review the School's holdings in South Africa-related companies". This did not lead to much. Students then, at a Court meeting in November of 1986, got the School to sell shares in companies with infrastructure in South Africa, but it would go no further. This policy was reaffirmed at the December 1986 Court meeting.

Two factors started weighing heavily on the side of the students and the academics. The



Far from proving a major sacrifice for US universities, divestment can even be profitable. Michigan University, it is said, has seen the value of its portfolio increase substantially after divesting.

It could be said that the task was slightly easier in the US than in Britain. Only 10% of the value of the New York Stock Exchange concerns companies involved with South Africa. The figure in London is 55%. Therefore, total divestment is an even more monumental task on this side of the Atlantic.

The presence in 1986 and 1987 at the LSE of students that had played an active part in the American protests helped provide the movement with the experience necessary to ensure success.

### Occupation

This brings us to the Lent Term of 1987, at which point the campaigners launched their final offensive. It started, quite unexpectedly, with the planned appearance, canceled at the last minute, of Dr John Worrall, then South African ambassador in London. The day he was due to

speak, he resigned from his post in protest over the state of emergency installed by Pretoria. At the same time, the United Student Front On Divestment was launched. It wanted to unite all students, through political movements but also societies and apolitical groups in the the fight for divestment.

The USF met regularly during the month February. At the same time, the SU and The Beaver ran

meeting, the decision was reversed and matters were once again placed in the hands of the Investment Committee. this was met with renewed threats from the SU. In private meeting, the School once again made a U-turn, and assured SU official that the issue was once again in the hands of the Code of Conduct committee. It was this last move which paved the way for the final result.

The School started selling share three weeks ago, and the final one was sold at 1pm on the last day of the student ultimatum, Tuesday 23rd February. Over twenty years of campaigning, including a final year of frantic effort, had in the end paid off.

## Congratulations



an active drive to enlist as much support as possible. The whole campaign was aimed at convincing the Standing Committee meeting of February 26th of the firmness of the student's resolve. As the Court meeting took place, students moved in to occupy a heavily guarded Connaught House.

The occupation that followed lasted a whole week, with several hundred students constantly inside.

Very well organised and in a lively atmosphere, the occupiers watched as the School took the Students' Union to court -- "for trespassing". As the bailiffs came to serve an eviction order on March 3rd, the occupants marched out peacefully and demonstrated.

A week later, a Standing Committee flatly refused to divest, but accepted a Code of Conduct committee. This decision had to be ratified by a full Court of Governors, two months later. The slimmest margin ever recorded (one single vote) adopted the Code of Conduct committee, it was promised that the share in the 12 largest companies were to be sold.

Victory was nigh, but last minute hiccoughs were still to occur. At the December 1987 Court

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### Once upon a time

The campaign really started in 1963 when the then General Secretary presented the Court of Governors with a paper proposing that the School divest from South African-owned companies. This mainly referred to the gold-mining industry. It is interesting to point out that, to date and according to our information, only three other British universities - Oxford, Leeds and Bath -- have a specific policy on the matter of investments in South African firms.

At the end of the 1960s, the South African issue surfaced indirectly, at the height of student activism and militancy. The newly appointed Director of the School, Walter Adams, happened to come from the University College of Rhodesia. In their opposition to him, students brought the issue of divestment out again.

Between 1970 and 1985, the issue lay dormant. In March 1978, student governors proposed LSE divestment, but were rejected out of hand, saying: "... the School as an institution should not commit itself to particular views on general moral and political issues."

### Born Again-Issue

What were, then, the factors behind the resurrection of the issue in the Spring of 1987? There had been an LSE Anti-Apartheid group that had been active in helping the struggle against apartheid in many different ways: boycott of Barclays Bank, pickets and demonstrations, the creation of a South African

anti-apartheid movement was gathering momentum in Britain, and especially, American universities had shown the way by divesting. The campaigns in the US started around 1983, when Michigan University began its protest leading to the sale of shares worth a total of \$40 million. At University of California Berkeley, the amount was far greater; some estimates valued it at \$3 billion.





On Thursday March 3rd

## Sabbatical Elections

By VAL SMALL  
& TOM LLOYD

### Candidates For General Secretary

**Clive Cantellow**  
Socialist Worker  
Student Society



Under the Tories we have witnessed the reduction of students grants and astronomical rise in the overseas students fees. Now there are attacks on lesbians, gays and a woman's right to choose. The Baker bill will further restrict access and to art courses which business deems unnecessary.

The nurse's strike in Manchester showed what direct action can achieve. Our own Divestment victory supports this view.

This means not only voting annually but all students i.e. you, playing an active role in the coming campaigns and struggles.

We have a chance to reject Labour's corrupt paternalism. Don't waste it.

**Haris Gazdar**  
London Student  
Movement



In higher education, Gerbill seeks to gear all academic research to the needs of business; The "free speech" offensive seeks to prevent opposition to reactionary speakers; and higher education is quickly becoming a preserve of the rich.

In the world around us, the arms race, with minor modifications, continues unabated; The U.S. military presence prejudices British sovereignty; and nuclear power is shown to be as dangerous as ever. The trend towards fascism, now cloaked in "national security" terms, accelerates. And Britain continues to carry out abuses of justice in Ireland.

On these issues, we must take a principled and united stand. That's what L.S.M. is about.

**Francis von Habsburg**  
Conservative



My main concern is that the Union has devoted too much time and resources to outside affairs, when in fact there is so much to do within our own walls.

I would like to see the Union run more efficiently and on an enterprise basis. We need to maximize our profits and pump them back into other services such as Welfare and the new Housing Association. Tendering and sponsorship will make us less dependant on our block grant - freeing funds for better uses.

