

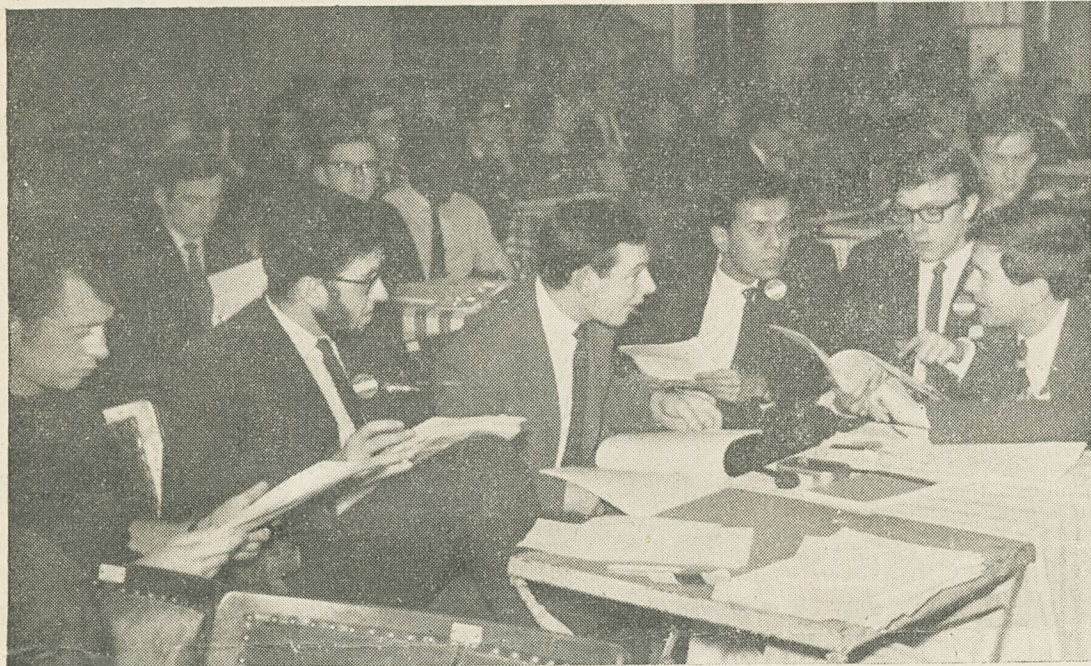
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# NUS TALKS

# FAIL AT MARGATE



From Our Own Correspondent

NUS Conference, Margate

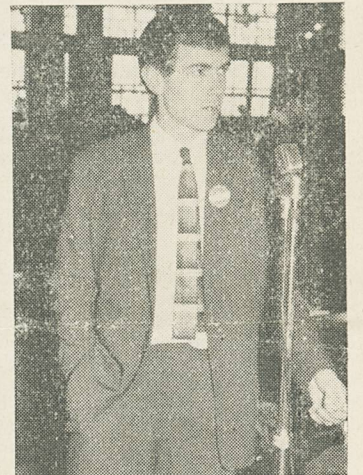
**DELEGATES** of the 200,000-strong NUS at their Council Meeting at Margate proved disappointingly unable to present a mature and adult face to the country.

Despite the pleas of the Executive and the concern expressed from the floor by a number of delegates, many of those at Margate appeared to be more interested in seeking 'la gloire' than in passing concise and relevant motions which would constructively benefit the student body as a whole in the British Isles.

Even the tragic death of Kennedy did not seem to sober the assembly.

On Saturday while Council was discussing The Robbins Report there was a continuous chatter from the unfunctional and uncomfortable Council Hall.

lating or rather dragging some comprehensible and constructive debate out of the assembled delegates.



The concern felt almost unanimously for students in other parts of the globe was perhaps the strongest impression that I took with me when I left Margate.

If the student body in the British Isles is unable to put its own house in order, and is forced to leave that to its executive, at least it took every opportunity to bring to the attention of this country's students and the press the plight of others less fortunate than themselves.

## PRETTY GIRLS

Rather young and decidedly pretty girls seemed more interested in attracting attention to themselves than in following the mediocre platitudes which flowed almost uninterrupted from the floor.

Although the debate was allegedly on Robbins the most obvious and apparent fact was that apart from the Executive and a small minority on the debating floor many of those speaking had not even read the recommendations of the Report let alone the report itself.

## EXCEPTION

Trevor Fisk was a happy exception to this generalization:

'What is a University if it is not to be both universal and open to all? Is the new look in British Universities to be a mere magnification of the inequitable system operative to-day.

'Surely it is time to realise that the country that educates its children or even the children of other nations on the basis of social equity reaps the reward of its investment a hundred fold.'

Superficially then Council at Margate was a farce. Yet behind the scenes much was done that gives decided hope for the future.

The Executive of the Union is as strong as it has ever been. Praise was almost universal for the constructive and effectiveness of the work that had been done in the months before the council.

## CAPABLE

The President and others who took the chair during the three days of discussion proved both capable of controlling the large and rather unruly house and also stimu-

# Total condemnation

**COUNCIL** expresses its condemnation of the colour bar operated against negroes by the Whiskey-a-go-go Club, the self-styled 'London's Cosmopolitan Student Centre.' . . . . . Council instructs the executive to investigate discrimination in similar clubs in Great Britain and report back to Council with a list of such places.'

## JOHN F. KENNEDY

**The President is dead. The news came from the St. Clement's television lounge.**

Some did not believe it, some just walked out into the night. Girls cried.

Small groups formed and spoke quietly. A telephone call went out

Telegram:

To the President of the U.S.A. Profoundly shocked. Convey to Mrs. Kennedy our deepest

to the Union President at Margate where he was attending the Student's Conference. The social was cancelled, the bar was closed, a telegram was sent.

And people left for the fog and rain of the night. And the grief and the despair, the rage and tears. The President was dead.

sympathy. May God sustain you both. The London School of Economics Student Union and its Newspaper Beaver.

Dear Mrs. Kennedy,

I write on behalf of the students of the London School of Economics to convey our deep sorrow at the cruel death of the President.

As you will know, the President once registered as a student here. Although illness prevented his staying long, we nevertheless have always felt a special kinship with him.

Only two weeks ago we received a letter from your husband in which he wrote these words:

"I have always been impressed that the graduates of LSE have striven to make this world a more

productive and peaceful place in which to live."

We are truly proud that those who go forth from here stood so high in his regard, and that we symbolised for him so much of what he symbolised for us. May we, conscious of his example, resolve to play our part in the furtherance of that cause to which he gave his all.

And may God sustain your children and you in your grief and your distress.

Sincerely,  
Trevor A. Fisk

In perhaps the best received speech of the entire session Trevor Fisk brilliantly illustrated the evils of racial discrimination as subtly practised in this country. The motion above was passed overwhelmingly, without a single abstention or vote against.

The Executive praised Fisk's mastery of his facts and the research that had gone into the whole problem of pseudo-discrimination.

'It is wrong to assume that this issue is merely a personal vendetta of LSE's against a pleasant club in a rather unpleasant area of LONDON. The Society Against Racial Discrimination at LSE is concerned with the whole range of problems arising from the ignorance and fear resulting from the meeting of different races.'

## FOR ETERNITY

The only reason the Whiskey-a-go-go was of our concern was that they assume they can call themselves 'cosmopolitan' and refer to themselves as a 'Student Social Association' while actively preferring to have their membership composed of one broad colour. It used to be the case at the Whiskey that if you are white brown or sunburnt you were a desirable member elect, but if you were black you had to join the waiting list for eternity.'

N.B. See Letters.

