

The Summer Term issue of "Clare Market Review" will be published on the 14th June. It is hoped that it will be possible to reduce the price to one shilling. A special feature will be an elevated treatment of "Beaver's" literary aspirations.

BEAVER

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ARE WOMEN WASTED HERE?

Ex - Beaver Editor Starts "Times" Correspondence

A deluge of letters descended on ex-"Beaver" Editor, John Dunkley, who recently wrote to "The Times" commenting on the P.E.P. report "Women Graduates." Mr. Dunkley, whose letter will be included in a second P.E.P. publication on this subject, has nevertheless found time to write for us a review of the original pamphlet.

'Women Graduates'

reviewed by JOHN M. DUNKLEY

Is it a waste to spend large sums of money on the provision of university educations for women, who, after a few years, give up the career for which they were trained to get married?

In reviewing the recently-issued Political and Economic Planning pamphlet on the marriage propensities of university women, several of our national newspapers seemed to infer that it is. Of course, it can be argued that each of our Local Education Authorities has only a limited amount of money with which to help not-so-well-off to obtain a higher education, it would be more economical from the point of view of the community to assist only the men. But, as I pointed out in a letter to The Editor of The Times, this is a grossly shortsighted policy.

Long-term Advantage

Regardless of the direct contribution made by the woman graduate herself, it does not take into account the contribution which, eventually, will be made by her children. As I pointed out, a woman will instinctively pass on to her children much of the knowledge (both academic and abstract) that her university experience has given her, and more than one of her children may go on to make, directly, the contribution for which she was trained, there will be a long-term advantage to society.

The extensive correspondence which resulted brought both support (not entirely from women!) and a varied collection of further ideas on the subject. It was pointed out that with less stringent taxation on the earnings of married women and a greater and more reliable supply of domestic help, a graduate wife would find it possible to take a part-time employment, and might, after her children had reached a certain age, find herself able to return to a full-time job.

On the other hand, there can be no doubt — particularly if children are to receive the care they need—that running a home is never be carried out entirely satisfactorily by domestic servants, however efficient they may be. Moreover, a woman must have some leisure. The solution to this problem—

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and one which has been put to increasing use in these years of housing shortage — is for the young married couple to make their home with either husband's or wife's parents. The young mother may then go out to work without any fear of children or home being neglected. Unfortunately, the advantages of living with parents or parents-in-law are often more than counterbalanced by the disadvantages, and, in any case, most women, whether graduates or not, would probably find their instincts guided their preference towards domestic rather than professional occupations.

"Christian belief"

If a return to work is impossible or unacceptable for women whose children have grown up, the education of many may still be put to use in the performance of social work outside the home and in such fields as local government and welfare organisations—spheres in which the social scientist can make a special contribution.

In any case, as one correspondent pointed out, "To develop a properly balanced society the contribution of both sexes is indispensable," and, to quote another, "Western civilization is built on the Christian belief that everyone has a right to full personal development." Those of us who are advocates of equality for women may take heart that the Local Education Authorities, at least, have an enlightened attitude in this respect, and after all, who is to say that the contribution made to the national economy by the mother and the housewife is not the greatest contribution of all . . . ?

L.S.E. Gives Money

Since September L.S.E. students have raised from amongst themselves £72 for W.U.S. This, the largest amount we have yet achieved, was gathered by means of a revue, a flag day, a lost property sale, a dance and a donation from the union. Students gave time, talent and, surprisingly, money. The wealth of the staff did not escape attack and so far they have donated a further £8.

We can certainly pat ourselves on the back when we compare this with past sums but it is still a long way behind other colleges of a similar size. Students at the school are not particularly wealthy but consideration of the work of W.U.S. will surely bring a few coppers from the

Pretty Girls of L.S.E. - I



Photo by Irving Teitelbaum

Anne Arden is in her third year at L.S.E., and is studying for a B.A. (Sociology) degree. She plays Table Tennis for the College Ladies' Team; is a prominent member of the Ladies' Squash Club and plays Lawn Tennis too. She is Treasurer of the Industry and Commerce Society (prospective members please queue!). On leaving she is going to be a teacher; then, perhaps, a Probation Officer—who said that crime doesn't pay?

WOMEN SMUGGLE MINIATURE "REGGIE"

Boat Clubs' Rag Success

Last term two stalwart members of the Women's Boat Club made a lightning snatch of the King's College W.B.C. mascot, and placed it in the hands of the Rag Committee.

The mascot, a miniature representation of "Reggie," was skilfully smuggled out of the women's changing-room wrapped up in a coat, and placed on an awaiting motor-bike which carried it to a suburban destination, where it remained, standing on a piano and suitably disgraced during a party attended by many of the Boat Club. It was later presented to the President of the Union who did not really know what to do with it, and decided to return it.

