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**N.U.S. launch student grants campaign**

## Royal Hall visit : Carr Saunders confused

THIS week has seen a considerable amount of political activity at Carr-Saunders Hall over the proposed visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. On Thursday evening at a house meeting called to discuss the deficit in the budget of the Hall in the next financial year, a motion was put forward "out of the blue" that Her Majesty would "not be welcome" on March 13th.

A report of the proceedings in "The Guardian" and a Motion in Union (overwhelmingly defeated) in which the residents of the hall were applauded for their action awoke them to the furore which their "essentially frivolous" motion had provoked.

Accordingly at an extraordinary meeting of the house especially, and quite constitutionally, called for this purpose the original motion was nullified by a motion that the Queen Mother would be welcome. This was carried by a majority greatly in excess of that which had carried the first motion.

### "packed"

Suggestions that the meeting was "packed" were strenuously denied by Hall chairman Neville Townsend. "It is a matter of no concern to me whether she comes or not," he told "Beaver". "My reaction at the time was that if the house wished to pass such a motion, this was fair enough, but I certainly objected to the communication with the press which could only harm the name of the hall and LSE".

He stressed that the original motion had only been passed after a recount due to a disagreement among the tellers.

Clarence House were quite unaware of what had happened when "Beaver" phoned them on Monday morning and thus had no comment to make.

## Promises, but will they be kept?

The following students have declared themselves as candidates in the forthcoming presidential election: Colin Crouch, Francis Dobbyn, Guy Littler, Chris Middleton and Chukwuma Osuji. Briefly they have defined their policies as follows:

**Colin Crouch:** Is in favour of accepting compromise rather than following the "glamorous path of making grandiose but futile protests every time we fail to gain our ultimate ideals".

**Francis Dobbyn:** "Ultimately students should aim

The Catering Department wish to advise all students that, in future, the Robinson Room will be open at lunchtime until 2.30 p.m.



Professor Papandreou at LSE on Friday.

## Exile on visit of thanks

PROFESSOR Andreas Papandreou, son of Greek ex-Premier George Papandreou, attended the reception given by the Hellenic Society in the Shaw Library last Friday evening.

In a brief interview he told me of his friendship with Professor Allen, whom he had first met at Berkeley in 1958 when the Professor had held a special Research chair there.

He had been attracted to him by the way in which he had been so ready to participate in life there: he had been a stimulus to the whole University.

He felt that he had a special debt of gratitude to pay to Professor Allen for his efforts in regaining him his freedom; his present visit to LSE was a part of this thanks. Likewise he was grateful to Mr. Thornberry, whom he had met last year in Greece where he had been a special correspondent of "The Guardian." While working there he had gained great respect and the people thought of him as 'a friend of Greece'.

Now Mr. Papandreou, after a short stay in Britain during which he will have talks with politicians, intends to travel on to Scandinavia, to America and to Australia to renew acquaintances in the academic world to thank

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Happy 21st Birthday to the Economists's Bookshop.

Read of increased book prices on page 5.

at consultation requiring moderate leadership open to reason". LSE environment must be improved and culture "released from its ghetto in the Shaw Library".

**Guy Littler:** "I shall not attempt to make extravagant promises. There is a need for new faces in Council to revitalise Union". He is emphatic that he stands on no party "platform".

**Chris Middleton:** In favour of fundamental Union reform, open committees, etc. "We should not weaken our ultimate position by accepting insufficient representation".

**Chukwuma Osuji:** "Union politics should not be the

only concern in the School. Get Houghton St. closed to traffic. An independent chairman at Union meetings. Representation of student opinion of School Committees".

## SOC-SOC IN SHOW-BIZ

Shirley Collins will sing and Agit Prop will present their own play, "The Trials of Horatio Muggins" at a concert organised by Soc Soc to be held in the Old Theatre at 8.00 pm on Monday, February 19th. The proceeds will be in aid of the Vietnam demonstration on March 17th.

THE National Student Grants Campaign is due to begin on 16th February. Before the hopefully peaceful campaign gets under way there will be two Press Conferences for Students Newspaper Editors.

These two meetings are intended to be used to thrash out aims, intentions and co-ordination for the National Campaign as well as what is to be done at the local level.

The campaign intends to bring individual cases of hardship to the notice of the Press as well as "special cases" where the need for upgrading grants is more immediately obvious.

### parents

The NUS is anxious to recruit as many to its side as it can. This includes asking parents to write to their MPs, approaching members of the academic staff to speak at Union General Meetings and encouraging Student Politics Societies to pass resolutions supporting the campaign and forwarding them to Party headquarters.

Attitudes of LEA's to grants do vary and it is hoped that deputations to some of them will be arranged. Deputations and letters to MPs from students, it is hoped, will help to accurately inform and explain the position with regard to grants and the campaign.

By the 16th, all colleges and universities should have a list of MPs to whom they will then be able to write. Leaflets, posters as well as radio and television coverage should help to encourage a national debate to augment the more selective aspects of the campaign.

Above all, what is needed is a coherent definition of aims — which should be forthcoming from the pre-campaign conferences — and to obtain support from the most influential quarters.

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## Empirically

Dear Madam,

May I through your pages protest at the use of the word "empirical" in this 'learned' institution? In every faculty one is bombarded by it and its dreaded offshoots empiric, empirically, empiricism etc. No lecture or text book is complete without at least half a dozen references. For instance one cannot have observations—it has to be empirical observations and the same is true of "hypothesis," "evidence," "matter" and the whole science of social science jargon. Not only is the word ugly and verbose, with such constant use it has

really become meaningless. If one must be pompous and long-winded at least show some imagination.

I remain of course, dear Madam,

Empirically yours,  
JOHN M. G. KIRKALDY.

### With thanks

The following letter was received by Miss Maria

# LETTERS

Franciosi of the Language department from the Save the Children Fund in thanks for the donation of £18/10/9 collected in the School for the victims of the Sicilian Earthquake disaster.

6th February, 1968  
Dear Miss Franciosi,—  
It was most kind of you to bring in such a wonderful donation to the Fund for the tragic victims of the

Sicilian earthquake and I have much pleasure in enclosing herewith our official receipt.

I am passing on details of this gift to our Schools and Universities Department and the Head of that Department will be writing to you giving you full details about his department.

Will you please convey to everyone concerned the warmest thanks of the Fund for this gift and may I say "thank you" on behalf of the tragic victims who will benefit by their kindness and generosity.

Yours sincerely,

J. K. BARDALL (Mrs.)  
Supplies Secretary.

## Dobbyn on a Donkey

Dear Sir or Madam,

Among the ruined remains of the Roman Empire is to be found a graffiti, intending to satirize that noxious dissenting minority, the Christians, which consisted of a donkey nailed to a cross.

Is there a moral for "Beaver" in the fate that befell the self-confident Romans who drew donkeys nailed to crosses?

If there is, it will doubtless be lost on your infantile minds.

Yours with resignation,  
FRANCIS DOBBYN.

## Why privileges for MSc students?

With reference to the article in the last issue of Beaver about graduate students and the borrowing of books from the Main Library.

While MSc students may feel outraged that their borrowing privileges in the Library have been reduced to those of the undergraduates it might be as well if they were to consider the undergraduate position on the matter.