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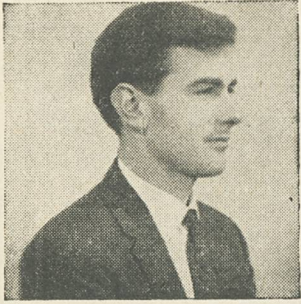
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# PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



As I was careful to point out in my first President's Column this term, there is a good deal of superficial evidence to support such a standpoint. Union meetings only too often appear to be used as an opportunity for the verbose to let off steam.

But to infer from this that the Union is a valueless farce is to completely misunderstand the role of the Union and of Union meetings. Union meetings are the central pin of the system, the place where policy decisions are taken and the executive interrogated on their respective functions.

But the formula "union equates union meetings" is as absurd as

the formula "Parliament equals government."

Behind the fortnightly meetings stand a complex and permanent administration. The work of the administration is often dull and unglamorous. It is carried on by Union officials for whom there is no possibility of that vain glory which to so many students is all the Union means.

It is not the loud mouths that are the Union, it is the whole team of those who work, the majority unknown at large, as officials, for no other reason other than a desire to help out.

Those who suspect them of having motives are in most cases wrong. To accuse another of base motives without proof is to acknowledge that one acts from base motives oneself.

There are those who work for unions for the wrong reasons but they are few and soon realize no glory is forthcoming.

Nowhere is the background work of administration more apparent

than in the daily contacts of the Union with the School over many of the important decisions which affect the life of every student, over the tutorial system, the examination system, the use of vacations, the refectory, the future expansion of the school, to name those subjects on which important decisions on your behalf have been made in the last month's alone.

Into the hands of those who administer such contacts on your behalf, you have surrendered a power which within the limited context of LSE is significant. That such essentially slow, and often dull, work is done on your behalf at all, and is done efficiently, is proof enough of the sincerity of those who did it.

There is as little cleverness as there is truth in well-phrased condemnation of the Union officials. The cynic is a man who tries to show up faults in others, and only succeeds in condemning himself.

Every student at LSE has grumbled at some time about some

aspect of life here. That grumble was at something that either the school or the Union has the power to alter. If that complaint were made to the Union something would be done. Not to use the many services provided is to will the difficulty to remain. To seek advice or demand action is the saner course.

Here we need neither violent pro-Unionism nor violent anti-Unionism but that middle course where things are brought forward for the doing, and are done, and where what is done receives its due measure of appreciation. There must be recognition of all things wrong, but also recognition of all things done.

TREVOR FISK

THE last 'Beaver Patrol' column contained an excellent re-statement of the popular case against the Union. That it is essentially a game for would-be politicians with little or no value to any but them.

# editorial

IN our last issue we published a letter from John F. Kennedy. A former student at the School. We were proud of his association with the School. We were proud to print his letter. Published the day before his death it is possibly his last message to appear in print while he lived. This is history. Our grief remains.

TIME alone will show whether the National Union of Student's Conference was a success or a failure. But the result must concern us.

At present the National Union of Students is weak and voiceless. It cries out for a stronger, more rational organization.

By 1980 it will have grown to become one of the country's largest voluntary organizations. It will have over half a million members.

Unless a start is made now, it is likely to become an impotent giant. It will represent a disgrace to the students.

The longer change is delayed, the more difficult it will be to effect. And the more inadequate the organization will become as the student's representative voice.

With such delay the student image of immaturity and irresponsibility will become more deeply seated.

If it is beyond us to give ourselves the organisation we require, we shall deserve such an image.

And we shall deserve the rebuke of future generations of students. For we are at the beginning of an upsurge in student numbers.

Now is the time we must look to our image.

# LETTERS

Dear Sir, I would like to correct the error of fact in the President's Column of the last issue of Beaver. Referring to interest in further education, he stated that the only activity had been a Seminar organized by Lab Soc. However, we in Con Soc have been running a series of very successful fortnightly discussion groups on the subject long before and after the Robbins Report appeared. Perhaps if Trevor Fisk rejoined the society he would become aware of the deep and knowledgeable interest in all aspects of higher education which its members display.

Anthony Newby

Dear Sir, I emphatically deny the implication made in the last issue of "Beaver" that I am in any way sexless, and would be quite prepared to prove the validity of this refutation.

I also resent the headline "Lunch Hour Lesbians"; the only lesbians in the plays appeared in "The Maids".

Bryan Atkin

Dear Sir, I was extremely shocked and justifiably concerned to read the article which appeared in your last issue dealing with so-called "Union apathy". The writer related this apathy to the last Union Elections and I am inclined to agree that more candidates could have applied for the posts.

On the other hand the College was very adequately informed by our 'Publicity Department' as to the closing date for nominations and the exact place and time of the Hustings, therefore it is no fault of the Union Officials if a certain amount of apathy is shown by the College as a whole when everything possible is done in an attempt to interest these people in Union affairs.

As to the allegation that Union work is a little-boys' political game perpetuated by self-generating nepotists, this is totally ridiculous and unfair to the legion of people who work hard for the Union and therefore for the whole student body. Many people forget that the vast bulk of Union work is never evidenced by what takes place on Friday at 4.15.

More than 120 people work for the Union through various departments which for the most part run extremely efficiently. I would go so far as to say that the air of efficiency which characterises this present Union has not been seen for some time in this College. Unfortunately it is far easier to write the sort of uninformed rubbish that I am criticising than to get up in the Union and question Council thereby showing people that you are interested in how student affairs are managed in LSE.

And everybody should be interested because whether you "give a damn about the Union or not" there are many people working hard and well for those who play no part in the life of this College and getting no thanks for it. These people don't expect thanks but what they do expect is that people criticising them should know what they are talking about and what is more important should respect the organisation which effectively works and helps everybody at LSE.

Yours faithfully, Geoffrey B. Fielding Deputy President

Dear Sir, I am presumably one of the persons to whom Klug was referring, when he publicly attacked "certain members of the Labour Society" during the Clare Market Parliament. He accused me and others of trying to wreck the Parliament. I wish to make it quite clear that I did not go to the meeting with any intention of wrecking it.

The point of order I first raised was a perfectly legitimate one—but I was dealt with in a most arrogant manner by the chairman Klug.

The points of order which I raised were perfectly legitimate, as the whole procedure of CMP was not at all clear. Instead of making any satisfactory reply to them Klug resorted to personal abuse.

By referring to me and others "as members of the Lab Soc" Klug, quite unnecessarily, dragged the Society into the proceedings. The Lab Soc had nothing to do with it, and Klug knows that.

Mike Golder

# WHISKEY-A-GO-GO

Dear Sir, As Manager of the Whiskey-a-go-go I would like to clear up a number of misunderstandings that have occurred with reference to this club and an alleged colour bar. We do not discriminate against anyone on grounds of religion, race or colour.

We have almost 250,000 members on our books; we receive applications for membership at the rate of approximately 500 a week.

We call ourselves 'The Student United Social Association' and we are a student club.

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and programmes are designed with students in mind.

I hope in the future to welcome as members of the club students from all over the world, providing of course that we consider them as suitable for membership.

Yours sincerely, B. Omid

We trust that Baron Omid is sincere in his desire to welcome students from all over the world.

Let us hope this unfortunate incident is now closed. And all races will be welcomed at the club.

ED.

# 'Bloody' Christmas

BRITISH students don't seem to know the stress and strain on foreign students who have to spend Christmas in the Halls of Residence or in digs.

Last year, a month before Christmas the Union issued circulars to students asking them if they were willing to invite foreign students home for Christmas. Only three students co-operated. Have you invited one home this year?