NEW SOCIETY ACCUSES COMMUNISTS

'Evasion' Charge

By ARTHUR POWELL

At the end of the Spring term the L.S.E. Free Europe Society was formed, its Constitution, after an unreasonably long lapse of time, being passed by the Constitution Committee, Union Council and the Director.

The purpose of the Society is to stimulate clear thinking as to the nature of freedom and democracy; it being the belief of those who have founded the Society that democratic freedom is too much taken for granted in this country, with the result that anti-democratic forces are allowed to gnaw away at the vitals of our society unopposed. Woolly thinking similarly confuses the major issues in foreign policy, where all too often the enemies of democracy are allowed to give more prominence to minor shortcomings in essentially democratic countries than to the complete denial of democratic countries than to the complete denial of democratic rights as a matter of principle in authoritarian states.

The Communists in L.S.E. are already beginning to evade the fundamental issues which the Society will raise and have published a notice on the Socialist Society board saying that "extreme right-wing emigre propaganda emanating from the emigre Hungarian, Czech and Polish groups in London is being circulated amongst you in the guise of a democratic plea. The Govern-

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HOMOSEXUAL CONTROVERSY

Johnson Clashes With Green in Next 'Obiter'

by Michael Thomas

"Obiter," the publication of the L.S.E. Law Society, will be on sale towards the end of May. In its short life it has become well-established in the school and outside, being noted particularly for the wide scope of its contents—and the low cost of six pennies.

In the forthcoming edition, "Obiter" carries a controversy on the "Law and the Homosexual" in which the sociological viewpoint (written by Jeff Green) clashes with the Bob Johnson approach.

Beryl Cohen writes on the prevention of juvenile crime and John Pullinger supports the idea of Jury Discretion to mitigate the rigidity of Capital Punishment—despite the criticisms by the House of Lords of the Royal Commission's recommendation.

Ray Sanders, Alan Tyrell and others have also contributed to make this edition worthy of your attention.

Vac Jobs Abroad

By C. A. R. PITT

L'Association Internationale des Etudiants en Sciences Economiques et Commerciales is a student organisation which sponsors a trainee exchange scheme by which British Students go abroad and work during the summer vacation in jobs which give some insight into foreign business methods, and foreign students come to work in Britain.

What can A.I.E.S.E.C. do for you? If you want a job abroad during the Summer vacation at a salary of about £5 to £6 per week, why not consult the A.I.E.S.E.C. Notice Board on the third floor. And the Union AIESEC Officer is available from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. every Monday in the Union Office.

Will you help the A.I.E.S.E.C. work? For every British student that goes abroad we have to find a job for a foreign student here. This means that there is a lot of work to do contacting firms, arranging for work permits and accommodation for foreign students, and generally making them welcome here. An A.I.E.S.E.C. Committee is soon to be set up to do all this work, and if you would be willing to help and would like to be on this Committee, please inform the A.I.E.S.E.C. Officer.

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ments that represented these "democrats" before the war were never democratic in the British or American tradition but oligarchical in the extreme." We congratulate them on their conversion to the British and American tradition of democracy, but fear that this is likely to be short lived—according to Marx, this tradition is mere window dressing to conceal capitalist exploitation.



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Comment

THE RIVALS

Competition in the world of student journalism is intensifying. Until this term "Beaver" waged a friendly battle for circulation with its august contemporary "Clare Market Review" and the monthly newspaper "NUS News," and since each fulfilled substantially different roles, unnecessary duplication of work was avoided.

The arrival of the University weekly paper "Sennet" raises the question whether there is room for two journals of broadly similar type in the same college; whether in fact there is not now too much literature thrust upon the student as he oscillates between lecture room and library

Judgment of Events

The aims of "Sennet" as set out in its editorial are indeed admirable; but its self-appointed task of unifying the far-flung University is so formidable that we confess to some scepticism. It would of course be unfair to comment on the first issues (although our irrepressible "Tactless" appears to consider himself under no such obligation). Rather we believe the final test of a student newspaper's success is circulation, and while we cast envious eyes upon a paper which can contemplate losing three times "Beaver's" total annual grant in its first four issues, we are nevertheless content to await and accept the judgment of events.

Beaverbrook v. Beaver

As all students of form will know, the London Evening Standard has been featuring a series called "Pretty Girls in London Offices." With that well-known song, "Anything You Can Do . . ." in mind, we sent "Beaver" photographer Irving Teitelbaum in search of pictorial evidence that at L.S.E. beauty still goes with brains. His first study appears on the front page. And so, to paraphrase a familiar B.B.C. slogan: "We hope to bring you something interesting in every issue."

Letters

Tacitus Expires

Dear Sir,

Some considerable confusion has arisen in the minds of the uninformed as to the identity of "Tactless". While appreciating and, indeed, while sympathising with the desire for anonymity on the part of your contributor, I must express dismay at the fact that his identity has been coupled with the name of "Tacitus", once a revered and respected con-

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VOICES OF HOUGHTON STREET

N.U.S. DEBATE DISAFFILIATION



by
**JOHN
MARTYN**

Sheffield Council was noteworthy for three things; the debate on the dissatisfaction with the National Union, which culminated in Manchester's departure; the decision to apply for Associate Membership of I.U.S.; and the election of officers for the coming year.