The situation in the Library with regard to books—both on the open shelves and in the reserve stacks—is very difficult. With several people often after the same book at the same time it is only by the book being passed around as various people finish with it often late in the evening that an appreciable number of people can use Library materials when they are in heavy demand.

The situation is the same for undergraduate and MSc students in this respect. Many MSc students are doing a taught course in the same way as undergraduates, and reading requirements often overlap. Why should MSc students therefore have greater borrowing privileges than undergraduates with basically the same requirements? Surely privileges should be in accordance with academic needs rather than with status.

In saying this I am not denying that the needs of some MSc students are nearer to those of researchers than undergraduates. Where MSc students have dissertations to prepare that require extensive and detailed reading, then their borrowing rights could be extended.

However, any survey of MSc requirements would probably be paralleled by similar ones for undergraduate students. Undergraduates whose needs are similar to MSc students do not like to be handicapped in their ability to work efficiently either.

JOHN BISHOP.

Many thanks to all the people who have written letters to us. We haven't even had room to publish them all, but keep on writing; we hope the flood of letters that has characterised this issue continues.

# Magnus Carter

## DAY OF THE GREAT FIZZLING FLOP

The first political non-event of the year fizzled out like a wet fart in Downing Street last Wednesday. Wilson was leaving for America to talk to ally Johnson. The headlines were filled with news of Vietnam. It seemed to be an excellent moment to protest against the war.

The word went around LSE. Even the newspapers heard the whispers, and the Times announced on its front page that a demonstration was planned by students of London University, against Mr. Wilson's visit to America.

Originally the story was that Wilson was leaving at 8 a.m. and the NLF were going down to beat him up. But it transpired that no-one, including Mr. Wilson, could get up that early; so his departure was set at 3.30 p.m.

At 3.15 your faithful news hungry, anti fascist reporter arrived in Downing Street. About fifteen policemen confronted four disinterested Frenchmen and a couple who couldn't have looked more bored if they had been on a genuine Lunn's Tour of Hampton Court or other technicolour visions of the British heritage.

At about 3.25 the Faithful arrived. About eight of the Socialist Society 'heavies'—Chris Harman, Ted Parker et alii, arrived and took up positions opposite the carefully selected bullies from the Metropolitan Police.

Time passed. Red despatch boxes, green despatch boxes and black despatch boxes came out of No. 10, to enthral the ever growing crowd of tourists and other empty faces (working on the principle that crowd begets crowd). A moment of excitement when the diminutive George came out (hisses); nearly walked under a car (laughter).

By 4.15 everyone, including the police, were bored. The police decided to pass the time by creating a right of way through the crowd, for non-existent pedestrians to pass up the cul-de-sac to nowhere. One Inspector, filled with the joys of spring so noticeable in the icy air, tried his wit out on the discontented protesters who were muttering at the rear of the crowd. "I trust you will limit your protest to shouting", to which Roger Wills blandly replied "as a matter

of fact I'm not planning to say anything". Unable to work that out, the Inspector retired behind the shadow of his helmet.

At 4.20 the Soc-Soc heavies departed, defeated by the weather. A mere four hardy protesters remained. An American tourist asked the Jovial Inspector what he was doing there, after a voice from the crowd announced that it was costing the taxpayer £17/10 to keep all the police there. A look of glee spread across his face as he muttered something about getting in and mixing with the unruly elements in the crowd.

Eventually, the great moment arrived. Harold and his Missus came out. He was so engulfed in press men that no-one even saw him. The sole remaining lady-member of Soc-Soc gave out an hysterically high-pitched giggle, and he was gone. The four threaded their way through the satisfied crowd, muttering darkly about what you couldn't do with a couple of grenades or a sawn-off shot gun. And Harold went happily off to Washington to promise Johnson that every effort will be made by the RN to close the English Channel to Viet-cong shipping.

The moral of this tale is to be found in the old story about the man who went up to the pillar box in Downing Street and shouted, "Wilson is a bastard". He was hauled up before the magistrates the next day and fined £50 for disturbing the peace, and £100 for breaking the Official Secrets Act.

### CERTIFIED

### MAGNUS

Magnus was insulted recently by being given a card stating, "This is to certify that the holder of this card has contributed to the National Effort by Backing Britain!" The only reason he accepted it was that it en-

titled him to a reduction of ten bob on a seat at "Custer of the West".

But really this backing Britain kick is going too far. The nadir was reached when the Lords Day Observance Society issued an advertisement demanding that you 'Back Britain' by helping 'Britain Back' to God who has promised: Them that honour me I will honour.

Magnus is hard pressed to decide what course of action to take in the face of this national crisis. Already bound by the inscrutable rules of the Apathy Society never to enter the Library, he cannot withdraw his Labour further. He has, of course, changed to smoking French or American cigarettes. Leave the country you may think. But that would be

an admission of defeat. Magnus would be pleased to here from anyone with ideas that could be used to combat this growing cancer in our society.

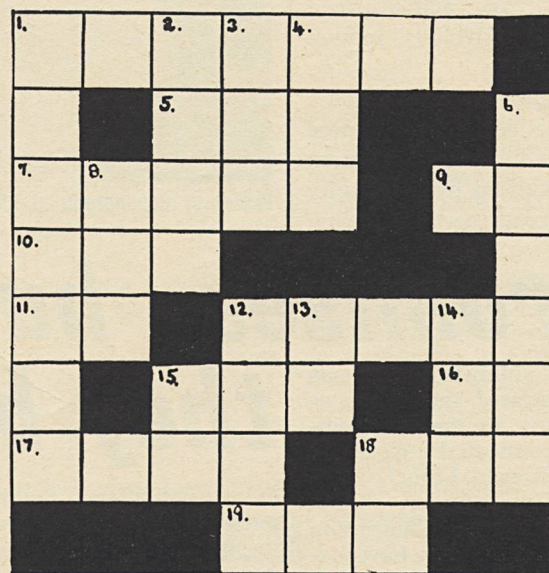
### BOGGED DOWN

### BY M.P.'s

Watherston and Kreppel were seated, locked in deadly argument as to who had been approached the most times by M.P.'s (Tory of course).

Finally Kreppel brought out his trump card. "Ah yes", he said, "but I bet you've never been approached by Ted Heath whilst pissing".

Maybe they went to the same public school?



### ACROSS

- Magus is definitely not (see 1 down also).
- Millet's a soft one to crack.
- Is he not 12 down.
- 3.142 ad absurdum.
- Not birds but bags.
- Sex from here?
- How many heaves before you vomit?
- An Australian Anglo-French Mann.
- No ring of confidence.
- What happened to kidd?
- Flower-power Bill.
- The perverts paradise.

### DOWN

- See one across.
- From the Underground.
- 100 m.p.h., drinking beer.
- Never in the refectory.
- Twisted Janus in labour.
- In bed.....with a little help from my friends.
- Is Sir Sid a spy for Russia?
- Peter Watherston enjoys a good one.
- The sun's set on the Beatles.
- Half anonymous.
- Got a dose under the arm?

### SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Magnus was sitting, pondering the dreadful fact that the circulation of the Times is so many times greater than this beautiful newspaper which you are now reading. Suddenly a heavenly muse (my girl friend, she insisted on the plug) came to him and said: "a crossword, that's what they want". So here it is, the first and last Magnus crossword. Times, now look to your circulation!