"Christmas is a very different affair here — it's not like home where

it is a social affair, and people of the same age and similar interests organize parties," commented a foreign student.

He thinks that foreign students should have their own parties to celebrate Christmas but he recognizes the limitations of this plan; shops are closed and means of transport are not easily available.

## All alone

The theatre and the cinemas are also closed on Christmas day. The foreign students staying alone in London have to spend Christmas day preparing their meals and doing their chores.

The staff at the Halls of Residence are also on leave and this adds to the students' problems.

"The British Council should hold a decent party for foreign students.

I think that foreign students would be willing to contribute to it — anything to have a real 'White Christmas'."

## Boring day

"If you are in a Hall and not invited out, you just cook your own food and go to bed. It is usually the most boring day in this country for foreigners — no dances — no girls — just nothing."

"But if Christmas this year is going to be like last year, it is going to be pretty awful. It's not going to be white but wet, cold and bloody," said a Canadian student.

DORAB SOPARIWALA

# Have you seen this week's New Statesman?

The best-selling review Edited by John Freeman Fridays, One Shilling



# The grad. school Question

BEAVER would like to express its gratitude to Dr Anne Bohm, Secretary of the Graduate School, for her generous help in providing most of the factual information on graduates in connection with this article.

"But I think it's a shame that only 50 scholarships are available."

This bleak picture is only slightly improved by the fact that 262 British students were registered as part-time students in the Graduate School last year (75% of the total number of part-time post-graduates). Their ages range between 20 and 65, and their jobs cover practically the whole professional spectrum.

"I think that in the light of the Robbins Report we have a heavy responsibility for providing the nucleus of the new staff", said Dr Bohm. "We need to expand facilities to meet the expected increase in graduate student numbers."

## A CHANGE?

It is understood that in this connection, the University is contemplating a change in the structure of Masters degrees. What may emerge is a degree like the American M.Sc., primarily designed as a fourth year for good students in order to avoid the present overloading of the undergraduate syllabus. It will probably be a one-year degree, more exam-oriented than at present and may often become the preliminary to a Ph.D.

by  
**Sami Daniels**  
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**David Travers**

of other graduates and tend to congregate only with their fellow-countrymen."

Loneliness is not overcome by the mere fact that graduates have their own common room and their own Research Student Association.

**A WAY OUT?** "I think it is incumbent upon LSE and British post-graduates to provide a link, to get foreign post-

graduates more interested in their Association and in the Union," said John Money, new President of the Research Student Association.

**A survey of key research projects being undertaken by LSE Staff. In the next issue**

CONSPICUOUS by their absence from most Union activities, post-graduates have in the past received little attention from Beaver. Their problems are indeed barely known to most undergraduates in the School.

Yet the graduate facilities are considered by many members of Staff as LSE's most important academic contribution. With over 1000 students this year, it is the largest school of its kind in Britain.

## STANDARDS

Recently, the introduction of an unofficial qualifying exam to be taken by first-year M.Sc. (Econ) students in some departments met with some opposition from Staff and graduate students. But considering that students come to the Graduate School from most universities in the world, the requirement that students fulfil certain minimum standards before going on to do their M.Sc. proper is, if anything, overdue.

Dr Anne Bohm, Secretary of the Graduate School, emphasised that it is impossible, given the uneven academic standards of degrees held by applicants to the Graduate School, to lay down anything but general minimum standards. "Every case is considered individually on its merits."



DR. ANNE BOHM

## BIG PROBLEM

Some overseas students have to pass a qualifying exam before entering the School, and departments and supervisors are free to insist on certain additional exams for their students. "In addition, the University often insists on preliminary exams for candidates who don't have the appropriate qualifications".

The big problem worrying people in the Graduate School is the ridiculously low proportion of British students in the Graduate School. Post-graduates are the main source of supply for future academics in universities. If the high quality of university teaching is to be maintained within the expansion programme envisaged by the Robbins Committee, the problem of increasing the number of British graduate students must be dealt with as a matter of top priority.

## FINANCES

The handicap is a financial one. Last year there were about 50 scholarships and studentships available for British students. "A deplorable situation", commented Dr Bohm.

"This means that half the British full-time graduate students are getting no financial help at all." These students have to rely on earnings from six hours teaching a week, the maximum number of hours allowed if they are to remain full-time students.

"I am all for graduate students doing a bit of teaching. I think it gives them experience, helps them to think coherently and provides them with a challenge."

## STUDENTS IN THE GRADUATE SCHOOLS (1962-63)

British:	Full-time	103
	Part-time	262
	Total	365
Overseas:	Full-time	484
	Part-time	123
	Total	607
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>972</b>

## WHAT? WHERE? WHY?

**WHAT** do post-graduates complain of?

Most of them have financial troubles. Foreign students have their additional worries. They complain of housing difficulties. Some have difficulty with the language. Loneliness is quite a serious problem with many of them. And many are subjected to colour prejudice outside the School.

"I DON'T blame graduates if they prefer their own company and stay away from the Union", said an undergraduate. But this suggests that post-graduates are a closely knit body. "I wish they were", said Dr Bohm. Many of them don't get to know more than a handful



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**LSE: An Exploded Volcano - Part 4**

This is the fourth in a series of articles.

It is an attempt to investigate the 'Others' — the students of 'Other' London Colleges — in the light of the Robbins Report.

It is an attempt to examine the reception the 'bulge' generation student is likely to encounter if he studies in this great Metropolis.

Beaver thanks: Lord Robbins, of LSE; Dr. Cotgrove, Regent Street Polytechnic, Lecturer in Sociology; Mr. Goddard, Secretary of King's College Students; Violet Gumbleton, Bedford President; David Anderson Evans, ULU President; Tony Cash, Battersea President; David Watson, Imperial College President; Trevor Fisk, LSE President.

Students of many Colleges in the University of London.

**AT** Margate much was said by students upon the 'Robbins Report'— or allegedly upon 'Robbins'.

Much of it was ballast — luke warm air!

No one would deny that it was Robbins' committee. The producer and director was Lord Robbins, but surely it is unfair to condemn or commend Lord Robbins as if he, and he alone, was responsible for the entire report.

Attention is drawn to these fundamental facts.

**QUOTE :**

"WE were appointed by the Treasury . . . in preparing both OUR analysis and OUR recommendations WE have tried to concentrate on leading aspects and leading problems."

The report was the product of one hundred and eleven meetings, four hundred written submissions, one hundred-and-twenty-one "formal interviews" and "informal interviews with many other people". In addition seven overseas countries were visited. All this occurred between February 8, 1961 and September 23, 1963.

**QUOTE :**

The committee was appointed "to renew the pattern of FULL TIME EDUCATION"

The report is based broadly on the terms of reference that were given to the committee, but whenever the committee felt restricted by its terms of reference, it did its best to expand them, not — as is sometimes implied — restrict them.

There has been official acceptance. It is time certain sections of society stopped criticizing the generalisations and dealt effectively with detailed topics.

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# Where shall all the others go?

We have selected five colleges in the University of London and one CAT as a sample within the university of London.

The Regent Street Polytechnic is a college where many students, a high proportion of them from overseas, study for external degrees. Battersea CAT will undoubtedly become either a full university and move to Guildford or a S.I.S.T.E.R.. Imperial College will also become a Special Institute,

either within or outside the University of London. Bedford College is the largest "unisexual" college in London, reserved exclusively for "gals".

The implications or implementa-

tions of the Robbins Committee's Report on the other colleges in London is yet to be decided. Both University College, Bedford and the LSE await developments with intense interest.

