

The Queen Mother

On Tuesday, February 23rd, the Queen Mother visited L.S.E. in her capacity of Chancellor of the University. She toured the College and spoke informally with students. Afterwards she attended a reception in the Shaw Library, where she met prominent members of Union including the President, members of Council and officials of various societies.

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What is this thing called Law? LONDON STUDENT BEATEN UP

JOHN L. FRYER REPORTS

LAST Sunday afternoon saw the initiation of the South African Boycott with an orderly demonstration march from Marble Arch to Trafalgar Square, where a rally of 12,000 people heard speeches from Hugh Gaitskell, Trevor Huddleston, Lord Altrincham and Jeremy Thorpe. During the march repeated attempts were made to hinder its progress by fascist supporters of Sir Oswald Mosley and the British National Party.

Along the route of the march, vendors were constantly making attempts to sell Action, which led to verbal clashes with the marchers. A member of "Beaver" staff saw one of these sellers abusing a coloured marcher who, roused to anger by the man's provocative taunts, raised his fist as if to strike him and was immediately manhandled away by the police: no attempt was made to curb the instigator of the incident.

During the rally the Mosleyites, packed in vans and lorries, drove incessantly round the square carrying banners and shouting slogans against the boycott. Some people inside South Africa House were seen to encourage the Fascists by cheering *apartheid* slogans as lorries passed under their windows.

After the rally had broken up, Mosley led his supporters, still chanting, down Whitehall and they were followed by an angry section of the crowd.

One of this section was a student of Imperial College, Glen Shiels. Suddenly about ten Mosley men at the rear of the column turned on this group of boycott demonstrators. They tied, but Glen stood his ground and was savagely beaten by the nine men. He was seen to be hit whilst on the ground and then, as suddenly as it had begun, the Fascists rejoined their column.

WHY DIDN'T THE POLICE PROTECT THIS STUDENT FROM BEING SO SAVAGELY BEATEN? It could not have been because they did not see the incident, for Whitehall was teeming with policemen at the time—we can only draw our own conclusions. Commenting on the after-

POST-GRADS' SCHEME

Union Council has been studying various proposals by which post-graduates would be encouraged to take a more active part in Union affairs.

The almost total lack of post-graduate participation has been a matter of concern for some time now. In conjunction with the post-graduates own association, Council hope to formulate policies that will check the alarming rate of apathy amongst an important section of the Union members.

noon, Sir Oswald Moseley said the following: "I have not seen this sort of fun for a long time." "Beaver" does not consider it funny for students to be beaten up whilst the police stand by and take no action.

BEAVER EDITOR RESIGNS

After two years on "Beaver", Brian Levy has finally thrown in the towel and has announced his resignation. Although Editor for only two terms, Brian was the veteran of our staff, joining "Beaver" in June, 1958.

He leaves L.S.E. in June and is going straight into journalism. His successor will shortly be nominated by Council.



There is a rumour not as yet officially confirmed that Israeli actress Haya Harareet, of Ben Hur fame, is coming to study at L.S.E. shortly. So far M.G.M. has refused to comment.

BEVERIDGE TROPHY WON BY BERRIDGE

FEW SURPRISES IN BIG DEBATE

John Berridge won the Beveridge Shield for debating when he spoke on the motion that the "Labour Party is Obsolete". As the fate of the draw had it, he had to oppose the motion. Other peculiar positionings put Ken Jordan and Tom Evans supporting the platform proposer Sir Edward Boyle. The Opposer was Mr. Jim Griffiths.

The debate took place on February 15th and was attended by some 550 people. Sir Sidney and Lady Caine were present with President John Moore.

The meeting was chaired by Lord Beveridge himself, who spoke with much feeling and emotion of his ties with L.S.E.

Although the pairing system, which means that contestants have to speak on set sides of a motion and that they cannot determine which side, has its advantages, on a political motion, this can cause difficulty. Tom Evans, a fervent Socialist, was obviously put out by having to speak against the Party. Nevertheless, the same is true of Tory John Berridge. But he conquered his difficulties by taking the "we must have a strong opposition" line.

Speeches varied in standard, although there was no doubt of the justice of Mr. Berridge's win. The motion was, of course, thrown out by a huge majority.

C. E. D. E. S. E.

Birth of a New Idea

By ANDREW DE BOLTHO

THE first night we (i.e., the L.S.E. delegation) went through Cologne's pubs and cabarets. The second night, the same delegation was invited to a magnificent carnival dance (where, incidentally, the honour of British, Indian and Stateless Sicilian males was successfully upheld). The third night was spent in a conference room. We started to work in it at 7 p.m., we finished eleven and a half hours later, at 6.30 a.m.