Manchester University Union's President, Ken Goody, opened the debate on the disaffiliations giving the reasons for their action. The main ones were that the Union considered it received little in return for the amount spent on membership of the N.U.S., and further that universities had insufficient in common with art, technical and training colleges to justify their common association. After a full discussion the joint Executive and L.S.E. motion proposing the setting up of a Commission to enquire into the structure and services of the N.U.S. was carried unanimously.

On a card vote of 565 to 515 it was decided to apply for Associate Membership of the International Union of Students. This decision followed the customary acrimonious discussion which accompanies every mention of this international organisation.

Next year's President will be Frank Coplestone, of Nottingham. Our own candidates for offices—Bob Weinberg for Vice-President and Colin Sweet for Assistant Secretary—were unsuccessful. The new executive can claim no representative from L.S.E. but looks a competent body.

This Union's motion proposing an N.U.S. Scholarship for an

African at the new inter-racial university in Rhodesia was carried by a very large majority. Our Grants motion was defeated although some of its points were later agreed to in an emergency Executive motion, which was carried. From the point of view of L.S.E., the Council was a good one, but we must wonder how long the issue of I.U.S. is to continue to bedevil and split the National Union.

Political Chorus from the

LEFT

By Wendy Yates

L.S.E. Labour Society sent five delegates to the three-day Annual Conference of N.A.L.S.O., which was held during the Easter vacation at Swanwick near Derby. Between 75 and 100 people attended and clubs from all parts of Great Britain were represented.

It is impossible in a brief report to give a fair picture of the substance of the Conference because of the number and diversity of the resolutions which were debated—on two occasions sessions broke up in confusion at 3.30 a.m. Resolutions varied from opposition to the rearmament of Western Germany to proposals for the nationalisation of the Duchy of Lancaster (both these resolutions were carried almost unanimously). All the seven or eight L.S.E. motions were carried.

A large proportion of time at Conference was devoted to N.U.S. The attention and concern which this topic aroused was partly due to Manchester University's disaffiliation which had occurred just before the Conference opened.

L.S.E. is well represented on the National Executive Committee of N.A.L.S.O., with Ruth Robinson as Secretary and Tom Sloan as International Secretary. Brian Van Arkadie who was also elected to the N.E.C. is Assistant Secretary and London Regional Officer.

tributor to the pages of this journal.

"Tacitus", Sir, is no more. In this age of ultra-modernity he found the pace too fast and retired to haunt the fields of Elysium. Neither has the one who intrepidly assumed the name of the past, anything to do with that awful indication of the present—a warning to all who might be tempted to pick up a pen and attempt to record the doings of their fellows. Or is he an encouragement—boring and trite as his sayings are, and vulgar, too, as his conclusions; might he not rejuvenate the flagging spirits of his contemporaries, weigh them to anger, and prompt them to submit more stirring stuff?

Vulgarity, Sir, cannot be veiled by abortive humour. Neither can "Tactless" (or "Psst" is it?—I know of no such word) succeed in regarding "Tacitus" as a colleague. Realising the possibility of "Tactless" being quite unfamiliar with the usage of a Latin dictionary I shall refer him to page 1,245 of the "Concise Oxford Dictionary" (3rd Edition), and invite him to verify the origin of these "tact-" and "tacit-" to see how quite divergent these meanings are.

Yours etc.,

"TACITUS" (Quendam).

More Money for Beaver?

Dear Sir,

Your paper goes but not far enough. A statement capable of misinterpretation: Certainly, I take it to mean that you have in the paper the germs—curse these interpretations—of some fine reporting.

Seize your opportunities with all columns . . . "What goes on in F. 333?" "Intimate Confessions of an old-fashioned girl in five dimensions," "Report of Union Meeting Direct From Our Helicopter In Room 6" (Why have we no helicopter?) "I Was A Communist For The S.C.M.!"—with all these "Beaver" could be as good a comic as the "Economist."

Why only hint at things in South Wales? Is it because we have no funds for more space and better defence counsel? "Beaver" is, or could be, an important part (D.P. willing) of the L.S.E. "community" (Marshall willing).

Let Union Council face this fact—there should be less spent on subsidising W.U.S. and more on our own newspaper.

Yours, etc.,

A.B.S.

. . . . RIGHT

By Alan Dolley

Among the most impressive speeches at the Easter Conference of Conservative Universities Associations were those of Colonial students. In particular J. Henry Thomas, a British Guianese student and recent recruit to L.S.E. Conservative Society, made a striking appeal for "law and order" in the colonies and called upon Colonial people to "back the Tory Government." He said "there is too much arguing on emotion and not enough on the facts," and he and other speakers declared that there had been "tremendous progress in Africa during the last hundred years."