Labour runs the union ideologically, but conservatives will run it well.

**Amanda Hart**  
Labour



This year has shown what we can achieve when two Labour Sabbaticals work together as a team committed to the Students Union.

Among our priorities for next year will be improving disabled access, the welfare of Overseas Students and the non-implementation of Clause 28. We will fight to defend Student Welfare and autonomy by actively campaigning against the GER-BILL and the Housing Bill.

An important part of the General Secretary's job is leadership and campaigning. Amanda Hart has a wide experience of campaign work, especially as coordinator of LSE FAB (Fight Alton Bill) organizing the FAB student demonstration, and was actively involved in the Clause 28 campaign. She also has had Executive experience at Further Education college. Vote Labour - Action For The Future

Outgoing Sabbatical's  
Comment



Nick Randall - Outgoing General Secretary

The job can be depressing at times but also has some exhilarating moments. You have to develop a thick skin and not worry about unconstructive criticism, which is a fundamental part of the job. If you believe in a policy at issue enough you have to keep your head down and keep 'plugging away'. On a personal level it is very rewarding when something like divestment or the housing association finally materializes. It can take up to 7-8 months to push these things through the School bureaucracy. All in all I would run again - I have some good memories."

### Candidates For Senior Treasurer

**Andy Blakeman**  
Conservative



The Union can and should be run on a more commercial standing, so that the shops, cafe and 3 Tuns make profits, which can be ploughed back into services like the housing association, the nursery, and welfare services.

It took Labour *nine months* to raise a paltry £50,000. I will work with banks, building societies and the School to raise more revenue, more quickly; which means bigger, better & more effective services.

This Union has been managed badly. I will manage it well.

**Fabian Borcke**  
Independent  
Green



It is important that the Senior Treasurer works for all students, not just for those who attend Union Meetings. So I hope I will have the chance to utilize my experience as Overseas Students officer and junior treasurer to serve everyone.

- Once elected I intend to:
  - quickly and efficiently build up our Housing Association.
  - campaign against rising overseas students fees and for student loans.
  - set up a scheme for recycling paper and reducing waste in the LSE.
  - increase societies funding and the SU Hardship fund.

Please read the leaflets for more information and make the right choice on Thursday.

**Nic Cicutti**  
Socialist Workers  
Students Society



The Senior Treasurer's role is not simply one of looking after the Union's finances.

It also involves the ability to offer a lead on all issues facing students today - the Baker Bill, racism and homophobia in our society, fighting with all those who are taking on the Tories today.

Most importantly, we in SWSS believe that the only way we can win is not simply by voting for "ideal" candidates, but by becoming active ourselves.

We call on students who agree with us to vote for SWSS, but also help us roll back the Tory offensive.

**Phil Davis**  
Labour



This year shows what we can achieve when two Labour Sabbaticals work together as a team committed to the Students Union.

We will build on this year achievements: by further developing the Housing Association; making the Union more accessible to minority groups; and taking the campaign for divestment to other colleges.

As Senior Treasurer Phil Davis would open up Union facilities to Societies, especially Overseas Students societies. He would like to develop links with Central American students and will campaign to set up a Central American Scholarship Fund. He has been a member of the Student Union Executive and has been actively involved in several Student Union campaigns.

Outgoing Sabbatical's  
Comment



Justin Russel - Outgoing Senior Treasurer.

"I work within union policy and campaign on Welfare Services, Housing Association and Women's Right to Choose. It is a completely thankless task - but if you are happy to work for other people then its worth it. I would do it again."

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## Candidates For Social Secretary

**Paul Mehmet**  
Conservative



Its bloody difficult to convince people that I am a meritocrat after my gaff in a UGM a few weeks ago. Nonetheless, I do care about students and I do think I can do the job - better than anyone else.

What I want to see implemented is a more market-orientated approach to the financing of social events and services. I have the contacts and the determination to do so. I may not agree with the left on national politics, but I am sure they support the case for a greater provision of service and social events by the Union. This can be done. We've only got to get the guts to do it. If you believe in freedom - vote Conservative.