**QUOTE :**

"If our recommendations are accepted, it should in future be possible to deal no less effectively with detailed than with general topics."

'If the Universities of Wales and London cannot themselves speedily and satisfactorily resolve the problems arising from a federal structure these problems should be the subject of independent inquiries.'

(Par. 686)

**Where DO all the others go?**

**BY** the 1820's there was growing dissatisfaction with the social and religious limitations of university education in England.

This culminated in the foundation in 1826, of University College, London. King's College was founded in 1829. The University of London was constituted by charter in 1836: until the end of the nineteenth century it remained largely an examining and degree-giving body.

In all, the student population is considerably larger than that of any other two universities taken together. It is now 23,000 compared with 13,000 before the war. Just under a fifth of the students live in hostels or halls of residence.

Unlike the colleges of Oxford and Cambridge, the colleges in London are geographically dispersed and themselves provide nearly all the teaching for their students.

Some of the colleges such as University College and Bedford College are multi-faculty institutions. Others like the London School of Economics and Imperial College are more specialised.'

In parallel a number of important educational developments went on in the metropolis outside the University. The medical schools were created from earlier foundations, many of great antiquity.

Bedford College, the first of the women's colleges, was established in 1849. Three colleges of science and technology were founded at South Kensington and amalgamated in 1907 into Imperial College which joined the University a year later. The London School of Economics was founded in 1895.

These are a few of the diverse threads that have been woven together over the years to form the

present complex federation, which is governed under statutes made under the University of London Act, 1926.

**'Where Shall?'**

**'GLORIFIED FUNFAIR'**

'ULU is not a glorified funfair' insisted David Anderson-Evans. 'People should co-ordinate the tremendous potential talent present in London University and show it to the people outside through the University Union. The apathy in the Union is a result of too many students being bloody introverts and terrible snobs.'

'Many come up to London as Oxbridge rejects to get a degree that in most faculties is generally considered third best in the country, some just don't bother to participate in extra-curricular activities.'

'The present impotent position of ULU is not due so much to faulty organisation, as to its inability to express itself and speak effectively as the largest University Union in the country.'

**GIVE US MEN NOT MONEY**

THERE are three "all female" colleges in London, Bedford, Royal Holloway and Westfield. In addition most colleges have only a minority of women students, especially imperial which has 120 girls out of 3,000 students.

But all colleges seem to want a more even balance.

For instance, the authorities at Imperial College intend to double the number of women students.

And at Bedford the Union president, Violet Gumbleton, said it was not so much money as was needed to improve the college — but men.

"And it is generally believed here, that men will be admitted in a few years time.

She was doubtful whether there was the amount of potential ability which Robbins seems to indicate.

"I have never known a case in which a person who really merited a university place was refused one. I feel that a plan of university expansion would of necessity involve a general lowering of university standards.'

'It would be a great pity if ULU and the idea of the University of London were to be disbanded in favour of the separate London Colleges developing on their own.

'I admit that ULU is open to being inhabited by cliques. Naturally this is not the case in all the Societies. but the Drama Society is a big offender in this respect. ULU is inadequate to meet the needs of 23,000 students; it's main purpose at the moment is to serve as a central meeting place especially for students from the smaller colleges.'

**CATS to SISTERS**  
Interview with Dr. Cotgrove — lecturer in Sociology at Regent St. Poly.

There are 12,000 external students in Britain, one-tenth of the entire University population.

Nearly half are at technical colleges, another third take corres-

pondence courses, an increasing number are at teacher training colleges and the rest study privately.

Technical colleges produce the best results with a pass rate of 76% in 1962 — 26% with first or second class honours. Correspondence students and students who study privately lag some way behind in pass rates.

But there is a huge wastage rate, and as almost all of the students have met minimum university entrance requirements, there is a substantial wastage of potential trained ability.

Conditions in the technical colleges, for both staff and students, often fall far below university standards.

Students have to put up with bad libraries and lack of space. Staff are poorly paid, have poor research facilities and have often to work long hours in cramped conditions. They have generally lower status than university teachers.

Yet in 1960, 2.3% of external students managed to achieve first class honours compared with less than 4% for internal students.

When it is remembered that a high proportion of external students are studying under even less favourable conditions than those existing in technical colleges, it

technical colleges apply to the Polytechnic.

**BATTERSEA TO GUILDFORD EXPRESS**

'OUR 'elevation' had to come, we have had university standards for some years — now we have the status, the snob value — commented the President of Battersea.

'I was very amused at the way Robbins dealt with London University. He was very subtle, quite clear without sticking his neck out too far.

'LU is too vast, too rambling, something has to be done and quickly. But if most of the proposals go through for the CATS many of the colleges will be of university status within LU. Battersea will be a University itself and therefore out of LU.

LU does not fulfil its function. The University is spread out over a vast area and the way it is run is not satisfactory: students should have some control over the central organizations, they must have some power.

We were surprised at the ratio suggested in the Report for re-



is remarkable how good the results are.

Figures for the Regent Street Polytechnic compared with LSE and Bedford:

1962/3 B.Sc. (Soc.)	1	2.1	2.2	Pass
Internal (LSE, Bedford)	25%	50%	25%	
Regent St. Poly	3.7%	16.3%	50%	30%

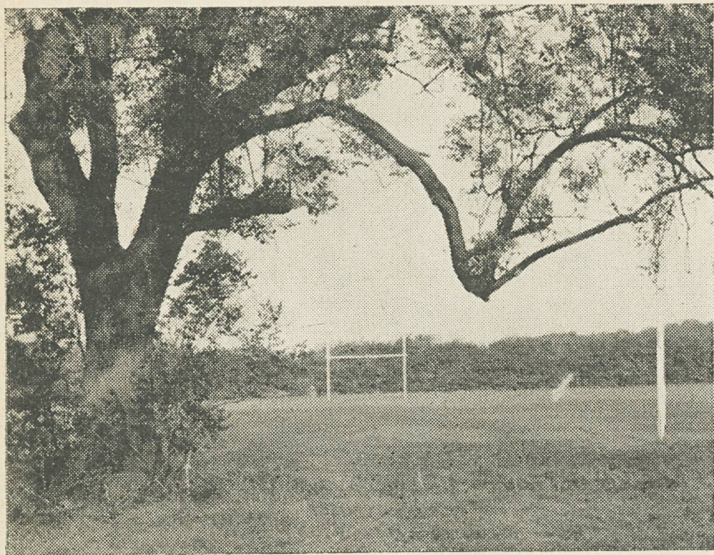
This is despite the facts that the Polytechnic has no control over the questions set and has a less specialised staff. Added to this is the fact that all the difficulties mentioned above with regard to

search undergraduates in the special institutions. I think personally that undergraduates will suffer.

I hope too that members of staff will be able to cope with the proposed increase in the research projects. As it stands at the moment you are bound to get the bum lecturer who cannot even manage one project let alone six or seven!

'Increase the amount of research to 30% by all means but don't have 50% research students, it's too high. It is true that one function of technology is to research, but the main function is to provide industry with good technologists.'





**REACH FOR THE SKY**

FOR many years, rumbles of discontent have been heard in South Kensington. Only by a massive building programme, it has been alleged, was IC persuaded to remain in the University of London.

Will Imperial College carry its "almost arrogant" distinctiveness to the point of becoming a separate technical university?

The president of IC, David Watson, based his preference for IC becoming a separate University on the excellent facilities of its Union "almost matching those of ULU" and the fact that 'IC has been singled out to lead the country in scientific and technical education. IC can itself develop into a University in its own right and have connections with other colleges of technology and the University of London. I am not greatly in favour of IC and some CATs getting together to form a University.'