Alan Tyrell seconded a motion supporting the Government's policy on the Suez Canal Zone, which was carried, and opposed a motion calling for "Equal Pay," which was defeated!

No Licensing

The motion which received the most overwhelming support demanded the abolition of the licensing laws. As far as the venue of the Conference was concerned there appeared to be no licensing laws anyway.

The L.S.E. delegation to the Conference included Bob Johnson and Michael Thomas. At the A.G.M. which followed Alan Tyrell was elected—amidst keen competition—to the General Purposes Committee of the Federation, and Roland Freeman was appointed N.U.S. representative.

and CENTRE!

The London University delegation of nine to the Liberal Party Assembly, held at Buxton, Derbyshire, in April, included four members of the L.S.E. Liberal Society: B. G. Jackson, N. E. Allan, P. M. Linfoot, and Sylvia Gosden.

The main debates of the conference centred around Monopoly, Agriculture, Co-ownership, Education and Foreign Affairs.

The Executive motion on monopoly declared that steps so far taken to check "this grave position" were inadequate and

This Manoeuvring

Dear Sir,

At the end of last term a Union meeting was held to discuss motions for NUS Council. Some 40 people were present almost all eager to carry on the business. But despite appeals by the Chairman the house was counted out by a member of Union Council.

I should like to know whether Council deliberately held the meeting at lunchtime and delegated to one of its members the task of seeing that no meeting was in fact held. Is this what we elect a Council for? How can you expect anyone to take an interest in Union affairs while this sort of manoeuvring goes on?

Yours faithfully,

"DISGUSTED."

(We asked Harvey Babiak, the Senior Treasurer, who, we thought, was the person referred to, for his comments).

As the person referred to in the above letter I should like to answer the charges and perhaps explain my action. I must first emphasize that the action was in no way planned by Council and I alone am responsible. My reasons are simple: the constitution lays down a minimum number of persons to make a meeting effective. The purpose of this is to ensure that a small number of persons in collaboration do not



re-affirmed the anti-monopoly programme adopted by the Party in 1948. Speakers from the floor expressed anxiety about the growing industrial investment by the big insurance companies.

There was considerable opposition to the resolution on Agriculture calling for a gradual return to free marketing of Agricultural produce. The resolution, however, did state that the government has an obligation to provide for the sale of all the farmer produce, and this represented a slight move away from last year's libertarian position.

The debate on the co-ownership committee's proposals was prolonged and somewhat marred by a tendency to emotionalism. An amendment from Reigate following up the criticism of the Economic Committee (upon which serve our Hon. President and Hon. Vice-President Prof. Paish and Mr. Alan Peacock), recommending the re-consideration of the proposals was unfortunately narrowly defeated.

The Foreign Affairs motion was a Liberal adaption of current party policy, but a Universities motion that Britain should join E.D.C. was accepted.

The African Resolution, moved by Deryck Abel, a former member of L.S.E., stating that the problems in Africa were essentially human, was passed with little dissent. It called for improvement in education and technical training for Africans as to reduce the growing antagonism between white and black certain parts of Africa. It also drew attention to the need for proclaiming the final aim of equality of rights between Europeans and Africans.

During the Assembly there were several amendments moved by the Universities' delegation but Peter Linfoot was the only main speaker from London, who he spoke on education.

unduly influence Union policy. When I attended this meeting was clear that a number of people were not there to discuss N.U.S. mandates but to get a motion through relating to Spanish students. As the motion was open political it was clear that there would be little or no opposition from the 30 members present. I felt that to let such a motion pass would be to associate L.S.E. with the views of perhaps more than 20 people. I considered that in these circumstances I would in no way be abusing my office to bring to an end the meeting. I was fully aware that the delegation would not be mandated by a Union meeting, but still think that the mandate of democratically elected Council (except on financial matters have no vote) was preferable to the mandate of a non-representative and non-quorate Union meeting. I know that there were other people at that meeting who felt as I did and would have acted the same way. If we get into the habit of having the Union run by even fewer people than it is now, then we may as well tear up our Constitution and Standard Orders. Until that day comes I shall support anyone who sincerely believes in a course of action and has the fortune to have the law on his side.

HARVEY BABIAK

Psst . . .

Congratulations to Welfare V. P., Ray Newbigin and Meryl Lewis; and to Elizabeth Smith and Robin Warren, who were married during the Easter Vac.

I hear that another Elizabeth (around whom the social life of L.S.E. is said to revolve—remember?), is about to take the plunge (no cracks, please!), at last.

Exit the "Independent"

And in that connection we regretfully take leave this week of a formerly prominent LSE politician. Having been a member of all three main political societies at various times, changed his degree course twice and contested unsuccessfully—a Presidential election, he now departs to the commercial world where, who knows, such versatility may be more rewarding.

Claudio Arrau Coming?