**Jason Ruff**  
Independent

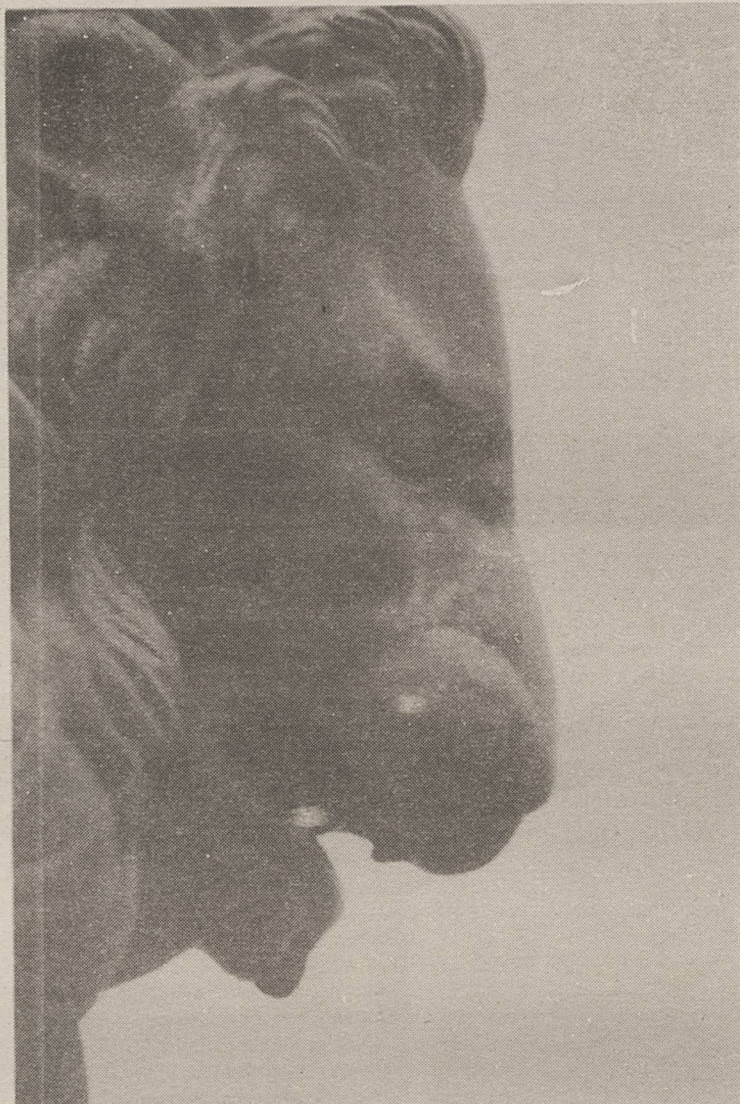


I am a third year student and over the last year I have been involved with Ents and worked closely with Richard on the organisational side. If elected, I will carry on his spending policies, and hope to continue changing Ents from its somewhat apathetic image to something which all students will want to be involved with. I want to promote three well known bands during the year and support these major gigs by free lunch time concerts, disco's in the quad, theatre, and cabaret performances.

On the services side I aim to develop the existing services by more adventurous use of the spaces beneath the bar and above the Cafe; set up a welfare and Entertainment kiosk with up to date information in the Foyer of the Clare Market building and promote a shuttle service late at night for women students. I cannot promise that all this will be achieved, I can only promise my continued enthusiasm and commitment to you throughout the year.

**Comment:**  
Richard Ford - Outgoing Social Secretary.

"The job is hard work, demanding on time but good fun. Good Communication skills and a sense of humour are essential."



The Lion of Leningrad

## Letter From Russia II

by RAY FLEMING

*The second part of Professor Fleming's Letter From Russia*

*The author is a visiting Professor of Political Science at Salford University, Manchester. On his return from a brief trip to Russia, he contributed the following letter to The Beaver.*

Queues exist throughout this world. In Russia many are in the streets and thus quite visible. You see people clustered around a fruit or vegetable stand. And you will see people waiting to get into a store. You also see people in line for theatre tickets. The week we were in Moscow and Leningrad was a vacation period for school kids so the queues outside museums probably were longer than normal.

Queues emerge for various reasons. Theatre, concert, opera, and ballet queues exist because the Russians refuse to let you buy tickets ahead of time. You must buy them the day of the performance, and generally in person. We discovered that thinking about Intourist, which handled our tour and shepherded us about, functioned something like a "scalper".

Tickets are always scarce as well as time. So Intourist got us our tickets normally at a substantial premium, in just the same way that a scalper gets you a ticket to a World Series game. And the USSR got more hard currency. (At the same time you

feel as if you are a "cash cow" while staying in Russia and Intourist's job is to milk you dry, which they usually do.)

For museums the explanation is a bit different. Most museums could easily accommodate the numbers of people who want to visit them. Nevertheless, there were always queues of people outside their doors waiting to get in.

The reason for this we found in Russia's custom of requiring everyone to check their coat and hat in the cloakroom before seeing the exhibit or display. This is not an unreasonable request if you consider how bundled up in their coats and furs during the winter. If they kept their coats on, only half as many people could get in. (By the way one advantage of going to Russia in the winter is that the people you see on the streets look like they were sent from central casting with their fur hats and grey coats.)

But the point is that the capacity of the "system" is limited by the number of hooks in the cloakroom. As a consequence, queues form as museum officials meter or ration the number of people going in so that clumps of Soviet citizens enter every fifteen minutes or so according to how quickly the comrades who entered retrieve their coats.

For us this meant a certain amount of embarrassment which was quickly dismissed by apitalist thinking. What I mean is that Intourist took "cuts" to get us in ahead of the comrades standing in line. We often entered building with downcast eyes or an affected preoccupation with a loose bottom on our coat to avoid the looks and sometimes glare of the Russians. The fact that we usually forked out over treble or quadruple the fee made us all feel somewhat better.

This is getting far longer than I wanted. So I will begin to wrap this up. Moscovites and Leningraders in any kind of official position can be extremely brusque and unfriendly. They do not suffer fools gladly. If they say something, they expect you to listen and to remember. They feel free to lecture and harangue, and they do it to everyone, Russian and foreigner alike.

We saw numerous clashes of all kinds and at the opera Toni and I ran into a bit of trouble ourselves. For some reason Russians do not take you to your seats and if you end up in the wrong seat, as we did (try reading cyrillic sometime), a very officious woman will take you by the scruff of your neck (I mean metaphorically, of course) and set you down in the right one.

On another occasion we caught a taxi just as the driver was letting a passenger out. We flashed our hotel card to show him where we wanted to go. He took a couple of looks at us and said "Five roubles". We jumped in, although the fare was eight times the normal one.

A woman, evidently a taxi administration official, appeared, demanded that the driver get out of the car, and the tow got into a heated discussion. We ultimately got to our hotel. But the gist of the problem is that the driver should have gone to the back of the line of cabs near the rail station where we caught

him. By not directing us to the cab stand just a couple of hundred feet away, he was violating the rules, which the woman was enforcing, but he made a hefty profit in this land of socialism by doing so.