After four plenary sessions we had finally drafted the Statute of the C.E.D.E.S.E. (Communauté des Etudiants de Sciences Economiques et Commerciales). As those who regularly read "Beaver" will recall, the idea of such a Community was launched by the French students of E.S.S.E.C. It was proposed to the Students' Unions of five other universities during a study tour held last Christmas in the North of France. Now the project is almost a reality. The existing statute needs only ratification in the various Students' Unions.

associate member of the Students' Unions of the other five. This will probably be the best way to assure that personal, friendly and lasting contacts will be established among students of different schools. Whenever an L.S.E. student goes abroad, he will know that either in Paris or in Cologne or in Milan he will be able (in the term-time at least) to visit institutions which, besides being among the best in their countries, will also offer him a warm reception.

Seminars, study sessions, trips, exchanges, in so far as possible, of professors, sport meetings—are some of the practical short-term aims of the C.E.D.E.S.E. Although financial difficulties may not allow L.S.E. to organize anything during this session, this does not preclude us from joining now.

L.S.E.'s STUDENT PRESIDENT

The conference itself did not always run smoothly. We were lucky enough to have in Michel Gneogegan an unanimously elected, impartial and efficient president. All the same some points were hotly debated. Sometimes we reached compromise agreements, but twice we had to shift problems to the next general meeting of the Community.

Something within the framework of C.E.D.E.S.E. has already been done and more things are coming. Just after the conference four students

(two French, two from our delegation.) were invited by Cologne to a German National Conference of Economics students in Berlin. Four French students were at our last Weekend School. E.S.S.E.C. (Paris) is organizing a trip, to be held in the Easter vacations, in the South-West of France. Bocconi (Milan), is also trying to prepare a meeting.

It is now up to L.S.E.'s Students' Union whether, first among British universities, it wants to join this newly-formed association or to remain aloof and insularly detached from it.

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One of the fundamental points embodied in the statute is that every student member of one of the six Universities will automatically become an

News Brief

HONORARY PRESIDENT
FLOP

It looks as if the Union has laid an egg in its choice of an Honorary President this year.

Despite many pleadings, Jimmy Edwards has persistently refused to come along to L.S.E. despite the fact that he was told before the election took place of the duties of an Honorary President—namely, to make an address to the Union.

Nominations for this year's Honorary President are already coming in—names mentioned include Diana Dors, Barbara Moore, Paul Robeson, Lord Montague of Beaulieu, and—wait for it—Mr. Khrushchev.

LEGERTON FOR L.S.E.

Mr. Harold Legerton, Secretary of the Lord's Day Observance Society, has given a talk on "Democracy and Sunday Observance" to the Union in Public Business on March 7th, in the Union meeting.

POLITICS and the STUDENT

AN INQUIRY

By Dave Lindley

Looking back at the recent General Election, the most striking thing which has been brought out by most commentators is the continued drop in the vote of the Labour Party. This would tend to suggest that the youth of the country is not politically conscious, for a number of reasons, and therefore votes Conservative. Whilst the country has never had it so good, they have never had it other than good, with the result that their lack of interest generally inspires a desire to maintain the status quo.

If this is a true picture of the general attitude of youth today, it demonstrates a peculiar lack of original thought in this respect, but then in these conditions they do not have to think where their next meal is coming from. However, what of the opinions of the comparatively small section of youth, which is at least trained to think for itself, even when environmental conditions are not particularly inspiring? The supposed leaders of the future society based on the meritocracy, the student population; where do they stand, for their influence could prove to be vital in later years?

WOEFUL RESULTS

Many a truth may be found at home, so a discussion of L.S.E. political activity would not be out of place, though not particularly enlightening, at this stage. One would have thought that if intense activity were to be found anywhere, it would be found here amongst the many government specialists, and socially-conscious Sociologists. If we are to use membership of political societies as a criterion, the results are woeful, with a total of well under 500 out of a possible 3,000 plus, and many of these are so inactive that extremists gain control.

In this respect, it would not appear that L.S.E., with all its boasts, can claim to be much in advance of other universities, though, as will be brought out later, the distribution tends to be very patchy, something which is very difficult to explain.

There is a considerable doubt whether political societies as such, are a reliable guide. The study of political interest amongst students must assess the "don't knows". There is good reason to suggest that whilst the majority of students are apathetic, considerable interest may be aroused by specific events. The march of over 1,000 L.S.E. students last year to protest against apartheid in South African Universities was a good example of this.

SORDID GAME

Yet the general attitude is that everyday politics are a waste of time. There is strong feeling that students who take an active part in politics are merely playing at a particularly sordid game. The good deal of petty wrangling and Machiavellian manoeuvres that take place in student as well as in national politics merely further repels the apathetic.