During the summer term most societies adopt a defeatist attitude and close down all activities. All the more credit then to the Music Society which is not only continuing its Friday recitals, but has invited Sir Robert Mayer, celebrated writer on music and sociology to speak early in the term, and is negotiating to bring the famous Chilean pianist, Claudio Arrau to L.S.E. during his forthcoming European tour.

One up to Harvey!

Have you noticed the gradual disappearance of the familiar yellow paper used for Union notices? For years it was believed that this paper must be the cheapest possible simply because it had always been used. Then the inquiring mind of Harvey Babiak discovered that it was about three times dearer than white! Exit the yellow peril.

Favourite for the D.P. stakes

Owing to the departure of Brian Watkins at the end of this term a by-election may shortly be held for the office of Deputy President. This will be particularly interesting since it is likely that the candidates for next year's Presidential election will regard it as a trial run. The hottest tip for the post is a second-year lawyer and racing enthusiast. He is said to have an "odds-on" chance of winning.

"Pi" in Disguise

"Sennet," the new London University newspaper, gives over forty column inches of space in its first issue to University College news, although U.C. already has "Pi," the largest College newspaper in the University. The



Brian Watkins

editorial talks of bringing "Woburn Square to the individual colleges in the form of a University newspaper." It looks more like Gower Street to me.

Cloth Caps Optional

And who was the Sociology student who arrived at the May Day Dance (tickets 1/6d.) resplendent in evening dress? And fifty years after Keir Hardie too!

True Confessions

Was it a first-year History student (well known in the evening Press) who declared, one dark and stormy night: "It's not a question of temptation, it's a case of doing what comes naturally"?

Who is Tactless?

Sorting through the large pile of letters which the Editor had been forced to omit through lack of space, I found several references to this column. Mr. Douglas Talintyre writes, for example:

"Are the majority of students really so interested in the gossip and scandal for which you (the editor) ask, and in such esoteric affairs as the relationships between the leading lights of the union and the political societies?"

But Junior Treasurer, Martin O'Regan, comes to my rescue with a letter which concludes:

"... on the whole I think there is very little harm done by your comments and gossip, and maybe some good in bringing to life students to the rest of the college - even Harvey Babiak in his role of Press Council."

And, as one Governor said to the other: "Who is Tactless, anyway?"

Goons visit L.S.E.

Christine Minns draws my attention to L.S.E.'s radio achievements. Apparently we were mentioned in "Take It From Here" some time ago, and during the Easter vac., the Goons descended on the roof of the Shaw Library.

"Why", writes Christine, "should we hide our light under a bushel? Even Kings cannot rival such a radio record!"

Naturally,—the B.B.C. has to be so careful about these things — and you know what all King's students are . . .

TACTLESS.

LIFE BEHIND THE CURTAIN

Bulgarian Travellers Report Back

in an interview with Roland Freeman

An enthusiastic reception (including a presentation of flowers!) greeted LSE students John Hipkin and Ken Pearmain when they arrived at Sofia airport last month on the first stage of their ten-day visit to Bulgaria. It was the same all the way—friendliness and hospitality—which John Hipkin described as "overwhelming."

Talking to them on their return I found that this sincere welcome by the people and students of Bulgaria had made the most striking impression of the tour.

In general they had returned with similar views on what they had seen of life behind the Iron Curtain. The standard of living was lower than ours, and although food and drink (no licensing laws!) were plentiful and cheap, said Ken Pearmain, clothes and manufactured goods were expensive and of poorer quality. John Hipkin said he was informed that standards were rising at a rapid rate and that more had been done for industrial development in ten years than at any similar period in Bulgaria's history.

This led me to ask how the Communist system there seemed to Western eyes. Both agreed that it commanded the general and genuine support of the people they had met; and Ken Pearmain told how, in a recent election although there was only one "official" candidate, there were twelve candidates for the candidature! The people, he said, feel they can express their views and criticisms through their organisations—Unions, Youth and Women's groups, and the Party.

Asked what the Bulgarians thought of the British system, he said they were better informed than he had expected (John Hipkin vigorously dissented) and



Photo by Peter Varley

Ken Pearmain (left) and John Hipkin enjoying themselves at a local hostelry in company with members of the Student Song Society.

Left to right: Valerie Lindoe, Bob Yazgi, Barry Ziff, Mike Degenhardt, Norman Allen, Hussein el Gammal, Michael Greenade and John Burrows.

were very well disposed towards us. There was, however, a strong tendency to consider the British worker exploited behind a democratic facade.

On one vital question they disagreed. Ken Pearmain felt that they were shown all they wanted to see and said he was able to walk around Sofia on his own—although owing to language difficulties they naturally needed guides most of the time.

John Hipkin was more sceptical. He declared that his request to see workers' flats and factory conditions was ignored and that when he went out alone the guide was closely in attendance.

Ken Pearmain told of the immense building programme going on in Sofia to-day and the drastic measures taken to remove old buildings. A fine new college was going up for the Karl Marx

Institute of Economics (who were their hosts in Bulgaria).