So the Russians get entangled in all kinds of bureaucratic snarls. Which does not improve their temper. I must add, however, that for every instance of angry looks when we asked for help or directions from ordinary people someone went out of his or her way to assist us.



One more thing. Almost everyone on the tour was approached at least once about swapping roubles for pounds or that debased currency, the dollar. After dinner one night, a waiter came up to me, pulled back a napkin concealing a jar of caviar, and asked if I wanted to buy it. The black market in currency is unofficially sanctioned. Teenagers, the brokers in this exchange, use hotel grounds and entrances as their trading floors. I didn't see any of them being chased away as long as their capitalism was practiced discreetly.

Toni says I should mention that we took an overnight sleeper train to Leningrad from Moscow. We shared a compartment with a couple from London. While Jill and Toni slept, Hugh and I followed the suggestion in Fodor's guide that we drink Russian vodka. We did. Never have seven hours gone so quickly.



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# Music



## London 1988

Well, one, interesting group at the moment are Echo City. Between them they have played with nearly 20 years worth of the jazz and rock avant garde (Spontaneous Music Ensemble, Rip Rig and Panic, Gong, Peter Hamill, etc.) In addition to being musicians, Echo City have built not only their own instruments but also huge Sonic Playgrounds for handicapped children's homes, GLC festivals (RIP, those were the days...) and the like. From industrial waste they have constructed an impressive array of aurally and visually very beautiful instruments-Fibrephones, Barrel drums, Clangerphones, even a Batphone! As a band they are coming along very nicely, thank you, as witnessed by some dazzling performances over the last year and by their first LP Gramophone (Date/Line Records, available from Rough Trade).

Rather than trying to reproduce their eerie live performances (six ghostlike figures hover in semi-darkness, pieces fuse, merge and mutate), they offer instead a set of fragments, and on the whole they are well chosen. Ranging from clear and effective compositions (A Shirtful of Ice) to live improvisations (The Engineer) to experimental pieces (In the Field) there is a great deal of variety here but it is all based on percussions and rhythm. Sometimes Mekon Susie Honeyman's violin or Giles Perring's guitar will break off for a scratchy, caustic solo but more often it is simply the sheer physical presence and fascination of sound and rhythm that give this record such force. There are also some very lovely (and perfectly proportioned) melodies from saxman Rob Mills a player so unassuming you might imagine that he would be happy simply playing a single scale or triad, ever fascinated by the simplicity of its shapes and colours. In his simplicity lies a great art.

This is a record (in both the wider and narrower senses of that word) of their work to date, fascinating, distinctive, and highly listenable, quite beyond any familiar style or idiom, but do see them live in order to appreciate their real magic.

Okay, I know you can't wait any longer. So what do we make of the new LP by that nice boy Courtney Pine then? Packaging first;

Title Destiny Song and the Image of Pursuance (Antilles/Island Re-

cards), Mmm.

Sleeve foul sub-Warhol. Bumlick ad-man sleeve notes, Courtney's own mystical comments even less desirable - "This album is like an endless tunnel...". Hell, I thought it was like a tuna fish and chili pizza...

Inner sleeve - one side a direct lift from Pharoah Sander's Tauhid, embarrassing, the other loads of video-of-the-album-hell-what-a-good-time-we-had-making-it. Horrid.

Disc - black, anonymous.

Music - With all this, the music itself comes as a nice surprise. Much better than the first one anyway. His sax sounds much fuller, much more self-assured and the group is simply better, whatever that means. Mark Mondesir's drums sound great, too, every now and then he goes whap! bash! bang! for no apparent reason whatsoever. Great. Scars the willies out of me anyway. All the references to the past masters are still there of course but what the hell? CP's only a wee lad like me and thee, and his achievements have been staggering in the last four years since I first saw him in a church crypt club run by John Stevens (Oh God, he's not trying to sound hip now is he?). Overall, this is much closer to his live playing than the first record and is a much more serious attempt to produce a great 1980s British jazz LP, which is what he's done. And he goes to all the trouble of learning those scales and things. Amazing.

However, the question must be asked what is a great 1980s British jazz LP? The truth is that the parameters of this sort of stuff were set long ago, to be boringly pedantic, by John Coltrane on Giant Steps in 1958, yes 1958, 30 years ago when CP was nerry a twinkle... so it sounds wild and free and searching, but is it really? Is it perhaps not the music of a different people and a different age? It seems to me to be treating jazz a bit like the classical repertoire - old, finished, a wheeling out of past cultural achievements to fill the vacuousness of the present.

So, to be quite honest although this record is very good and all that, it'll be a lot more interesting to hear what he's going to be doing in five or ten years time, when he finds his own idiom to go with that remarkably individual voice.

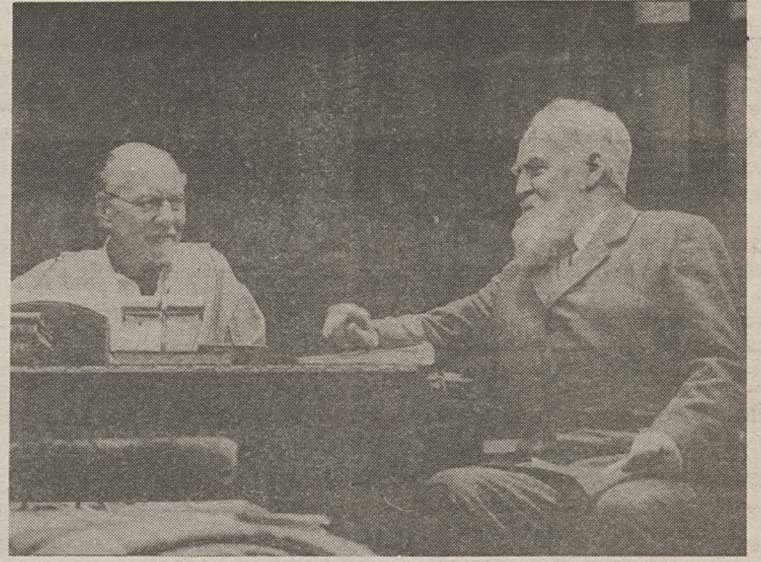
Richard

## The Best of Friends

### Apollo Theatre

It is a shame that Sir John Gielgud chose this play as the vehicle for his return to the West End stage after an absence of eight years. This great actor really deserves more than this superficial excuse for a play in which to display his talents.