## used textbooks bought for the highest prices

Second-hand (marvellous range) and Stationery (everything for the student) Department, The Economists' Bookshop, King's Chambers, Portugal Street, London WC 2.

For a quotation ask to see Brian Simmons







# MAINLY PEOPLE

## Coffee Chat & Comfort

**MRS. BETTY SHART** has recently succeeded Miss Kydd as advisor to Women Students. I was struck by her willingness to help, a willingness that ranges from providing company to talk over a lunch table to discussion concerning problems from academic work to babies.

She said "I am interested. Full stop. Students may come in for coffee and talk about nothing at all. I want them to know that I shall be here when they need someone to talk to.

What kind of problems do students have? Mrs. Schart said: "Most of my 'clients' have accommodation problems. They come in with grievances about landlords and rents, I try to arrange accommodation or give them useful information. Though I do feel incompetent to deal with some problems I can and do put students through to more specialised people who are only too willing to give skilled help. Though I think having an 18-year-old daughter gives me sufficient insight into the problems young women have." She continued: "Times certainly have changed since I was an undergraduate. London with its 'new' moral standards does lay stresses

on students. Women are usually the losers". She added "I have learnt to be very sensitive to problems that students have, e.g. when a student comes in and says that she does not enjoy reading history—I automatically feel that the real problem concerns something for deeper."

As I left the room I felt confident that Mrs. Schart was genuinely offering to help and not interfere, for her parting words, "Frankly my only wish is that women students here keep happy. If they don't I am only too happy if they will allow be to help them in any way."

## Recovery of British Jazz

**AMERICA** versus Britain! The prominence given to American jazz musicians to the detriment of British groups again came to light when the B.B.C. Radio 1 Jazz Club came to L.S.E. featuring the excellent Howard Riley Trio. Riley is almost unknown, yet Humphrey Lyttleton judged him "marvellous—he's original, I hope to hear a lot more of him". Yet the Howard Riley Trio and other groups like him are overshadowed by older, duller Americans. Bryant Marriot criticized the recent "Jazz goes to college" series which was almost entirely dominated by what he

called "dead-beat" Americans when British groups with greater talent were virtually ignored.

However the recent upsurge of interest in Jazz—particularly among students—is hopeful. Humphrey Lyttleton spoke of the growth of interest.

"I don't think modern jazz will enjoy a big commercial boom like Trad jazz did—it's too complex". Yet he foresees the steady increase of the faithful followers. "A very big new movement is in process which respects the older forms of jazz but which is branching out in all directions, he said. Bryant Marriot praised the broad-mindedness of modern jazz enthusiasts, "jazz is not pigeon-holed so much now."

Humphrey Lyttleton, now in his 20th year of jazz playing, has certainly helped to extend the popularity of jazz. He fosters new ideas and his band contains young musicians—one member joined when he was six!

The enthusiasm shown towards Riley from all sides indicates a strong interest in new ideas and pioneers of them. The back-Britain campaign in Jazz is on!

## From Pub to Publicity

**FROM** pub-crawling to concerts, tours and record making—this is the undoubtedly successful

**story of the Barrow Poets.** The group, who combine music and poetry ranging from the sublime to the ridiculous are comprised of Heather Black, Cicely Smith, William Bealby-Wright, Susan Baker and Jim Parker. They gave a very successful and well attended recital last Tuesday in the Shaw Library.

Originally sponsored by Whitbreads to play in pubs, the group have recently been drawing in greater crowds.

"We like performing in the more informal atmosphere" said William Bealby-Wright who plays the bass Cacophone. However growing success undoubtedly led to their dissatisfaction with pub-touring. He continued "We thought pubs ceased to be the right place for us". They were reluctant to finish their pub touring as they feared adverse publicity. The problem was solved when Whitbreads stopped sponsoring them "due to the squeeze." This was the ideal solution; "it puts the blame on them."

Now with the prospect of a tour in America next year, a concert at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on March 4th, two weeks in their own show at the Mayfair theatre and good sales of their record, the group are happy.

A crusade to bring poetry to the masses is very praiseworthy but their concern to talk about their present and past success rather



William Bealby-Wright plays his bass cacophone

than their future aims was rather depressing. When I asked Jim Parker what his aims were in his work, his reply was perhaps typical of the group's outlook:—"to make money".

## EDITORIAL

We heard last week that on Thursday evening residents at Carr Saunders hall decided by a majority of one that they do not welcome the visit of The Queen Mother to the Hall. Apparently they resent the hall being cleaned in preparation. A more petty minded decision it would be hard to find. If they have no desire to hob-nob with royalty nothing is easier than just to stay away when she comes. This decision is not expressing Socialist or any other kind of principles but merely making their presence felt in a way that is totally deplorable.

We now hear that they are beginning to see some sense.

Congratulations to Soc Soc and at last showing that they can do something constructive. They

are making a very fine effort in collecting money for the Hull Trawler disaster fund.

But every cloud has its grubby lining, and at the Union meeting on February 2nd we saw Soc Soc at its worst. The whole of the agenda had to be delayed for a week to make room for one of the most miserable displays of petty-fogging politicking the Union has seen for some time. Of course the Vietnam war is an important issue, infinitely more important than the London School of Economics Student Union. But the display of shouting, refusal to listen to opposing speeches and rank bad manners we saw at the meeting will not help the Vietnamese. The motives of those responsible for the occurrences at the meeting are inevitably suspect; and Union sinks further into disrepute.

# On a slow boat to Jamaica: Adams writes

**T**HE West Indian students at the School are putting on a Carnival here in the week beginning February 26th, to give us a chance of learning something about Caribbean music, dance, art, poetry and writing. Anyone who has visited those lovely islands and mainland territories, and taken part in the mardi gras in Trinidad, heard the steel bands, or listened to Lord Kitchener spontaneously invent a calypso at a Test Match will look forward to the Carnival. Those who have not had that luck will, I hope, as a result of the Carnival try to book on the first banana boat to Jamaica next July.

Since the war there has been a significant development of West Indian culture. Much of the leadership or inspiration has come from the

University staff and students, particularly through the early work of its Extra-Mural Department, with its imaginative use of the wireless and "Listening Posts", drama workshops, poetry readings and competitions, newspaper experiments, art exhibitions and so forth, but also from the University's more academic services in history, archaeology, linguistics, sociology and other local studies.

## Stories

The University had its own time on the radio, and that alone stimulated much of the volume of verse, short stories and plays that now comprises a distinctive West Indian literature.

In the course of several visits in the decade after the war, I felt the growth of a new self-confidence and dig-



nity based on this renaissance, accompanying the move to political independence. In 1946, the subject of

slavery could embarrass a conversation through feelings of shyness, guilt, shame or anger; by 1956 it could be a topic of objective discussion.

This West Indian Carnival ought to be a challenge to other groups of students at the School to show the rest of us something of their national creative work. The School has always been one of the most cosmopolitan colleges in London and this should provide an exceptional chance for students and staff to offer this sort of international education and to have some fun in doing so. Have we no enterprising Australians or Welshmen, Nigerians or Pakistanis, who will take up the challenge?