Last week, Sir Patrick Linstead, IC rector and a member of the Robbins Committee announced that his college is to become a "special institution" for technical and scientific education and research. This underlines once more how distinct IC is — and feels — from the whole of London University. Separate university status may follow what is almost the fact of separation now.

**UNIVERSITY UNIVERSITY COLLEGE**

The students of University College completely rejected the idea of a combined university among UC, LSE and Kings. "Combining the three colleges would be to the detriment and cost of smaller colleges. UC by itself deserves to be a university."

The students emphatically reiterated the fact that the law and economics faculties of the college could not expand. The fact that they demanded university status did not mean that they would expand, nor would the promise to expand be the basis of demanding university status now.

The demand for extra-university places could only be met by increasing both physically and in quality, the size and character of

**Quotations from the 'Robbins' Report**

**Soaped Strip-Tease Escape**

THERE was not enough seating-capacity for Alan Keene, of Exeter University, when he attempted to join the Caving Society. In order to practise climbing through narrow cave-holes, members and prospective members had to try to manoeuvre their way through the seat of a chair.

Unfortunately for Mr. Keene, he got stuck halfway. He stripped, but that did not remedy the situation.

smaller colleges. The bigger institutions can not expand. The rate of expansion envisaged by Robbins can only be feasible if the University of London were disbanded.

**QUOTE:**

Commented an LSE student: "The first prize for selfishness, arrogance and reaction seems to be deserved by UC rather than IC."

From our rapid and brief preliminary inquiry around a selection of other colleges, we found that there was little or no confidence in the ability of the powers that be in the University to solve the immense problems which will face those concerned with Higher Education in London in these years of emergency.

The balance between an equitable sensible solution and a policy of unfortunate discrimination is terrifyingly slight.

Meritocracy or Mediocraty? Privilege or Discrimination? University or National? Freedom or Greater Government Control?

The Union at LSE is attempting to carry out an inquiry into the Views of London students in the light of the Robbins Report and the other reports on education; with particular reference to the position of fees, the position of the Overseas students, the discrimination implied by the means test and the whole position of student accommodation in London.

'We fully endorse the Committee's demand for a rapid, independent inquiry into the problems and structure within the University of London; only we believe it should begin now.'

**Special feature by**

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**FRANKLY SPEAKING**

It is a shabby, ill-lit room. The atmosphere is a sombre one. Like its owner, the room is an institution.

There is a bulky filing cabinet in a corner — it contains the thousands of papers used in the preparation of the Robbins Report.

Lord Robbins is a quietly dignified man who dominates the room. His words reflect the dignity of his stature.

"DON'T think I particularly enjoyed being chairman of the Committee — though it was intensely interesting.

It was two-and-a-half years of very hard work; almost no holidays and almost no weekends, I even worked Christmas day.

Last year I managed to get six days holiday, and the same the year before. This year I had ten days.

But even so the work of the Committee seemed never-ending. Whenever we thought we were getting near the end, a lot more work would appear.

**'It was a Truly Co-operative effort'**

"LORD Robbins and the LSE have carried on a life-long love affair.

"He was a student there, was appointed a Professor of Econo-

YOUR report has been hailed as a "great social document" and as "making history". Did you expect, three years ago, that this would happen?

I didn't think much about the eventual reception: there was too much to do; the responsibility was too great. I think we have been lucky in the time of our appearance, with both parties looking forward to an election.

Do you find it embarrassing to find your name so widely mentioned?

That doesn't worry me very much. When you've lived as long as I have, you'll know what value to put on that sort of thing. But I don't like the suggestion that it is my report: it was a truly co-operative effort; and I have certainly learned more than I gave.

But did you not write it?

**Indebtedness**

Some, but most decidedly not all. You would need a monster computer analysing the sentences, as Mr. MacGregor has analysed the Epistles, to disentangle our respective contributions. I should like too to emphasize our indebtedness to various persons in the government machine. We were fortunate in that we were a Prime Minister's committee and not a Royal Commission and could thus draw on the expert knowledge of the departments at every stage.

**Open mind**

Why do you think you were chosen to be Chairman?

I don't know. The best reason I can think of is that I wasn't known to have taken positions on the controversial questions and that I was thus in a position to approach them with an open mind.

Where do you think LSE comes in, in the proposed expansion?

I am inclined to think that, in the long period, our future lies chiefly in the development of the graduate

**LORD ROBBINS**

It was like climbing, and, to quote Pope: 'hills peep o'er hills and Alps on Alps anew'.

Sometimes, in the evening after a long days work. I would slip away to the opera, where, as a director I have to keep in touch. I also sometimes managed to make time to visit an art gallery.

It was lucky that my wife is used to being married to a busy man. Certainly, my wife didn't see much of me.

It was very fortunate that I could escape to the seaside cottage my wife and myself own in Dorset. I find I can get through much more work than I could in London.

I was, so to speak, in the bosom of my family (but suitably immunised against my grand-children), there were no telephone calls, no callers, no interviews. Whenever I wanted I could take a stroll along the seashore.

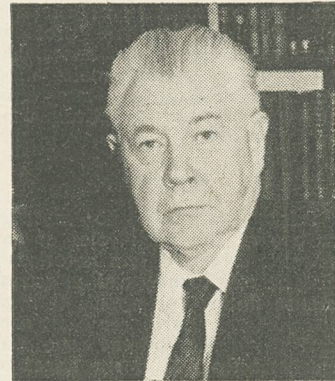
I did it because I thought I ought to. Although I have learnt a lot and made friends with many people I shouldn't have known otherwise.

Now I have finished the report I want to do a lot of the things I have not been able to during the time the Committee sat. I am to write a new course of lectures and I am trying to catch up with journals, and a lot of other things.

It is for this reason I am giving no press interviews, and refuse to speak on education. I just don't have time, there is so much I want to do now.

It is splendid to live a more or less ordinary life again.

I don't bother much about what is said in the papers. Its all forgotten very quickly. The important thing is to have jobs that you like and throw yourself into them.



**LORD ROBBINS**

totally different traditions and reputations. The one was founded by the Benthamites as a secular university, the other was a theological counterblast. The incongruity doesn't matter in the present university. But I should have thought a more intimate marriage would be a mistake.

The remarks of your committee about Oxford and Cambridge have been criticized both as being too conservative or too radical. What do you make of this?

That the remarks in question were just about right.

But what is your real attitude to these ancient institutions? Are they a blessing or an encumbrance?

A blessing. Who but an utter fool would wish to damage them or deny their achievements. The ultimate problem, as I see it, is to foster elsewhere institutions of similar excellence, commanding similar loyalties. It's difficult. But not impossible. After all, LSE has not yet been going a hundred years. But it has a corporate atmosphere you could cut with a knife and we are as famous throughout the world as a great many ancient foundations.

Did the work interfere with your other business?

Not I hope in the sense of causing me to neglect it. But certainly most of my creative capacity — such as it is — was focused in this direction. That is why it is so agreeable to be free again.

What do you think of part-time posts for academics?

I think they are a valuable ingredient: if there are not too many of them. We shall certainly have to rely on part-timers during the bulge crisis. But I hope that some of them will stay. They help to bring the world into the universities and the universities into the world. But don't forget that I am a biased witness. Majority opinion on the Senate regards the practice as an alliance with evil.

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**BUD PETERSON**



# the arts

## THE PEOPLE'S SAINT JOAN

"SAINT JOAN" was first produced this year at the Chichester Summer Festival. The Chichester 'open stage' created several production problems, seen in the clumsy grouping of the actors trying to be "all things to all men".