The playwright Hugh Whitmore (who recently wrote the very successful "Breaking the Code") has taken as his subject the long friendship between George Bernard Shaw, the Cambridge academic Sir Sydney Cockerell and the abbess of Stanbrook Abbey Dame Laurentia McLachlan. These three very different people conducted a correspondence over many years, and indeed, their letters convey much about the changing face of England in the first half of the century. However, Whitmore uses his material in an extremely undrama-



tic way, and the play soon becomes a series of recitations by the actors of the letters their character wrote.

Gielgud still possesses all the legendary charm and dramatic appeal for which he is renowned, but now makes frequent mistakes and is prompted from off-stage. Ray McNally and Rosemary Harris are

also excellent as the arrogant, brilliant Shaw (who has the best jokes of the evening) and Dame Laurentia. This project would have made a very good Television play or documentary, but it proves far too lightweight both for the theatre and for its three stars.

Kfir Yefet

# Theatre



## The Trinidad Sisters

Donmar Warehouse

Covent Garden Tube till March 5.  
Box Office 240-8230

Trinidad Sisters is a vibrant all black play, slightly overworked with detail, but sustained by well crafted instances of grandeur. Matura, influenced by Chekhov's "The Three Sisters", aimed at adapting the story to a Caribbean setting and "recreating that sense of a people on the outskirts, with all their inner ambitions, fears and hopes". Matura achieved this artfully, but such intense elaboration, typical of his work, was exhausting.

The play centres on the Peters family who have had a glimpse of the Bohemian life when their father studied at Cambridge, the heartland of White Culture. Characters such as Marsha, striking in her defiant sexuality, and Andre, in his rejection of careerism, provoke the

family onto the verge of crises when the required routine and sycophancy are rejected in favour of the distant vision of individuality offered by a return to Cambridge.

The White officer on colonial duty is interesting in that his mediocrity and Home county commonplaceness are elevated to profundity by the force of his status. The interracial relationships are subtly considered but not developed into a statement.

Familial alliances are shattered by the Blitz, and normality comes crashing down, but strength, as in the original Chekhov, is rediscovered when the Sisters return to each other in solidarity.

S. Jegarajah

## Nana

Mermaid Theatre

Sex, sex and more sex - yes, it actually becomes mundane. Just like the men who call on Nana for sexual pleasures, half the audience must have been lured by the critics calling it "full of sex and joy" - both were disappointed. The play bangs on endlessly about Nana's greed for money and how she procures it from numerous men who hunger after her body.

Nana as "Venus" in a play within the play becomes the talk of late nineteenth century Paris. Her glamorous body and childish innocence on and off stage soon embroils all those around her. In fact the play is a poor copy of Les Liaisons Dangereuses - also by the RSC. There are some moments of reprieve from the musical outbursts, the frantic comings and goings and the constant role changes of the cast. One of Nana's fellow call girls talks of how much she prefers lesbianism as a more genuine and loving form of sex. However, I feel even ardent feminists would have had their fill of images of men as lustful beasts who only show love in order to get sex.

As a theatrical entity the play is very unusual, with each member of the cast playing several roles and doing all their changes on stage. At times other women and even a man speak Nana's lines, whilst she stands back, an intriguing device. The atmosphere of a brothel, then a country house, then a river bank, then a country house, then a hotel are cleverly achieved with seemingly little effort.

Unfortunately, we are left bored, exhausted and wondering if there is anything deeper in Emile Zola's book

Nicola Hill

Till Geiger



# Film



## The Last Emperor

Beautiful women with classical Oriental features, the expanses of the Forbidden City, hostile yet awe-inspiring in its solitude.

Is Bernardo Bertolucci's latest piece de resistance *The Last Emperor* another so-called "lush tapestry woven with intricate threads of colour from every spectrum"? Or is it one of those epic productions encompassing a panorama of "sight and sound"? Is this a work of art, or an advert for the Chinese Travel Bureau?

The *Last Emperor* traces the journey of Pu Yi, the last remnant of Imperial China, from dragon demigod to mortal, from Emperor to citizen; it appeals to our innate fascination with royalty and the exotic orient. Not so much a boring biography of Pu Yi as an idealized voyage of inquiry into his past, the film makes many sweeping assumptions, especially those concerning

his private life: his impotence and purported homosexuality are not even implied.

Yet never has such flattering care and detail been given to the filming of China. In the midst of a completely Chinese cast, Peter O'Toole makes a brief appearance as Pu Yi's tutor, and does his standard a-la-Svengali virtuoso performance.

At times the film is overtly theatrical and even melodramatic. Yet John Lone as Pu Yi and Joan Chen as his (toe-licking) sensuous Empress, carry their roles superbly. The supporting cast suffer from stilted dialogue and the lingering presence of accents ranging from British to Hong Kongese via FOB (fresh off the boat).

In the end the sheer brilliance of the cinematography and the period detail warrant this film the title of Film of the Year.