*W. W. Adams*



# Devaluation and book prices: increases examined

It would appear that students taking the often given advice over being cautious before going to buy text books, have been neatly caught by the well-co-ordinated efforts of a few of the large publishing houses and Her Majesty's Government. Those who decided to wait before buying text books, many of which, at the beginning of the year, were already expensive, have found that not only have many of the large numbers of American text books used at the LSE, gone up in price, in accordance with the dictates of the November devaluation; but that there has been a further and in many cases quite substantial, rise in book prices over and above the increases due to devaluation.

In many cases the prices at the Economists' Bookshop were raised very soon after devaluation, and while this can be accounted for by an influx of new stocks coming in immediately after devaluation, one must be prepared to accept that the shop ran out of substantial numbers of American text books right at the time preceding devaluation.

## FEASIBLE

At the beginning of a new academic year this is feasible. This is, however, a small point, for the actual increases in the price of books are, or certainly ought to be, decided by the publishers themselves. Under normal circumstances, the publishers send an invoice to the sellers with the cost price to the shop, and the price at which the books shall be sold. Hence, once bookshops have sold their pre-devaluation stocks of American books, the new prices to be charged are in the hands of the publishers. So, while bookshops may take advantage of the devaluation by immediately raising their prices on old

stocks paid for at pre-devaluation prices, the profit to be made by such actions will be small in comparison with the profits which publishers may make out of the circumstances resulting from devaluation. It is they ultimately who decide what increases shall be made, and not bookshops or the Government.

Entering the Economists'

Below are some examples of high increases:

Author	Title	Old Price	New Price	% Increase
H. F. Williamson	The Growth of the American Economy	72/-	102/6	42%
W. J. Baumol	Economic Theory, & Operations Analysis ...	70/-	98/-	40%
G. L. Bach	Economics; Introduction to Analysis and Policy ...	63/-	86/6	37%

Bookshops, rather begrudgingly prepared to accept about a 20% rise in American prices, I looked through several rows of prominently displayed American textbooks to see by just how much they had gone up. The results make interesting reading, for there would seem to be a sizeable discrepancy in the size of the price increases from one publisher to another. I did not go through the entire stock of American books in the shop, but of those I did check up on, I found that there were post-devaluation discrepancies ranging from increases as low as 5.2%, to as high as 42%, and that is quite a

discrepancy.

These books were all published by Prentice-Hall, in the USA. Though to be fair, not all of the large increases are attributable to Prentice-Hall; noticeably, Harper and Row with increases of up to 33.3%. However, there were also some notable non-increases among some American publishers; the Mac-Millan Co. of New York put up their price for Stigler's "Theory of Price" from 55/- to 58/-, an increase of 5.2%. Other firms managed to keep their increases to around the 20% I had been prepared for. For example, McGraw-Hill kept the price of their hard-back edition of Samuelson's "Economics"

The answer I was given was that a combination of reasons had led to the increases: devaluation, increases in material and labour costs, coupled with the explanation that before devaluation occurred they had been giving away a favourable dollar-exchange rate to British readers and that the bringing into line of this anomaly was another reason for higher prices. I asked a senior member of staff if he knew anything about this last point. He assured me to the best of his knowledge, that before devaluation, not only was there no favourable dollar-rate being offered, but if anything, the rate was rather a poor one.

## FOYLES

Whatever the reasons are, the fact remains that prices have gone up and there is little that can be done about it. This is not of much consolation to the student who, if he needs the books, will have to find the extra money from a grant that is ever depreciating in terms of real value. The only consolation that I can offer to those who wish to buy expensive American textbooks is that a trip down to Foyles may well be worth the effort involved. I went down to their Economics Department a couple of weeks ago, and found that they still had a considerable number of American textbooks on sale at pre-devaluation prices. They did, however, warn me that these stocks were limited, and that when they re-order new stocks they will have to charge those prices set by the publishers: prices containing increases of up to and over 40%.

## An Investigation by Steve Andrews

legitimately ask for parity of numbers with the staff.

By putting twelve staff on the committee the authorities suggest that all departmental interests cannot otherwise be adequately represented. This argument applies with equal validity to the students. In circumstances in which the undergraduates of LSE find many objects of complaint and critical discussion it is vital that there should be adequate representation of student groups on the committee. Four students cannot possibly act for all the de-

partmental interests in the undergraduate body.

Perhaps the overwhelming preponderance of staff is indicative also of a fear that increased student voting power will lead to deadlock or even 'defeat' for the staff side. One would hope that the committee would prove a useful form for the proper discussion and consideration of proposals from staff and students and would not lapse into sterile voting contests.

If and when Union possess the Council motion asking



*"The Union is more than a mere debating forum"*

THE Welfare department of the Students Union has expanded considerably in recent years. It now comprises housing and accommodation, the Refectory, special interests of Overseas students, and postgraduate students student health concessions and vacation work. These are areas of vital interest to the general student body and require a staff prepared to work hard on the appropriate school committees.

Housing continues to be

concerned. The 2% increase in the cost of meals at the beginning of this year has been heavily criticised. The price rise has been checked and the Refectory is expected to run at a deficit this year. We would strongly resist any further increase in the price of meat now that the foot and mouth epidemic is almost over. There seems to be no immediate solution to the chaotic atmosphere in the Refectory during the peak hour. This issue has been discussed in the School's

## Chukwuma Osuji writes on the Welfare Department

the most serious problem under the welfare department, although this is not necessarily confined to LSE. A register of flats and bedsitters is kept in the Union Office and notices of accommodation are constantly posted in the concourse area. But we are from from secure. The proposed housing corporation, under which non profit, student run flatlets and bedsitters would be built to alleviate our housing problem appears to be a non-starter.

## Hazardous

There is enormous preparatory work involved; the cost to the Union is hazardous to guess and the School is not committed to the idea, although they have been willing to discuss it. We are forced to approach other University of London Colleges to see if there is the possibility of making it a joint enterprise! Nothing has emerged yet. David Millar, whose brain child it was, is working hard on it, but this is a long term project.

## The Refectory is another area in which the Welfare Department is very much

for parity of staff and student members we can only hope that the Academic Board will see the validity of our argument and not try to continue insuring itself heavily against students obtaining an adequate role in the administration of their affairs.

John Bishop

Refectory Advisory Committee, and a study group has been set up to look into the matter. Mr. Diserens, the Catering Manager, would like students to complain to the Refectory Supervisor when dissatisfied with the quality of the food. I would also encourage you to make use of the suggestion box in the Refectory.

There are bright sides of the story however. The School has now agreed to co-operate in establishing a day nursery. The immediate problem is one of finding suitable accommodation in the London area. We hope to get one operational by the beginning of next year, and so bring relief to married students who have to give up valuable study time to look after their babies.

## Relief

The Optician's service has been expanded and eye testing can be more easily arranged. The hardship relief fund, established last year by the government to alleviate hardship caused by the increase in Overseas students fees has helped most of the students who have applied and the School is willing to consider future cases of hardship.

## "Parity of numbers a vital consideration in this."

WHEN it seems that the door to school committees is beginning to swing slightly ajar for students, it is a pity that it is not being opened wider on the Committee of Undergraduate studies.