John Hipkin thought too much was given up to show pieces—massive statues to Stalin and Lenin, monuments to the Red Army, hotels, cinemas, Pioneer Palaces and the like and too little for housing the people.

Of the students themselves, who do a five-year course, the general impression was that they were more enthusiastic with their work than students in Britain, and felt themselves accepted and responsible members of the community.

A talk on their impressions of Sofia, including a visit to a collective farm in Plovdiv and short stays in Budapest and Prague was broadcast on Sofia radio together with an account, by one of the Bulgarian students who visited L.S.E. last term, of his impressions of Britain.

FRIVOLOUS NIGHTS



What's cooking?

Ents. Com.

Chairman's

Views

In providing entertainment one must constantly look for the novelty which is going to keep interest alive. Innovation, however, at the expense of the smooth running of the usual functions must be avoided. It was with these considerations in the Lent term, the newly appointed committee shaped its policy. This has been modified in the light of experience and its main features are now fourfold: dances should be of a definite character, either formal, informal or novelty; bands to be kept of a high standard by earlier booking and if necessary by higher fees; a higher price to be charged at the door (presumably to non-members of L.S.E.), to assist finances; efficient conduct of affairs in order that the Union should reap the maximum financial benefit.

Clutched "Naked Female"

The big success, so far, was the introduction of the French dance, or to give it its correct title, the "quartier latin." Financially we did not make a

bean but the majority of the attenders were from L.S.E., a pleasant change. The trouble of preparation was well worth the resultant fun, which even the public sampled when two students turned up in Oxford Street with the female dummies, especially when one lost his way, ploughed through a crowded store and burst out of the wrong door clutching a 'naked female' to his breast.

By the time this paper reaches you the "Fiesta" will have already taken place, on what we intend to be similar lines. At the end of term there will be an all-night Going Down Ball; dark and sinister plans are already being hatched for this event; you have been warned!

In the meantime don't forget the union social; no charge, free food, a bar and all your friends.

KEN PEARMAIN.

(These are my own reflections only and do not constitute a report from the Entertainments Committee.)

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

By John M. Dunkley
Smell of frying; greasy stodge,
Fit for proletarian podge:
But not for intellectual greed,
For only truth and knowledge feed
The pint-beer drinking
Bearded, long-haired, thinking
Undergrad.

ARNE CONCERTO

London Premiere at L.S.E.

By "BEAVER" MUSIC CRITIC

One of the most delightful concerts presented by the Music Society for some time took place on Friday, 19th March before a large audience in the Founders' Room. The L.S.E. Orchestra, appearing for the first time under Mr. Alan T. Peacock, and led by J. Rodney Crossley, played with a new ease and confidence in an interesting and varied programme. From the start, in the gay German Dances (K605) of Mozart, Mr. Peacock had complete charge; throughout the concert, his interpretation was clear, and the responsiveness and precision of the orchestra were a tribute to his training.

Concerto's London Premiere

The Arne piano concerto No. 3, receiving its London premiere, was a charming work whose delicate melodies made an immediate appeal. Mr. Claus Moser's fluent performance fully deserved the enthusiastic applause it received. In the Concertino for Clarinet of Gordon Jacob, Brian Moore once again achieved a remarkably fine tone. The strings of the orchestra showed admirable control in the incidental music from the film, "Henry V" (William Walton), which concluded the concert.

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WEAK WOMEN CHEATED

Male Swimmers Interfere With Women

By Ruth Nixon

There are many criticisms that could—and will be—made of the L.S.E. Swimming Club, but first and foremost I protest against the way in which the women's section is thrust to one side. Perhaps it is their own fault—but apart from inadequate brute force, there seems to be no means by which they can obtain the use of a fair section of the bath which their subs. help to hire. It is only a small pool and from the start of the club session there are a number of muscular young men thrashing up and down the length—all 20 metres of it—not giving the weaker sex any more than a splash of the water. When the braver and stronger swimmers of the women's section enter the water, they do so very much at their own risk—risking being swam down; swallowed like Jonah; or simply swamped. When the boys have begun to tire, all swimming training ceases. The girls may use the shallow end and are left to their own devices there, except when the water polo ball hurtles down on them like a bomb. The boys occupy the whole of the deep end with their rough and tumble "polo practice." When I ventured to comment on the lack of organisation and the complete lack of encouragement to beginners however keen, I was told "Oh well, it is not always like this," but to my knowledge this has been the pattern of every club session this winter. As a result of this the women's section is so discouraged that not even the Secretary bothers to take an interest in competitive swimming. "We can't get a team," we are told—and no wonder! This attitude apparently prevails throughout the University, with the exception of U.C. and Royal Holloway.

Perhaps if the men's sections were more helpful or more democratic—giving regard to the minorities instead of ruling by brute force, this could be changed. The first change should be in the women's sections—don't just give up!