With the transfer of the production to the National Theatre's proscenium arch these problems have paled into insignificance, and there is a claustrophobic effect which gives a greater integration and smooths away the overplaying at Chichester.

### flutter

Saint Joan must be regarded as one of the plum roles of any actress's career. It is a notoriously difficult role to play and an actress cannot flutter her eyelids through it or let the size of her chest conceal the quality of the tone that emanates from it, if she hopes to make a success of it.

There is no doubt that the events of the play did happen; it is incumbent on every Joan to convince us that she could have made them happen. Joan Plowright succeeds admirably in this. Neither the most beautiful Joan nor the noblest but certainly the most touching and pathetic.

### protest

There is none of the masochistic, sufferingly ascetic Joans of recent years. With her rough Northern accent, Miss Plowright emphasises the peasant simplicity of the Maid. "My voices were right" — this is no cry of defiant acceptance, but the incredulous protest of the essential innocent.

Miss Plowright is matched in excellence by Max Adrian's Inquisitor and Robert Lang's Cauchon. With his slight under-playing of the role, the crystal clarity of his diction, Adrian dispels any of the sinister overtones usually associated with this character and entirely convinces of the inherent political

rightness of his attitude.

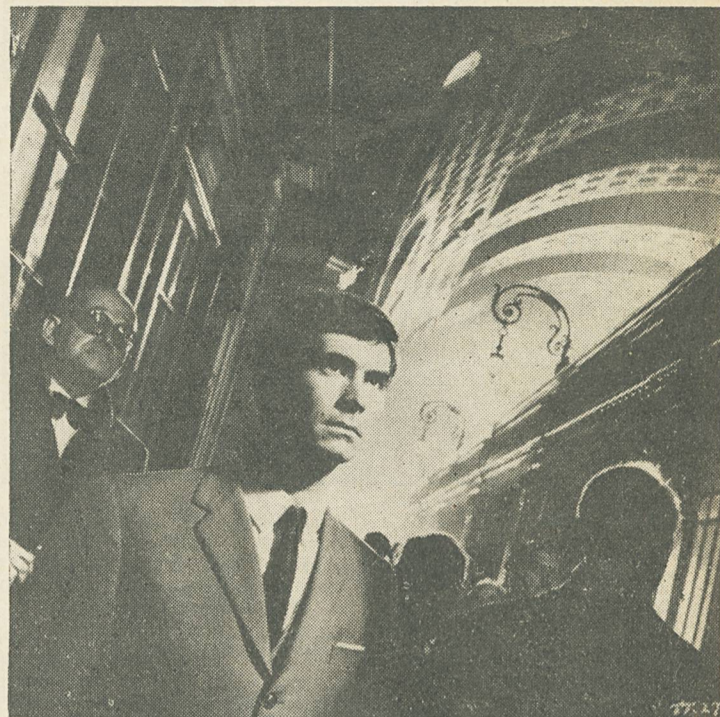
Cauchon, at worst, a peg on which Shaw hung his arguments, comes to life with Robert Lang. His clarity, his controlled rage, his genuine compassionate concern for Joan's spiritual and mental well-being, give Cauchon a more influential position than in most productions.

Tradition has held that Shaw, conscious of the fact that he had created a monumental weepie, appended the last scene to give the inhibited English audiences time to wipe away the tears.

### message

In this production that time is not enough, although John Dexter, the director, gently yet astringently brings us from the cathartic climax of the trial scene to the pointed ending of the play. Shaw never wrote a play without a message, and here it never needs to be underlined.

Vincent Shepherd



Anthony Perkins, alone in "The Trial".

## DRAMSOC GOES FORTH

YET another venture on the Dramsoc horizon is an Experimental Drama Group. It will cater not only for people involved in the Society's major productions but for anyone who does not have the time to devote to these productions, and is nevertheless interested in Drama.

### READING

Next term meetings will be arranged to teach members many of the arts of acting and production. But this term sees the start of a series of Poetry and Prose Readings to be held in the Founders' Room.

The first reading will be held next Monday (Dec 9th) from 8.30 p.m. when five readers will introduce the audience to the theme of "Fear and Violence".

Maybe these recitations from the works of some of our greatest writers will make people aware of the power of the more "bleak" literature, which they may normally avoid.

If so, and if they entertain as well, Dramsoc will indeed be pleased and encouraged in the plans for its new Group.

## SALFORD'S "HONEY" COMES TO LSE

MEMBERS of Dramsoc. can currently be seen exercising their five shilling right to display every shade of artistic trauma. Feelings run high and inspiration is alternately buoyant and depressed. Ideas and tensions clash across the coffee cups and runny egg-rolls.

The final justification of this seasonal ferment of enthusiasm, which has in fact produced many useful by-products, is "A Taste of Honey", the final of whose three performances in the Old Theatre will be tomorrow night at 7.30 p.m.

### EMOTIONAL

Director Stewart Richards is modestly taciturn about the event. At the time of writing, none of the performances has yet taken place, but rehearsals suggest that "A Taste of Honey" is to be one of the most interesting LSE productions for some time.

In contrast to last year's play "One Way Pendulum" in which the main problems of production were structural, "Honey" requires considerable emotional involvement — sometimes of great help to amateurs whose sincerity can make up for lack of technique.

### UNIQUENESS

Since he has seen neither the play nor the film, the director is not worried about comparison. A combination of Theatre Workshop and softened West End script is being used so that LSE's production will have some degree of uniqueness both in structure and interpretation.

Anne Severn, 1st Year Personnel Management student, plays Jo, a Salford schoolgirl whose taste of honey in her relationship with a coloured seaman leaves her even more submerged in a squalidity from which she has attempted to escape.

The loose-living, life-loving mother whose relationship with Jo is examined bluntly but with acceptance by Shelagh Delaney, is played by Margaret Oppenheimer, a 2nd Year Sociologist.

Their respective boyfriends are played by Lloyd Brown, a Jamaican, and Tony Pearce Smith; David Harris, a post-graduate from Edinburgh University, takes the difficult part of the homosexual art student to whom Jo turns when she finds herself pregnant.

### TICKETS

According to those who love to bang nails into scenery during rehearsals, the cast is quite excellent. Meanwhile the great organisational wheel of Dramsoc. revolves—tickets 3/6 and 2/6.

M.C.

SEE BY GUM IT'S 'Taste of Honey' And it's right good fun

Last chance to see it: Tomorrow: Old Theatre 7.30

## Welles' nightmare

SINCE "Citizen Kane" a new Welles' film has usually aroused keen anticipation; this has not always been fully satisfied, but there has usually been something worthwhile in compensation. "The Trial", sadly, simply, disappoints.

The story is an allegory of the human condition. K, the hero, is accused of an unnamed crime, tries to clear himself, but has convinced himself of his guilt by the time he is executed by the unidentified Organisation that arraigns him.

### tyranny

K is Everyman, whose condemnation is his own morality; the forces that destroy him are all huge, totalitarian forces that catch all in their comprehensive tyranny—even their employees. The Law, Love, Religion are all corrupted by the evil and powerless to save him.

The dehumanising shadows that hold men is a subject well suited to Welles' style. And what a style it is!

The rich imagery, the breathless cutting, the decayed and nightmarish sets, the grotesque chara-

cterisations all unerringly evoke a world to which Belsen lends a terrible relevance.

At its best — the torture of the police, the mob pursuit of K—Welles leaves the unmistakable signature of his huge imagination on every inch of film (but see Losey's "The Servant" for a superb forgery).