The present structure is twelve staff and four students. This cannot even be

called a proposal because the academic board decided and voted on the matter two months ago—the decision only recently having been communicated to the Union. Surely in this committee above all others we can

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Concluding our departmental series of features with an article on the Geography Department written by Professor Emrys Jones Msc Phd. the present Convenor of the Department. A graduate of the University of Wales his special interest is in Human Geography and he has written a number of articles for the Geographers Journal.

# “Geography itself is undergoing change and the conditions we live in are making new demands. We hope we are meeting both.”

Geography is a subject which is at home in many Faculties and geographers are likely to boast varied allegiance—to the arts, to the sciences or to the social sciences. In most colleges and universities the situation is met by compromise; a stake in all three and enough committee work to ensure a frightening loss of man hours. One might think that in a School of Economics and Political Science our allegiance was a foregone conclusion, but it is far from resolved.

The overlordship of the University has meant that in the past we have offered three first degrees and, even more strange, that two of these have been taken in close conjunction with King's College. The B.A. and B.Sc. degrees belong to that mysterious thing called the Joint School of Geography. Two generations ago this was a device which made the most of a limited number of teachers in L.S.E. and in K.C., who together provided a degree with a considerable range of specialisms at a time when all Geography departments were small.

Previously—for geography had been taught in the School since its founding in 1895—the colleges had gone their several ways. At L.S.E. the subject was taught by Sir Halford Mackinder, for a time Director of the School and Professor of Geography from 1922 to 1925. Since then there have been other distinguished holders of the Chair; Sir Dudley Stamp (1945-1958) had wide ranging activities that made him an internationally known figure. His lasting monument is his work on the land use of Britain, based on a massive survey directed from the Department.

## WISDOM

Professor R. O. Buchanan, Head of the Department from 1949 to 1961, is happily still dispensing wisdom to both students and colleagues. But in the last decade the staff has grown very considerably: its seventeen members now include three professors. For a long time the growth and consolidation of a young staff also meant that our losses were nil.

Suddenly we now face the coming of age of some of these colleagues and in the last six months three have been appointed to Chairs elsewhere.

The Joint School persists. True, there is a “Strand” between us. It persists in spite of this, and incredibly there have been no casualties in spite of the flow of classes to and fro. Of course we are no longer mutually dependent on each other. Each side can claim to teach the whole range of geography topics, but King's College will undoubtedly retain its tradition and pre-eminence in physical geography which it has inherited; on our side the preponderance of interest in economic and social geography is a continuing characteristic, and by now our justification for feeling very much part of the School's activities.

Each year about fifty undergraduates are fed to the staff, half of them taking a B.Sc. degree in which some of the teaching is shared with K.C. and the other half taking the B.Sc. (Econ.). The subtle differences between them are accentuated by the time they graduate, the latter, aided and abetted by so many economic geographers on the staff, being often uncompromising in their economic approach. This is only somewhat tempered by social

geography (misread by a friend of mine as socialist geography) regional geography and even physical geography.

All aspects are being increasingly allied with statistical and computer methods. Sir Dudley Stamp initiated an interest in applied geography and this has always been an attractive option. The staff is constantly concerning itself with reshaping the degrees and the courses, not because of uncertainty of purpose but because geography itself is undergoing change and the conditions in which we live are making new demands. We hope we are meeting both. Nor are the students outside our confidence in these matters. The staff is proud of its relations with the



students and hope that it is reciprocated.

One of the peculiarities of the geography course is the necessity for field excursions. Here staff and students get to know one another very well. This is a valuable experience, even more significant than the mere teaching of geography in the field.

The number of research students has increased dramatically during the last few years and would continue increasing were

it not for a quota which is fixed by the school. In spite of this, space is at a premium and conditions of work far from ideal.

## REALISATION

Part time research students in particular tend to be associated more casually with the Department, though their relations via their supervisors are real enough. In some ways the M.Sc. by course work is helping the realisation of

a unified post graduate school. Classes and discussion groups are very fruitful, not only academically but socially, giving a cohesion which is difficult to foster in the crowded conditions in which we live. In these discussion groups staff interests also are nurtured and we hope the frontiers of geography are being pushed forward a little, particularly in locational studies, planning and urban studies, and in economic geography generally.

## IVORY TOWER

Somewhere behind the scenes members of staff are pursuing their particular interests, sometimes in the loneliness of the field or in the exclusiveness of their own little ivory tower, sometimes in the bustle of activity in larger research groups, such as that producing an Atlas of the London Region, often in committees. In one way or another we feel in the main stream both of geographical work and of the School's activities, and this sense of progress is, we trust, being passed on to students in everyday teaching. It is also being made known to the outside world. One of the most cherished outcomes of student research is the series of geographical monographs which the Department is now producing.

## CHALLENGES

All this sounds very smug, but no-one in the Department is complacent. We are facing greater challenges than ever before: the new course system in the B.Sc. degree, reshaping the B.Sc. (Econ.), developing the M.Sc., are all intellectual exercises as difficult as they are exciting. So is the search for ways and means of developing research, particularly computerising—we are already one of the major users of computers in the School—and in financing large projects. As a subject geography has long ago come of age, but the Department has all the excitement of new beginnings.

This is the last of our departmental series, but in this issue we are beginning a new series called “Mainly People” (see page 4), in which we hope to give much more general news of interest about staff, students and others who work in and around LSE.





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# BIRD CAGE

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## Maxi-look suffers from schizophrenia - or is it one big plot?

**T**HE Maxi-look is suffering from schizophrenia. It really cannot decide whether it is a 1930's look or a Russian look, or what kind of look, Seriously, one hears people who say that it is impossible to wear a longer length skirt without boots. How so if the look really is a thirties look?



I don't seem to recollect that women in the thirties were accustomed to wear boots except if bad weather so demanded. Therefore it must be a Russian look, or is it? Cross-over tops and slippery blouses of underwear satin don't really seem to have any connection with Russia, either past or present. In fact they have connotations of Jean Harlow, and that folks is the nineteen thirties. Hence schizophrenia.

**to show the length of the Prince of Wales check coat**

Do you think that the maxi look is the most attractive new thing to come out for years and years? Honestly do you? But ask your boy-friend what he thinks, indeed ask any male. And what is the reaction? Frank disapproval at the least, if not downright rudeness.

Surprise, surprise, I always thought that knees were, after maybe elbows, very much the ugliest part of the female anatomy. Now it seems that the other half actually like them. Ah well, if we start to cover them up perhaps they will begin to be sexy! Or maybe we can compromise and start lowering the neckline to compensate. That would be popular at least, I think.

### enthusiasm

Still we did manage to work up a little male enthusiasm for maxi coats—providing that they are worn with mini skirts. And that, even though you might not think that is exactly the total look, does look quite good. And while one can only afford one maxi-look gar-

ment it helps the budget somewhat.

That is the trouble with the maxi look, cost. The advent of the mini skirt did not involve any vast financial outlay. One could always shorten one's frumpish old knee-length skirts and be in fashion again.

But a maxi-skirt, you can't by any stretch of imagination or fabric make your five inch above the knee mini into a five inch below the knee maxi. That is impossible.

### plot

Some have therefore even represented this new look as a plot on behalf of dress manufacturers to shame every fashion conscious woman and girl into outfitting herself with a whole new wardrobe from top to toe.