"I am prepared to give swimming lessons and swimming coaching to any girl who asks and also to organise a swimming class on Wednesday afternoons if required. With sufficient support this can give the women's sections a real say in the Club's organisation and thus help to fulfil the Club's purpose of providing swimming facilities for all.

Who ever heard before of a swimming club which ceased to function in the summer? No wonder officers complain of lack of support. Even though we all understand the seriousness of exams, surely swimming, one of the healthiest and most relaxing of sports, should not be entirely neglected. Surely the Club can be maintained at least by 1st Year support. There is Holborn Open-Air Pool just near, or the Y.W.C.A. Pool which is used in the winter. Let us have some meetings as a club in the proper season.

IN THE SWING

On March 6th members of the newly-formed Golf Club opened the six-hole practice course at New Malden. Conditions there are excellent for beginners as the ground is flat, the grass short and there is little possibility of losing precious balls.

The objects of the Club are to introduce golfers in the College to one another, to foster the playing of golf and, if possible, to run a match team next year.

CANDID COMMENT

A "Beaver" reporter smuggled his way into a recent meeting of the A.U. and picked up the following gems.

After the assembly had agreed upon a certain proposal. The President remarked: "As we all know, the A.U. is a dictatorial body, and so I quash this motion." The Secretary replied "Don't let 'Beaver' get to know about this."

A certain Club Secretary, on being asked what he thought of the meeting, replied: "I didn't know what the b— h— it was all about." The interesting question is whether this type of remark is the result or the cause of the A.U. being a dictatorial body.

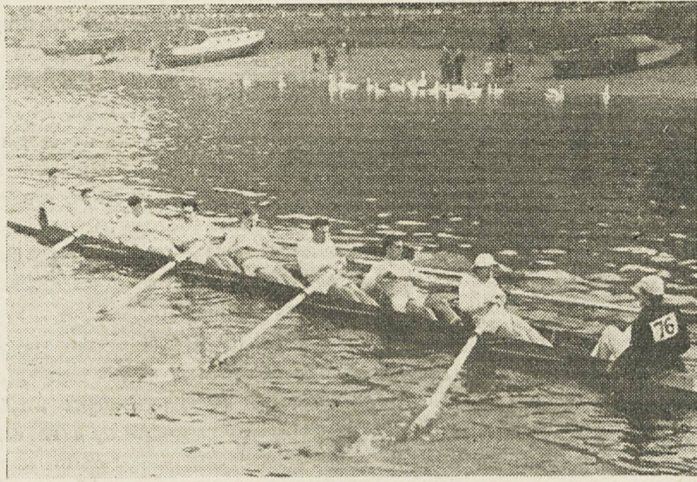
IT'S A BASKET

This season the Basketball Club, although suffering from a lack of support, has benefited by the welding together of a few keen members into a team which did not, by any standards, lower the reputation of this sport at L.S.E. The players always displayed a high standard of sportsmanship, even when they were losing.

Against opponents who were usually superior both in height and weight, the team acquitted itself well, although it must be recorded that when trying to combat the whole might of Cambridge University, shattering defeats were suffered.

Under the leadership of Franco, a diminutive captain, the team has played 10 matches, winning five and losing five, with a total of 385 points for and 404 against.

HEAD OF THE RIVER TRIUMPH



Mr. S. T. R. Okeandbow's remarks in the last issue of "Beaver" to the effect that the Boat Club was in poor shape seem to have been disproved by the Club's excellent performance in the "Head of the River" Competition that took place on March 27th. The Club entered two VII's in the race. Both crews rowed extremely well, and did not lag over the last mile as has happened so often in the past. The first VIII, starting seventy-sixth, had a hard fight with Lensbury's second team to Hammersmith Bridge, where the latter pulled ahead. But the crew was not disturbed by this, and it swept past four boats in the last three-quarters of a mile. Its finishing position of fifty-ninth was the highest for the Club since 1946 (when less than fifty crews entered as opposed to this year's two hundred and thirty-seven.).

TALLY HO!

During this session, the Riding Club has welcomed a large number of new members, many of whom started their riding days with the Club. The two Wednesday afternoon rides have proved most successful, being filled to overflowing on more than one occasion. The general standard has gradually improved throughout the year—so much so that it was decided to risk an open Gymkhana on May 19th.

The ends of the last two terms were celebrated by holding an All-Day ride, with picnic lunch and drinks on the Club (open to members only!) Also, for those who could drag themselves from their beds before 9 a.m. or from the Library before 8 p.m., Early Morning and Moonlight Rides were held.

This term, the club will continue its policy of holding two rides on Wednesday afternoon—2.30 p.m. Instructional; 3.30 p.m. every man for himself! Of course, although there is a large number of regular riders, new members will be welcome (even those who are not quite sure what the noble animal looks like). Details may be obtained from Maureen Gibson, M. Greenane or Ann Furniss, all easily recognisable by the gaps between their knees.