Katherine Pena

## Dragnet

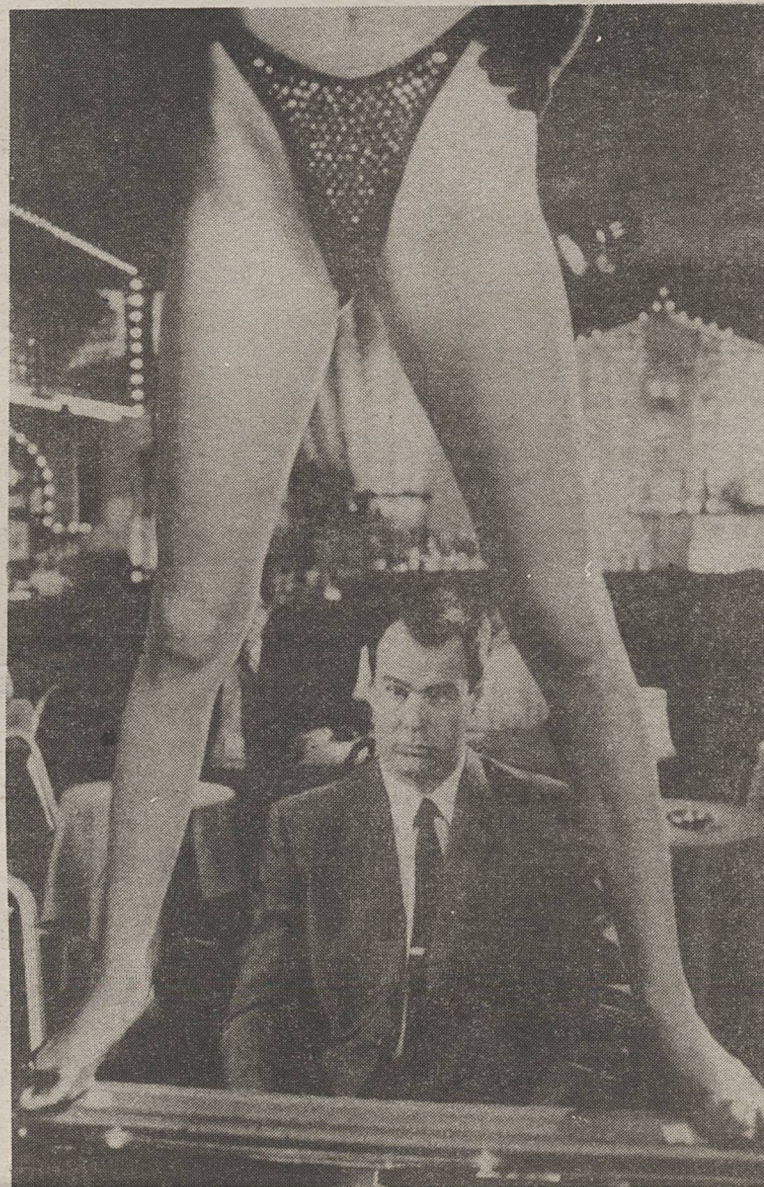
### General Release

City streets can only take so much scum at any one time. When nerds in numbers start stalking the City of Angels, the PD goes OTT in its resolve to solve the crime wave ASAP. It's either an inspired effort to counter havoc with havoc, or a mistake of mind-numbing proportions, because the pairing of Seargents Joe Friday and Peps Sweebeck is definitely not for the good of law and order.

Sgt. Friday (Dan Ackroyd) is a man of many adjectives – in his bimbo lingo, a dog is a canine quadruped, and a cat a feline tetrapod, so when cat and dog get into a bit of a tussle, Mr Friday's salivary glands go apespit, and everybody hits deck. The terminal logorrhea is coupled with hyper-puritanism and a dress sense to go with it. Sgt Streebeck (Tom Hanks) on the other hand, has much less to say, uses the LA Police Department as a dating agency and takes the bedroom to be the logical conclusion of any police case. Dress sense, to be sure, is non-existent.

It seems these nerd herds, whose crimes are committed with cold calculation, have been recruited by an occult organisation – the acronymous PAGAN (People Against Goodness And Normalcy). That's all and well, but what of the porn king whose chauffeur, a Stallone-on-speed clone, keeps turning up at PAGAN get togethers, and what of that drooling deacon who keeps appearing on TV with an aspiring mayoral candidate.

For director Tom Mankiewicz,



silliness of plot is no object, and since no-one ever went wrong underestimating the public's taste, the producers figured that it won't be much of an object for the audience either. *Dragnet* is consis-

tently amusing in its own silly way. When plotline finally becomes unbearable, you begin to wish the nerds would quit bothering the nice folk of Los Angeles and go visit the family in Hollywood.

Ali Fassa

## Time to Die

### ICA and selected screenings

"*Carry on Macho*" is how one disgruntled female hack described this movie. Certainly revenge, codes of honour and depositing half-dead dogs on doorsteps can be offensive. But this is reality in a small town in Columbia. As the end of the film proves, opting out of reality is impossible: man is left stranded in the arena to face the bullets, death is inescapable, for "We are born to die".

Latin America is a world normally concealed from us. It intrudes only in its bastardized forms of comic coups, imitation samba and footballing genius. The only person to have truly conveyed its essence to Europe has been the novelist Gabriel Garcia Marquez. His screenplay for "Time to Die" is a masterpiece. For once the richness of metaphor and bloodthirsty proverb isn't lost in the subtitles. While the film tends to the grittier end of realism, flashes of magic reminiscent of "100 Days of Solitude" creep in among the spaghetti machoism.