So this issue we are showing you some maxi-length coats, and at a very reasonable student pocket sized price. Both of them are available at the Oxford Street and Regent Street branches of Fifth Avenue, and are by Leonard Sheraton.





# GRADUATING '68

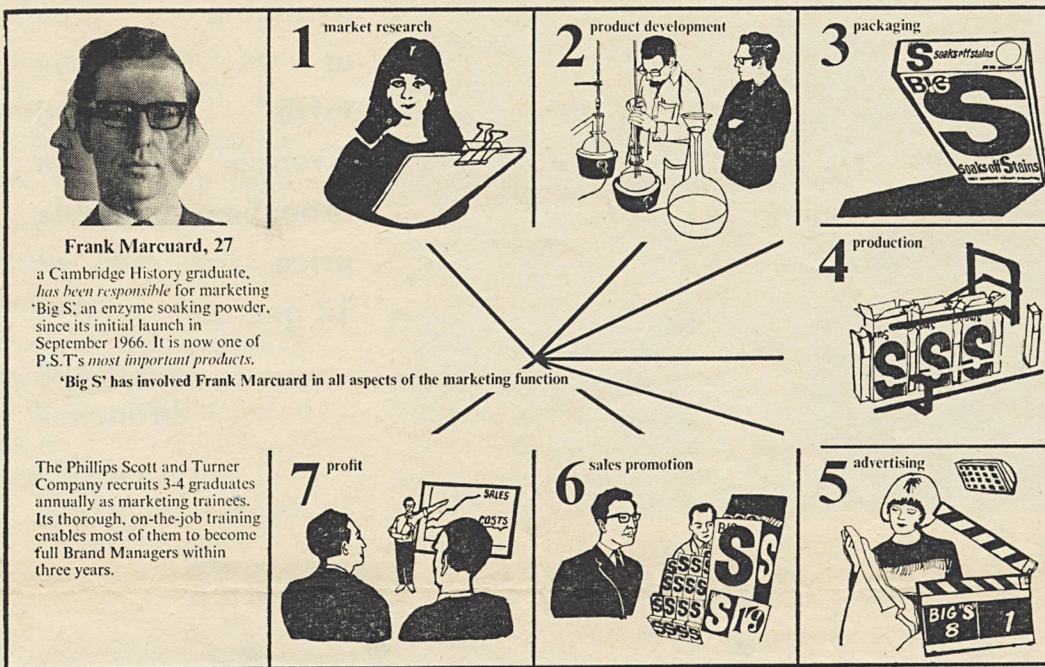
## The Brand Manager must learn how to use and handle people

A career in business is still regarded in many circles with suspicion. It has unsavoury undertones, relics of the Victorian exploitation by business men. By shying away from "business" and all its connotations, many graduates remain ignorant of the careers opportunities in this field.

Recently there has been a big movement in British industrial management tantamount to revolution. The old idea of the Managing Director controlling the various processes of production, research, advertising, sales, each through a departmental manager, has been destroyed. Many firms had grown too big, having too many diverse products for this management system to remain effective.

Many of the big consumer goods manufacturers have adopted a new system, whereby each product is controlled by one man in all its processes of production. This man functions as a "mini managing director", and is officially titled the Brand

Manager. Coupled with this change in management structure has been a change in the basic thinking and principles of business. Again the old Victorian ideal, of producing whatever is easiest and cheapest, has been forcibly



forerunners in the adoption of the Marketing Orientation of business, and in the Adoption of the Brand Management structure, have outlined their terms of training and remuneration which are typical of many concerns.

They take three or four graduates each year, who they expect to have lower second degrees in either Arts or Science subjects, and who have taken an active part in university life.

### representation

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After the initial six months he returns to the office and is made assistant to a Brand Manager. He works with the Brand Manager and is rapidly delegated more and more responsibility. Often any ideas he has for the promotion of the product will become his own responsibility. He spends from two to two and a half years working in this way, and then he should be experienced enough to take over his own brand. By this time his salary has risen by increments to £1,800-£2,000 per annum.

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and are each responsible for two Marketing Managers (who are very senior Brand Managers). Then each Marketing Manager has under him three or four Brand Managers and Trainees.

### importance

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### future

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# 'All's Well' comes over convincing and clear

## ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL

Aldwych

**THIS** generally excellent production works its way smoothly and professionally through Shakespeare's text but despite several excellent individual performances, and the complete absence of bad ones, the overall effect is somehow not particularly striking.

The only noteworthy irritation is the injury done by Lynn Farleigh and Catherine Lacey to the rhythm of Shakespeare's verse during the early scenes of the first act. Their motto seemed to be "Don't stress syllables for smooth flow or for sense". After a few jerkily flat-footed sentences, this became tiresome. Nonetheless, both these ladies turn in good general performances once they warm up.

The best performances cannot charitably be described as less than excellent. In particular, Clive Swift's Parolles and Ian Hogg's Lavache are convincing, and as funny as Shakespeare intended.

Ian Richardson gives a satisfactorily gauche performance as Bertram, and makes the best of a very odd part. Sebastian Shaw likewise makes a good pantomimic King of France.

The supporting cast are all good and the employment of liveried scene shifters, moving the minimum of Timothy O'Brien's very versatile set



gets very neatly over the "grasshopper" Shakespearian changes of location. The further device of dressing characters predominantly in three colours, corresponding to location, brown for Roussillon, blue for Paris, and red for Florence, makes it positively easy to keep in step with the action.

The overall style is completely straightforward, and, despite minor drawbacks, this is possibly the best available production. So, with the theatre on your doorstep, it's worthwhile to go and see "All's Well", at least, if you can't get a ticket for "Macbeth".

## SURF AND SEA

### THE ENDLESS SUMMER

Cameo Victoria

**ANYONE** frustrated by lack of surfing grounds in England will lose himself easily in the dream world of 'The Endless Summer'.

Filmed as a documentary, it is a pleasant relief after many corny all-American surfing beach romps.

The search for summer surf took the small party through the Southern Hemisphere. The filming in Africa is imaginative, provided that one can overlook the occasionally patronising attitude to the 'cute natives'. The Australian sequences, however, were rather disappointingly unco-ordinated.

The whole film is intended to capture the viewer's imagi-

ination and involve him in thrills and dangers. The narration is by Bruce Brown, the inspiration of it all. The film benefits from being virtually a one-man show, with the two main surfers demonstrating points made by Brown rather than acting parts.

## Stimulating bedtime

Young Bess  
Margaret Irwin  
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**ESSENTIALLY** a historical novel for historical die-hards! The story centres around Bess—the 'legitimate' successor to whatever throne Henry VIII left behind.

Miss Irwin makes a rather vain attempt to pep up what was basically quite a spicy slice of English history. But

## BEAVER REVIEWS

### Murder insanity and the law

**THIS** book consists of four histories of well-known murderers and contains more personal information about them than normally comes to light in murder trials.

Two of the subjects were clearly insane, one possibly so, and one not. Rowland points out that despite the, to the layman, incongruous way that these men were treated under the laws then in force, justice was in fact done and, further, neither were they all recognisably insane nor necessarily in a criminal court before they entered one to face a murder

Unfit to Plead  
John Rowland  
Pan 5/-

charge.

The title does little justice to Mr. Rowland's consider-

ably wider work which relates murder, insanity and the law. This is a very interesting and readable book and at this price should find its way into many personal law libraries.