Y.H.A. KFEPS DRY

The Easter meet, led by Don Aldridge, was held at "Tiny Shanty" and Glan Dena huts in the Ogwen Valley. The meet was attended by three males: Don Aldridge, Chris Jarrett and Jimmy Young; and two women: Jackie Needham and Valerie Tonge. An ex-member of the Club, Bill Cunningham, disfiguring the Welsh landscape

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First Crew: A. Robson (Bow), D. Bizery, I. Ravenscroft, A. Carter (Capt.), B. Carpenter, P. Burke, P. Simpson, B. Mendes (Stoke), B. Van Arkedie (Cox).

Second Crew: J. Dunkley (Bow), P. Musset, J. Webber, J. Griffiths, J. Bertilotti, B. Burgess, A. Wilson, D. Spurrell (Stroke), D. Fernando (Cox).

For the Putney Amateur Regatta (the first of the term), the Club only entered a IV, as the eights were not ready to race. "In true Boat Club tradition," it reached the Final, only to lose by one and a half lengths to Thames Tradesmen's R.C. with Linden R.C. third. According to "The Times," the racing at the Regatta was of a very high standard, and the L.S.E. IV provided one of the best finals of the day. The crew led from the start by a length but over the last half-mile it was slowly overhauled and passed.

As a matter of sheer interest, the Boat Club's Annual "Rag Regatta" will be held this year on Thursday, June 17th.

DOUBLE SUCCESS

The last two events in the Y.H.A. club have been singularly successful. During the vacation, a party drawn from several nationalities and colleges explored the Brecon Beacon—which, we are informed, is the highest ridge of Old Red Sandstone in the country. The sudden disappearance of one member caused some anxiety, but the agitated movements performed by a solitary pair of boots indicated that he was merely—if voluntarily—exploring the subterranean depths of the Old Red Sandstone.

The other event took place at the end of last term and was the occasion of the first Annual Dinner. The chief guest, Mr. Tom Stephenson of the Ramblers' Association, told of some of the difficulties facing the National Parks Movement. He mentioned the occasion when an enthusiastic Welshman joined a crowd of people who climbed the Brecon Beacon under similar conditions as the Club did this Easter (i.e. in a hailstorm) and was exceedingly wrath when he discovered that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss National Parks, not conscription.

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with his red sports car, "looked in" on two occasions.

Ice axes were taken but were never required. Somehow the whole party kept dry throughout the week. The rock-climbing was confined to Tryfan, the Griben and Idwal Slabs. One day was spent hill-walking in the Cornedd.

Hands off the A.U.

Dear Sir,
The Athletic Union wishes to take up the challenge thrown out by Mr Jackson's article "What Price the A.U. Now?" in the last issue of "Beaver" and give some reply in order that the students will not be totally misled into believing that A.G.M. was a "mockery" or that the A.U. attitude is "fatuous" as the headlines imply.

During the meeting some 10 per cent. of the members were present, which it is submitted, compares favourably with attendance at Student Union meetings. Moreover it should be noted that total attendance at the ordinary fortnightly meetings of the A.U., where most business is transacted, was 70 per cent. during the previous year, a figure which is good by any standards.

It is difficult to see how Mr. Jackson is drawn to his conclusion that the A.U. is not managing its funds in the best way on the argument that one club was allocated £167 for an item of equipment. It is presumed that he means the Sailing Club, for whom a dinghy was bought in 1952, and which is being depreciated over six years, most of the money coming from the subscriptions of the members. The subsidy from the School averages about £46 per head and it must be realised that clubs must have equipment if they are to function at all. A subsidy on this basis does not go far when the present prices of equipment are taken into consideration, together with the fact that a large part of travelling expenses to "away" fixtures has also to be financed.

Mr. Jackson, it seems, wants a larger share of the cake for the Student's Union, instead of trying in a constructive way to obtain a bigger cake. His feeling that the A.U. should be made part of the Student's Union is a bad one, because it is felt that Athletics must be organised by sportsmen, and it would be detrimental to their outlook for them to be submerged in the general atmosphere of the Student's Union.

In closing, is Dame Rumour right in saying that "Dictator" Henderson also wrote the second half of his article "To Prove He Was Not Such A Bad Guy"?

Yours, etc.,

M. J. WHATMORE,
(General Secretary A.U.)

C.I.J. COMMENTS

Regarding Mr. Whatmore's remarks, it is surely nonsensical to compare the attendance at the fortnightly meetings with those of the Students' Union, since those who attend the former were elected by the clubs which they represent and attendance at those meetings is simply one of the duties of office. A more useful comparison might have been with one of the S.U. Committees: Welfare, Constitution, etc. Further, the attendance of 10 per cent, of which Mr. Whatmore is so proud would have been more impressive if it had included all the incoming officers.

My point regarding the Sailing Club was not so much that the Club should not have the money, but that if the A.U. sees fit to grant such an amount, the President must not be surprised if his resources seem so small: he must certainly produce better justification for the increased grant from the School which he desires.

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