What ruins the film is Perkin's K... too neurotic and American to be credible or moving; but the real failures lie deeper — in Welles' undisciplined inspiration, in his submergence of content under visual extravagance, in his seemingly perfunctory direction of actors.

Above all, it is a crisis of content; Welles has, it seems, nothing new to say, and for long stretches it seems that he has nothing at all to say.

### shadows

It is unfair to call "The Trial" a farrago of shadows without substance; many people will call it a masterpiece, but I know Welles has it in him to give us more than is here. Going round full circle, let us hope that his next film is the one.

Gareth Davies

## Clippings over Xmas

CHRISTMAS time in London, Christmas time anywhere. It can be a dreary time if you are not at home or in anything resembling a home atmosphere.

So for those students who are forced, or even rashly choose, to stay in the metropolis over the holidays, here are some films which may help to brighten up a cold and lonely afternoon.

The Baker Street Classic is going all-out comedywise. You can get two peeps of Alec Guinness in his mad Ealing days in the famed "Lavender Hill Mob" from December 15th-18th, and in the lesser-known but winningly jolly "The Card" from the 19th to the 21st.

### Arty

The next week has for four days Anthony Aloysius Hancock first big

film comedy "The Rebel": Hancock all arty amongst the Paris beatniks. At the weekend is Samuel Goldwyn's "Guys and Dolls"; a little long and rather static, but the music's there and Brando too.

From the 29th we are taking "Breakfast at Tiffanys" with Audrey Hepburn. Maybe its not as whacky as it could have been or Audrey

Hepburn. Truman Capote's Holly Golightly, but its still fun and she brings an ingenuous charm to a delightful film.

### In Hampstead

To celebrate their 30th anniversary the Everyman will be showing from the 30th for an indefinite period. Rene Clair's comedy "Le Million" which was the first film they showed thirty years ago.

During Christmas week there's an appeal to everyone — "The Sundowners", a sunny, engaging entertainment about Down Under.

So relax over Christmas — your intelligence can work overtime during the term.

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# sport

## Around the clubs

## Facilities need improving

# AU UP IN ARMS

THERE were angry voices at a meeting of the AU over the facilities and management of the Malden sports ground.

Biggest trouble was the showers, as in past years. There has never been enough hot water and last winter players had to make do with showers heated by only one boiler.

But one recent Saturday, water was so hot that no one could stand under it, and there was no cold water.

Secretary Bruce Wood said it was the job of the steward, Mr Vanesse, to get the showers ready. When questioned about the incident the steward did not know where to find the mains cold tap.

But only ten minutes later a team coming off the field could get no hot water at all.

In the ladies' showers, the meeting was told, the changing area was fed with dirty water. This, replied Council members, was because of recent plumbing alterations — and the plumbers were expected shortly to put things right.

The School had spent money recently on boiler restoration, but the plunge bath was seldom used for lack of hot water.

Quite apart from the inconvenience of the shower situation for AU members, there was concern that LSE could not reciprocate the facilities received at away games.

Not only were AU members ashamed of inflicting their wash-rooms on visitors, but the low quality and standard of Malden food was criticised.

If the School cannot spend more it is clear that AU members want their executive to ensure proper administration of the ground as it is. The steward, they feel, should go and find the cold tap.

## SOCCER SIDE TOPS LEAGUE

IT looks like being a two way battle for the championship of the London University Premier League. Already LSE and QMC have established themselves as leading contenders. LSE has dropped only one match — to the QMC side by 3-1.

The best victory so far was undoubtedly against UC last month. However it was UC who dominated the play territorially but the LSE defence was in magnificent form to hold a good UC front line. Fullback Oates and Captain Robinson played sterling games and Wilks in the home goal brought off several out-of-this-world saves.

The defence was frequently at full stretch with the result that the forward line never threatened to move as sweetly as it had done in recent games.

Against the run of play LSE scored with a goal as brilliant as it was unexpected. A quick throw in on the right found Shepherd whose cross was back-headed into goal by centre-forward Summers.

For the rest of the game LSE concentrated on keeping the UC attack at bay. This was a good result and indicates the keenness and spirit which runs through the club.

### OTHER RESULTS AND SCORERS

LSE 1st. 5 Queens (Cantab) 0 (Shepherd 2, Kiernan, Phillipson, and own goal).  
LSE 2nd. 3 QMC 3  
Queens (Oxon) 1 LSE 2nd. 1

## GREAT DOUBLE VICTORY FOR JUDO TEAM

THE LSE Judo team achieved a great double over UC in the middle of last month.

Despite lower gradings LSE fought well above themselves to achieve fine victories. In the first match at UC Kemp was forced to concede to a scarf hold, putting UC ahead by 10 points.

Wiesner toppled his opponent with a major outer reaping throw but was awarded only 7 points. Frank forced his opponent to submit to a sliding collar strangulation

for 10 points. Bucknall drew his contest but Peacock (captain) clinched the match by countering an outer reaping throw with a left-handed body-drop to make the final score: LSE 27; UC 10.

In the second match UC sent a weakened team, giving us the advantage not only in gradings but also of knowing the ups and downs of the notorious LSE mats. Wiesner and Ediale won their contests and drew, giving LSE a 20-10 victory.

## Hockey

MIXED fortunes have befallen the LSE Men's Hockey Club this season. At the time of going to press, ten games have been played. 23 goals have been scored and 15 conceded.

6-0 victory opened the season at Avery Hill. Centre-forward Beck was at his brilliant best and scored five of the goals. Two more victories were recorded over Westminster Hospital and Petters which gave high hopes for forthcoming league games.

However the first two league games (v. IC and QMC) were lost which marked the beginning of a less auspicious period of the season. Nevertheless in the best game of the season so far Trinity Hall (Cambridge) were beaten 4-1.

This was followed by the most notable victory so far when Croydon Municipal Officer's club was beaten 3-2 despite the handicap of playing with only ten men.

Undoubtedly Peter Beck is the outstanding member of the side. He has scored the majority of the goals ably aided by Mike Tuttle. Team spirit is extremely high and new members will be welcome. Indeed a spokesman for the club claims that the approach to the game is positively enthusiastic rather than brutal. A continuing run of good results is expected.

## Boat Club

MEMBERSHIP of the LSE Boat club is the largest it has been in the history of the club. The club is now able to put three 'eights' on the river and optimism is high. When matches restart, LSE will again be high on the honours lists.

The club is fortunate in having Phil Fisher at stroke in the first eight. Fisher rowed for the famous Dartmouth club which has the second best record in the USA.

## RUNNING

SEVEN LSE runners have been selected to run for London University this season. This is a pointer to the great strength of the LSE club this year.

The first team remains unbeaten by University and College sides, while the seconds have so far lost only two matches.

At Richmond Park last month, Sussex, Reading and IC were well beaten by the LSE first team. Fine performances by Bagshaw (1st) and Craven (4th) backed by solid team packing accounted for a sound victory against strong opposition.

As a result of certain runners being on duty with the University teams, the LSE second team had to send a weakened side to Reading. Thomas distinguished himself by falling in a lake and LSE were beaten.

The club has a strong international flavour now — only two members of the first eight are British.

A recent event was the challenge hockey match between the Women's Hockey team and the Boat club. They do say that the girls came out on top but referee Jim White (Boat Club captain) contrived to ensure the other result.

If success in pre-season practice matches plus general enthusiasm and ability are carried over into the new season, good results should follow.

Several personal best performances were recorded in the match against Kings on November 20th. Bagshaw beat the best LSE time when he clocked twenty-four minutes. Kings were severely beaten — final scores being: LSE 29, Kings 52.