Marquez lays out the entire life of a people majestically before us: a vista of drinking, children playing, horsemanship, churchgoing, loving, reminiscing, youthful kissing



and dying. We meet the mayor, the policeman, the bourgeois, the beggar, the priest, doctor and whore. Here when a man walks into a bar after 18 years the bartender has his favourite tippie waiting. Here the ex-con learns to knit but still straps on the family's jewelled firearms to meet his destiny. Squatting in the

dusty plaza musicians accompany it all with a simple but haunting melody.

The women suffer. Their men are bad cowards and misguided heroes. Yet there is a feminine counter to the macho antics. The brutal conflict of generations reaches a peace of mutual exasperation with mascu-

linity. Lack of a hard on is greeted with wry boredom. Men may rule in the weather-beaten outside, but the beauty and essential humanity of this society lies by the fountain and shady courtyard. At the end of the day, this cool sanity can't restrain the code – but at least the women have tried.

If only Marquez could parade such a vibrant pageant of characters and moods across the screen, then only direction as strong as Jorge Ali Triana's could contain them. The framing and close-quarter shots are astonishing, and the discipline with which the narrative is presented is astonishing. In the weaving together of scenes some passages resemble the wonder of Pasolini's "Arabian Nights".

Smoothly ebbing and flowing beneath but on the surface as violently irascible as the brothers bent on revenge, the film plays off the masculine and the feminine. He oscillates between the elegance of the pavane and the tension of the bullring. The bullring comes out on top in a crushing (though derivative) shoot-out of a finale.

Marquez, however, can even redeem cold-blooded and wasteful murder with laughter. Afterwards, I was chilled by the thought that we had all chuckled at death. Then I realised that if you cannot cheat death, you had better joke about it. A very alien but very Latin notion that, the idea that "Carry On Macho" may have a purpose: i.e. to shore-up fatalism.

Some critics have attacked this film for its predictably bloody ending, but they have missed the point. Dying is not what matters. What matters is how one dies and what happens in between the dying. The kaleidoscope of life between makes this film unmissable.

Andrew Cornwell



## Rugby

LSE 1st XV 10 RSM 48

Put bluntly, the LSE were thrashed – undoubtedly the worst day for the team this year (admittedly missing a couple of members). However, no excuses for this inept performance.

Two tries by Josh Chetwode, the second outpacing the defence over 50 yards, gave the LSE an early lead (10-8). Unfortunately, poor possession in the set pieces (the scrum going backwards with great frequency) and missed tackles in the midfield led to RSM dominance.

Tiredness (training is on MONDAY and THURSDAY at 6PM in the gym) and the loss of Steve Kelley in the 2nd half didn't help matters. Further good play, particularly in the forwards, gave RSM a solid platform from which to attack. Stout defending, especially in the back row of Andy Blowe, Ahmed Aheva and Chris Evans, prevented the RSM from scoring even more.

They were simply in another league!!

## Women's Hockey

LSE 1st XI – 2  
KQC 2nd XI – 0

With KQC lying second in the league, one place above LSE, the firsts were determined to beat KQC and put themselves in line for promotion.

A full team was achieved once Kate arrived from Nottingham (that's dedication for you!). KQC only had nine players and LSE failed to exploit this, despite having most of the play.

It was a rough match; the KQC left back was determined to hit everything but the ball and the referee made some ridiculous decisions causing some arguments.

Eventually a goal was scored by someone (sorry, I can't remember who!) in the first half and Enricke scored in the second half from a short corner.

It was not one of the LSE firsts' better performances, but at least we won. Promotion is likely!?

LSE 1st XI 3  
RSM 2

LSE 1sts eventually managed to scrape through in a match that at times resembled a Sunday afternoon kick around at the local park. Supposedly strengthened by the return of Watson and Mackenzie at the heart of defence, LSE decided that they would assume the role of spectators rather than players in the first half and deservedly found themselves 1-0 down at half-time.

Perhaps still reeling from some controversial team selections or the captain's somewhat hungover performance, there was no real excuse for the team's inept performance.

However, as so often in football, this was a "game of two halves" and LSE surged forward, inspired by the midfield general, Jones, who was supported on the flanks by Dave and Atkinson. The goals had to come – and they did. Bobby Jones, 20, struck twice in quick succession, the first goal being a nicely worked 1-2 with Paul Wakefield, finished off with an angled shot into the far corner. Wakefield himself scored the third goal, in part making up for his appalling miss in the first half.

With the game presumably in the bag, LSE sat back and allowed RSM to surge forward. Only resolute defence, most noticeably by Duncan and the tireless Atkinson on the left-hand side, enabled LSE to hold on to their precarious lead.

LSE 3rds 3 KCH 4

After some final strategic planning by the Captain, the 3rds actually managed to arrive at the right ground, on time, with a full team with kit to wear, a fine achievement in itself!

It would be nice to say that the 3rds played with flair, confidence and imagination. But, however nice it would be, it would be untrue; LSE conceded an early goal from a corner, their striker rising so high that it surely alerted the attention of the air traffic control.

Undeterred, young Percy (apprentice pervert and drunkard) stuck out his leg and got a quick equaliser. Moments later Scrooge (oops sorry) Dave Bridges used his extensive knowledge of geometry and angled the ball between keeper and post, thus producing a splendid goal.

A poor clearance kick from Lucca saw the ball land at the feet of "Winston", KCH's striker, who put the ball away.

Later, using his outstanding speed, skill and initiative, the racing snake at the back, Bones, caught the keeper off his line and chipped a delightful 30 yard equaliser.

At the end of the day, when all is said and done, it's got to be said that the backs Batts, Fran, Nancy and Bones played as solid as a rock. Greavsie and Scrooge chased everything. The midfield played as usual – crap. Chubby deserves a special mention – he was very crap.