### Tatty circus tale homely, yet bizarre

**FINNEY** wrote this over 30 years ago between Tientsin and Texas, and it doesn't show its age. The book is literally fantastic and unsurpassed for imagination either in plot or choice and juxtaposition of characters. It is not science fiction of the little-green-men-

The Circus of Dr. Lao  
Charles Finney  
Penguin 3/6

in flying saucers type, in fact a Sci. Fi. addict reared on Asimov and Co. might resent the lack of "science".

The story unfolds in the Steinbeck style town of Abalone, Arizona, thunderstruck by the inexplicable arrival one day of an apparently tatty circus containing none

the less practically every creature and phenomenon of the mythology of the ancient world, plus a few new ones invented by Finney himself.

It is presented in a homely, matter of fact, style contrasting with the bizarre subject matter. The book is heavily laden with symbolism of three worlds of which Finney allows his readers to make whatever they will.

The sum of all this is a very readable, and re-readable, fantasy with a startling climax, to attempt to describe which would be to do it injury. Read it.

## Penguin Satire Penguin Romance

**IT** is encouraging to find a respectful and serious approach taken to satirical poetry. This selection has been made on a historical basis, so that the Philistine who thinks that satire was the

Chaucer to Christopher Logue, from the "Honest Lawyer" whose "coach-wheele is not made of client's bones" to "I shall vote Labour because I want to see Nureyev and Fonteyn dance in Swansea Civic Centre".

In general this is a highly entertaining selection which includes many older and lesser known verses but all the works take on new values when seen in historical perspective, although it is unfortunate that the size of the undertaking restricted the Editor to English satire; for the value of a selection must always be estimated by reference to its omissions. Here a valiant attempt has been made to cover representatively what is a potentially vast area. The result is well worth the effort necessary to overcome the footnote and glossary problem.

In contrast, the collection of romantic verse, because there is considerably less material, has suffered less from the process of selection-

### Phenomenon

The emphasis in the poetry of the Romantics who emerged as a group from 1650 onwards, is on the individual. In general there is a great interest in human psychology with the subjectivity epitomised in Cowper's 'Lines written during a period of insanity' and the love of nature and beauty, as in Smart's "Song to David". The poems, written as a reaction to the scientific and technological revolution, show delicate powers of description, including many of the better known poems such as Tam o' Shanter, and the Ancient Mariner.

They have been drawn together well to give a reasonably complete picture of the Romantic Era, treated here as a historical phenomenon, and although it is questionable whether it had really ended by 1848 as Wright believes or whether it continues even today. This book, for the casual reader rather than the connoisseur, is strongly recommended as an antidote to the technological take-over of modern life.

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# Revenge for the Second Eleven

**PRE MATCH TENSION** to the long awaited return between the second and third elevens (the opening battle was won by the thirds by the convincing margin of 5-0) centred around the alarming possibility that the thirds might win again and by so doing indicate the feelings voiced by many people, that the selection committee's knowledge of football could be written on the back of a postage stamp.

The thirds struck first when Power took advantage of a defensive lapse and drove the ball high into the back of the net leaving the goalkeeper Lawrence with the thought that this might be the first of many. This initial impression had only a fleeting life for the seconds gradually took control of the midfield with Crellin proving his virtuosity with a display that showed both his capabilities in spraying out passes in midfield combined with readily and vicious shooting power.

## Fitness

Indeed it was Crellin who equalised for the seconds giving the goalkeeper no chance with a hard shot. This was the position at half-time, scores equal but the seconds showing their superior skill and fitness. Perhaps one should mention the robust tackling which had made a victim of Lawrence and was later to put Gill, Tonge Cut-

ler and Long out of action for short periods. Evidently the soccer pitch is a place where personal scores are settled by a strategically placed boot.

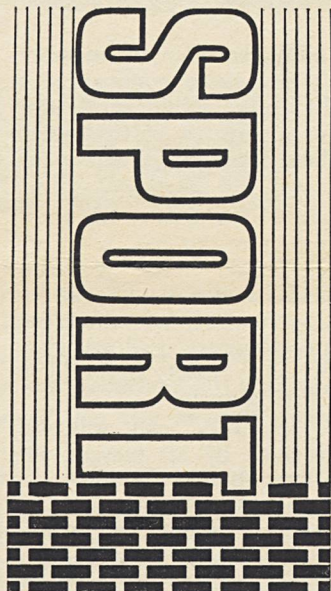
The second half began with the seconds intent on punishing their opponents for the loss of dignity which a 5-0 defeat imposed earlier in the season. Gordon led the way by scoring from the penalty

spot after Ford had upended him but the seconds refused to capitalise on the obvious advantages; Tonge missed three good chances. Ford urging his men on, had the satisfaction of seeing his team equalise when Parkin forced the ball over the line after Lawrence dropped a powerful header from Power.

## Shortlived

Relief was short lived as Crellin soon afterwards put the seconds into the lead once again and though the thirds tried hard they could not break through a defence well drilled by Stein.

A well deserved victory and good preparation for the seconds forthcoming match in the semi-final cup-tie with QMC IIs.



## Shiny new management

**THE Rugby Club has begun this term with its usual panache despite the handicap of its shiny new management (a motley group of French, Welsh, Africanas and English).**

Although we have lost a number of players, to be seen around the bar on Wednesday afternoons scowling darkly and muttering "finals finals".

The Rugby fraternity drinks on. Even such bastions of the first XV as Jim "Teddy Bear" Stead, Pete Davis and Bilton the Boot have been forced to cut down their appearances to once a week.

Already this term a number of "memorable" games have been played one remembers with pride how a team reduced to twelve men mag-

nificently defeated Dover 17-3, and who can forget the drop kicking wing of 'B' division. Probably our greatest disappointment this term was the eclipse of the first XV by Kings (may Marx have mercy on us) in the second round of the Gutteridge Cup. However it is hoped that our team, at present made up of first years, will avenge this defeat in future years.

## Football Club seek cure for apathy!

**THE Athletic Union** has existed as an autonomous body for twenty years of cater for a great variety of pursuits, from rugby to gliding. During that time it has had complete financial control over the individual clubs, but has left them free to run their own affairs.

Recently the football club has decided to take the plunge and form its own constitution. An extraordinary general meeting, originally called to hammer out a solution on visits from foreign teams, deteriorated into a "free for all" argument. The only result was to illustrate the deplorable lack of organisation in the club.