In the University championships on 7th December, LSE hopes to distinguish itself further and sights have been placed on an over-all win.

LSE Athletics has a longstanding reputation for poor support.

This was in evidence in the London Colleges' Winter Relay and Field events' meeting held at Motspur Park on 13th November. However, the LSE team did as well as could be expected. Z. P. Mandic won the discus event easily with a throw of 138 feet. J. Weir and  
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## VICTORY — AT LAST

THE LSE 1st XV, who have had a bad season, astounded their critics by defeating one of the best London University teams in the first round of the Guttridge Cup.

This is the first time the team has done this since 1954.

Within a few minutes, their opponents, Battersea, had scored a try from a three-quarter movement. But the LSE plan to gain superiority in the forward play soon began to tell.

A long, hard struggle developed with prolonged mauls and fierce rucking.

Scrum-half Thomas played an invaluable role in the forward battle.

LSE forwards Kirkham and Pilbeam (the University second row forward) dominated the line-outs.

Backed by solid scrummaging, hooker Borkett captured a fair supply of the ball.

The LSE back row, Jones, Clough and Sutcliffe—supported by the three-quarters, prevented any dangerous Battersea three-quarter movements with fierce marking and hard tackling.

LSE scorer was Maudsley who kicked two penalty goals.

Key man in the victory however was Captain John Kirkham,

who, despite the team's unsuccessful record so far this season, has provided enthusiastic leadership.

LSE's opponents in the second round will be either CEM or Goldsmith's.

## SWIMMING

The Swimming Club has two teams in the finals of the University Championships. And Frame — a newcomer to the team and former Yorkshire County swimmer — has been picked for the University.

He gained third place in both 100 yds and 440 yds free-style events. Frame is joining Bull, the LSE captain, on the University team.

Our team went down 5-2 in a friendly match against CEM. This was essentially a trial and the team is not down-hearted.

## RIFLE CLUB

SHOOTING will begin early next term on the Kings College rifle range. Any new recruits are welcome. It is hoped a notice board in the St. Clements concourse area will be acquired.

All interested should watch for announcements shortly. Captain of the club is M. Dobson and those interested in joining may contact him through the pigeon holes.

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## More Soccer Victories

WEDNESDAY November 27 saw another great LSE Soccer League victory. Goldsmiths were beaten 3-1 in a thrilling end-to-end battle. Goals came from Kiernan, Phillipson and Evans.

Defensively LSE were as sound as ever with Oates, Wilks and Wood in dominating form. Two more valuable points were gained by LSE in what must be one of the most successful starts to a soccer season.

On the same day the following results were also recorded:

LSE 4th 2 Goldsmiths 0  
LSE 5th 1 Northern Poly 3

The second and third elevens did not have matches. The third eleven continues to have great success in the league. They top their division — Division 2(R).

The second eleven is not doing as well as had been expected but is holding its own. The fourth team has won four of its first six league games. The newly formed fifth team is doing very well and lies about half way up its league.

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O. Levene took second place in the long jump team event both recording just under 20 feet. The LSE sprint relay team of Thomas, Pupius, Weir, and Levene got through to the final of the sprint relay and did well to finish fifth.

Until more people are willing to support this team, better results cannot be expected and fixtures cannot be obtained. There is room in the team for athletes of all standards and willingness to compete can be indicated by signing the notice on the Cross Country Club board.

## PHELPS BROWN FOR BUS DISPUTE

Prof E. H. Phelps Brown, of LSE, has been appointed to head a five-man committee inquiring into the pay and conditions of London's busmen.

The inquiry has been set up jointly by the Ministries of Transport and Labour. The T & GWU has not so far made any attempt to co-operate with it. The busmen's

THE Nuffield Foundation has given LSE a grant of £60,000 to finance a Unit for Economic and Statistical Studies on Higher Education.

Professor C. A. Moser will direct the Unit, the origin of which derives from the research activities of the Robbins Committee.

Professor Moser asked for the grant so that he could continue with the work that Robbins had started. The Unit will study various aspects of higher education—firstly, the relationship between higher education, the structure of the labour force, and economic growth studying "developing" countries as well as Britain.

Professor Moser also plans to study the demand for higher education, and different staffing arrangements. Some of the material is already available — in, of course, the Robbins Report. The rest will be collected and analysed by the staff of the new Unit.

But where will the new Unit be? Professor Moser admits that this is a problem, with ground space at a premium in LSE. "I want the Unit to be closely integrated with the School," he said, "and my colleagues to take part in its work." I feel that the work of the Unit will be of definite importance in the future."

## Money it is!

EX-LSE undergraduate, Bill Money, is the new President of the Research Students Association.

He took his degree in Economics in 1960 and since then has worked for two years in Local Government negotiating wages and conditions. At present he is doing research into political parties and pressure groups.

There are going to be improvements in both the social and political aspects of the association. On the social side, there will be parties, theatre visits and week-end schools. Also he hopes to improve relations with the school authorities and the Students' Union for the benefit of the research students and the College as a whole.

## LIBRARY OVERTIME

LIBRARY staff are now working overtime to replace at least 500 books a day found in the wrong rooms.

Continued success in opening the library at 9.30 a.m. instead of 10 a.m. depends upon students cooperating in returning books to the shelves or at least the right room.

Librarian Geoffrey Woledge points out that early opening is only an experiment, and that it is up to students whether or not this continues.



# Baby or degree? Girls Abort

GEOFFREY JAMES, a 21-year-old history student at Oxford, claims that students there are having abortions rather than face the risk of being sent down. He says that if the University authorities really knew just how many students were undergoing these illegal operations, something would have to be done about it.

## Abort

fifteen said that there were many others in the same predicament. She had paid £220 for the operation which money she had been able to raise only by borrowing from her college friends.

The County Authority that is subsidising her studies will be glad to know that their grant to her is now helping to repay the amount her friends lent her.

Those Oxford girls who have to make the ugly choice appear to prefer abortion to expulsion. Is their choice based on deep moral conviction? No, it seems to be merely a question of . . . degree.

### Ugly Choice

The heads of two women's Colleges deny that they have an unwritten law about the automatic expulsion of pregnant students. They assert that each case is considered on its merits. Three principals of other women's Colleges at Oxford were not available to comment.

"Cherwell" claims that in a ten-day survey among Oxford's 1,500 women-students, fifteen admitted illegal operations so that they could stay at the University. One of the

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

REACTION has set in at Cambridge to that revolutionary vote allowing women into the Union.

Twenty-year-old Trinity historian, Ashak Rawji, has formed a Miso-gynist Society. He has had a far greater response than he anticipated, and he expects a "prominent don" to take up the post of Senior Treasurer to the group. But his society will not allow known homosexuals to join its ranks.

The Registrar, Mr J. Alcock, flew to Cologne yesterday to have talks with authorities and professors of CEDESE colleges in Europe.

He will be in Germany for two days in order that LSE might achieve a common basis for future talks as to co-operation between the colleges.

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THE Iraqi ambassador appears to have gone back on his word.

Despite his promise to a Beaver reporter to see LSE Research student, Ferhang Jalal, about his forfeited government scholarship and to do his best to help, on Friday he was refused permission to see the ambassador. He met two Egyptian students, however, who had managed to see him and they said the ambassador was not very encouraging about the grant.

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CONSOC came out top in a Union debate last Monday. Michaels Harrington and Smith carried off the Jock Campbell debating trophy. In contrast to other speakers, they avoided over-emotionalism and the near-hysteria of some. Other societies to reach the final, which was judged by the Director and the donor of the cup, were the Liberal, Geographical and Jewish.

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