In the final analysis however we find that the 3rds lost (again).

LSE 2nds 7  
QMC 3rds 0

LSE 2nds 1  
St. Mary's 0

This was a crucial victory for the seconds in their bid for promotion. A fine display of inner-strength and guts by every member of the team secured an easy victory for LSE against QMC on Saturday. A game in which "Chrome Dome" Tudor scored with a couple of scorching volleys and "Hit Man" Korab also scored a couple.

The St. Mary's game on Wednesday started off with a completely forgettable warm up – the LSE boys had problems giving the keeper any practice whatsoever. Special mention must go to "Jasper the Vinyl Junkie" Warren whose tactical withdrawal from the 1st team provided some much needed class in midfield.

The game started with the 2nds battling hard – Alex Hunt provided a couple of gorgeous crosses (The Greek Goddess should be proud of him!). Said crosses ended up on "Yul" Tudor's expansive forehead, only to be headed 20 yards wide.

Our goal was well-deserved and scorer Rob Crompton has hit peak form. He hit a lovely 30 yard shot which made their keeper, one of the last hippies in the Western hemisphere, look a complete twat (lovely word Matt – ED!).

The rest of the second half saw Jules, Marco and debutant Adrian in control at the back.. "Hodde" Merryfield laid off some passes which were so wonderful I kissed him

The game was undoubtedly won by 2 brilliant saves by the "crafty cockney" Lonergan. He showed real class on throwing himself to the right twice to prevent St. Mary's from scoring.

Lord Lonergan of Soufend

The editor is really terribly sorry for the state of the seconds' report last week.

LSE V – 6  
KCH II – 0

The LSE team played its final league match on Wednesday knowing that their race for the championship would be decided on goal difference. It is unfortunate that the team has to wait till all the other teams in the league have played their remaining matches to know if they've made it to the top spot or not, especially when they've won all but one of their league matches.

The LSE team controlled the match from the start. Chris Gillion, playing for the injured Walid Eid, made his impact on the match by scoring a hat-trick. The rest of the LSE's goals came from Jafar Ghanbari, David James and Martin Weiss.

At the end of the season, I would like to give my personal thanks to all members of the team for their loyal support and commitment: Ali Fassa, J Ghanbari, C Gillion, M Ginzer, D James, J Johnson, O Kodmani, C Leowald, J P Rabin, W Rothnie, K Stiroh, M Weiss, Tim and of course not forgetting A Lehman and F Heidel who left the team during Xmas. Walid Eid (Captain)

# HOUGHTON HARRY'S

Another great week for Eddie "the Eagle" Edwards. Personal appearances, possible records (the vinyl kind of course), adverts, stunts, etc. And has anyone gone a full day without seeing that familiar jutting jaw? We keep on being told how Eddie personifies the Olympic ideal – "It's not the winning, it's the taking part". However, the Olympics also used to stand for the true amateur – not the man who makes a small fortune out of his own incompetence (though, given this, you cannot deny his courage).

The true star of the past week – Jonathon Davies. Last year he was too cocky to be admired. Now his arrogance only surfaces when he has the ball in his hands, ready to dismantle another team's defence. How nice it was, though, to see Scotland as well as Wales contribute to a memorable game. Both showed that a bit of flair can go a long way in international rugby – yet England still call up Rob "I think I'll kick it" Andrew, rugby's equivalent of Ray Wilkins. So, yet again, they will enter a match resplendent with exceptional wings (Oti and Underwood) who will hardly see the ball.

It has been another predictable cup week. In the F.A. Cup, Liverpool showed the classic ability to win when off-form, so the quarter finals are Wimbledon v Watford, Arsenal v Forest, Manchester City v Liverpool and Luton v Portsmouth.

The other cup game of the week saw Arsenal reach their second successive Littlewoods Final, despite another penalty miss (surely a professional footballer should at least force the keeper to make a save). Under Graham, they have been remarkably successful in the two cups and you have to fancy them to win this year, particularly as Groves and Smith seem, at last, to be coming into form up front.

LSE III 5 Westfield 0

An historic game for the 3rds produced their first win of the term and Luca Ferrari's first clean sheet of the season!

On the worst pitch we've played on the one touch football that is the hallmark of our game was impossible, but our clinical finishing proved to be too much for the opposition. Phil Davis opened the scoring after 15 minutes with a well struck, left footed drive from 20 yards and Dave Davis added to this 10 minutes later after a shot had been parried by the keeper.

A two goal lead at half-time didn't look to be good enough as we faced a steep slope in the second half, but confidence was increased when Phil netted his second within minutes of the restart. He wasted several chances to complete his hat-trick and it was left to Dave Bridges and Paul Bradshaw to get the 4th and 5th goals before Westfield managed to put any pressure on the LSE goal. The 3rds defended with confidence, though, with Pete Alexadis filling in adequately at sweeper and Bones unbeatable at full back, and got through a game without conceding a goal for the first time this year.

## Badminton

LSE – 10  
CC & WMA – 3

On Wednesday 17th February the LSE men's and women's badminton team played a friendly against Charing Cross and Westminster Medical Association. This was the first win of the season for the team, and only the third win for the club in three years. Well, at least we're consistent!

## Table Tennis

Results of the 1988 LSE open (Top 5):

1st Steve Ludlow  
2nd Boon Lim  
3rd Sanjay Bailur  
4th Antony Petropoulos  
5th Karl Martins

Playing sessions are held every Wednesday at 3pm in the Gym.

## Colemanballs

"I'm a firm believer in that if we score once, they'll have to score twice to win."

Brian Clough

"Congratulations to Mark Seaman who raised £200 for Rag by having his head shaved off."

Olivier, Rag Chair