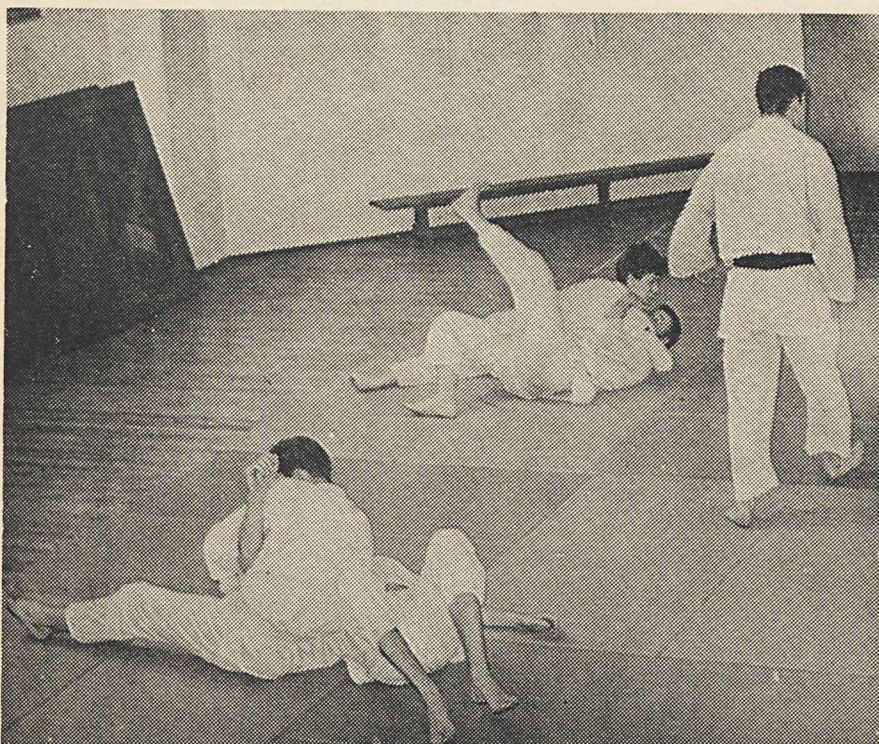
Such problems have plagued LSE footballers ever since the 1964-65 season of Pat Kiernan and company. Second and third year players feel resentful that the club is not the social unit it could be and indeed has been in the past. Apathy has long been the problem, and the small band of people with sufficient interest have attempted to restore a sense of pride in representing the School. The intentions are honourable then, if a little late.

## Essence

The essence of the problem is that this and last year's freshers have generally not been keen enough to stimulate interest in the club. Perhaps London provides too many alternative sources of entertainment. There is certainly an antisocial outlook, but it is a mistake to put the blame on the team captains. This season they have done everything possible to organise away trips and stimulate a club spirit. Enthusiasm cannot be created though it can only be moulded by the executive officers. Some of the Soccer Club members have tried to instil such a feeling—we can only wish them luck. Their main problem is that so many people consider theirs to be a lost cause.

C. T. SMITH

## A nice game of Cripple-Your-Neighbour



As you see the Judo Club remains very active. Several members have recently gained belts. New members always welcome.

## Guidance

The second and third XV under the benevolent guidance of Paul Brown and Maurice Allchin respectively have, like the first XV, achieved striking successes on the field. Spirit is high and the prospects look bright. Earlier in the season it seemed as if the third XV might be disbanded but last Wednesday the team played at home against London Bible College and although it lost 18-3 it gave a fine display. We hope that players will rally round and that LSE will continue to turn out a third XV.

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BBC Radio 1 Jazz Club featuring the Howard Riley Trio at LSE last Wednesday. See page four for details.

*"The majority of students are uninterested in the functioning of Union"*

# SRC constituency system for Union?



A MINORITY report signed by Mario Addezio, John Sydney and Eric van Loon, has been appended to the radical proposals ap-

proved by the majority of the Union Structural Reform Commission.

## Monetary Economics Soc. wine and dine

THE reception for members and guests commenced at 7.15 p.m., giving ample time for an aperitif or two before dinner was served at 8 p.m.

After coffee, speeches began with a toast to the guests of honour, Sir Paul and Lady Chambers, both graduates of LSE (Sir Paul is also a Governor of the School and an Honorary Fellow) given by the Society's President, Chris Noonan.

Sir Paul's reply was well received by all present. His after dinner address on "Masked Inflation and Incentives", was largely a non-detailed account of the financial reforms in post-war Germany.

Paul Phenis, the Society's Deputy President, proposed the vote of thanks to Sir Paul and Lady Chambers.

The Honorary President of the Society, Professor Sayers, was then invited to propose a toast to the Society by Chris Noonan. After the toast the formal proceedings were brought to a close by the President, and the guests were then invited to retire to the bar.

This report, although acknowledging that there are many things wrong with the structure of the Union as it stands, cannot agree to the proposals of the majority. Those presenting the report would like to see the present Union Council replaced by a Student Representative Council (SRC). This they feel would do away with the most blatant shortcomings of the present structure which they consider are: the vast majority of students are uninterested in the functioning of Union; with the consequence that the policy making is done by a small non-representative self-selected body rarely representing as much as 10 per cent of a membership, meanwhile no provision is made for safeguarding the interests of the remainder; also, certain groups, notably graduates and freshers are consistently under-represented. The majority report they criticise on the grounds that it still does not remedy these anomalies.

An SRC, they consider, would do this. There would still be a small identifiable popularly elected executive of a President and four other members. But the chief organ of Union would be an SRC of about fifty members.

These would be chosen on a departmental constituency principle of basically one representative per 100 students from each department chosen by the members of that department. Evening and general course students would also have representatives as if they were separate departments.

The SRC would meet fortnightly, on alternate weeks to a general Union meeting which would, as now, be chaired by the president. Committees will be constituted by the SRC and, as in the majority report, will be of open membership. They will be responsible for their activities to the SRC. The SRC is also responsible for passing the annual budget which must include a specific fund for the UGM to draw upon for the implementation of political actions.

Constitutional amendments could only be done by referendum of the full Union membership with the General Secretary conducting the poll.

## Reform Commission suggest leap in dark

AFTER 11 months hard labour the Union Structural Reform Commission has produced its report. Within the next few days Union will be debating its proposals.

The majority decided it was better to begin with a clean slate. If the Union meeting is sovereign and open to all, the student who does

not attend is disenfranchising himself. This was taken as the point of departure.

It is essential to ensure 1) that there is opportunity to reopen questions of unconstitutional policy making

through the Constitution Committee; 2) that agendas are not changed at actual meetings by misuse of the Urgency procedure.

Thus there would be a steering committee for Union to recommend debating procedures and having the power to veto Urgency motions if they do not meet the requirements of the constitution. Also it is recommended that the chairman be inde-

pendent, non-speaking, and holding office for one term.

Most startling, there will be no executive, no president. The idea of "student leaders" is rejected. An Open Committee should initiate policy, general meeting should make it, and committees and General Secretary should implement it.

This proposal would make LSE Union unique in the country. It is a leap in the dark, it could fail. Students are invited to take the risk and do everything possible to make it work.

## Papandreou at LSE

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them for their help in getting him set free and to continue talks with their governments.

After chatting informally to some of those present at the reception, Professor Papandreou made a short speech. In it he expressed his appreciation of the efforts that had been made on his behalf during his imprisonment. He said that news of this had heartened him when few visitors had been allowed and no private conversations.

He was emphatic however in stating that the rule of the present military Junta in Greece stood upon no firm foundations and was optimistic that their rule would not be permanent.

Contrary to opinion in the West the Greek people were

not at all apathetic toward such masters and several University professors in Athens had been removed from their posts for expressing views against the Government.

In the meantime Greeks abroad could help their fellow country men by making it evident that they too were not apathetic towards what was happening in Greece.

To end the reception he agreed to answer questions. In reply to one of these he acknowledges that the Junta had received general recognition abroad, but he took this as merely acceptance of the fact that they were in power, not that they were the legitimate government of Greece.

### PERSONAL COLUMN

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