Apathy is a continuous problem, particularly in the non-residential colleges of London University. The pronounced 9 to 5 atmosphere, due to the lack of convenient communal

residences, certainly must be a major cause of student apathy. Elections at the Students' Union have never claimed polls higher than 50 per cent., although political implications are inherent in many elections. Union politics often result in pettiness, however, and the procedure-mongers have their inevitable effect of lowering attendances at Union meetings.

Over and above all this, it is most unlikely that the student is immune from the general affliction of apathy to which all youth is subject, as described above. A university education is designed to make the mind learn to think, and whilst it would not be denied that to a large extent it is successful, there must be considerable doubt whether students as a whole, are thinking about the right problems. Superficial thought is obviously better than none at all, but it should be understood that a university is not merely a degree factory, as a preamble to a good job, and that it has not achieved its purpose completely unless problems of deeper significance are brought to bear on the intellect of the student.

There is simply no excuse for an apathetic attitude to college affairs, in whatever way it may show itself in any individual, save in the case of environmental conditions over which there is no control, e.g., the question of the situation of the accommodation. A corporate body is more than the sum total of all its members, but if participation is restricted to a comparative few, it is to the loss of everyone concerned. It is in this respect that the potential influence of research students is sadly missed as a contribution to collective gain.

MOTIVES OF THE FEW

So far we have seen that student political activity is limited to a faithful hard core, whilst specific issues may provoke a more general interest. The motives of these few usually vary from a simple interest in the point of view of the group in question, and a desire to listen to their arguments and discuss them; to much more than this—a stepping-stone to a political career. Such societies are not usually fostered in schools, and arrival at university provides an opportunity to blossom out into promising political leaders, with close connections with the parties proper. Here, they can make their name, and put in much of the groundwork for securing a seat in Parliament.

Careerism in university politics should not be looked on with scorn, as a poor imitation of the "big boys" games, because here our future leaders can gain useful experience,

whilst mistakes are not usually tragic. Experience of how to handle a variety of situations is an essential prerequisite of a successful leader, and the keen atmosphere of a university is the ideal place to build up a wealth of this.

CORRECT BALANCE

Other motives consist usually of a general interest as a background to a broad education in current affairs, and for these people, attendance at meetings, etc., is casual, politics being only incidental in a more general framework of activity. It is this group of semi-active members of societies that have probably achieved the correct balance in political activity—a thing often so difficult to do.

Particular colleges and universities develop reputations that they seem to retain for decades, regardless of the changing student population. Oxford has always had a strong Labour Club with pronounced left-wing tendencies, whilst London has a strong Conservative Association, with a weaker but equally virile Labour Society. L.S.E. continues to consist most of the University Socialists. At the recent Parliamentary debate in U.L.U., the

Labour Cabinet was comprised solely of L.S.E. students. The Labour Society at L.S.E. has retained a comparative balance with the Tories, who also have the reputation for being moderates.

General trends are established in different colleges, and this is an interesting phenomenon, if not a wholly explicable one. It may be due to a feed-back, whereby the reputation already gained conditions future thought. Or it may also be due to the fields of study within the colleges.

Membership of the various societies appears to remain remarkably static in the short run, although secular change can readily be observed in the long run. For instance, L.S.E. is still regarded as a spawning-ground for Communism, by many people who ought to know better, and, though there has been a very active Communist Society in the past, the current academic year has witnessed the ultimate result of a long-term trend; its extinction. It does not follow from this that there are no Communists in the college, for that would be untrue, but it certainly is interesting, and is one of the many available examples of secular change.

CHANGING VIEWS

Having established the general level of activity in the universities, the next point to consider is whether the student is consistent in political outlook. It would indeed be difficult to believe that in a whole college career, the views of everyone were not changed in some respect, but except for certain marginal shifts most committed students seem to be faithful to their particular viewpoint. Even so, this does not imply that they are consistently active, and quite a small set-

back can make the member much less keen. Because there is no sense of compulsion beyond a possible feeling of moral obligation, the sense of devotion is somewhat fickle. Thus, whilst general standpoints are not materially altered, the way of looking at these is often shifted, often as a result of free discussion; which is all to the good.

FICKLE CREATURE

The student, being usually in his formative years, is a fickle creature, both in habits and thoughts, but if this represents an open mind, as has been shown, is all to be praised. There are few tools of party machines here, but there is an atmosphere of radical temperament, engendered in most cases by separation from home environment, so that the interest in politics is often only occasional and incidental. One cannot help but wonder, however, if some of our fellows have ever taken their eyes from a textbook, or their ears from a gramophone, and stopped to think for a moment, in all seriousness, about the more stimulating or absorbing problems of our day.

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Here and There A SURVEY OF STUDENT NEWS

By BRIAN LEVY

The birth control controversy that has monopolised correspondence in the "New Statesmen" for the last few weeks has spread to the student press. Leeds University has been the centre for stormy debate following the acceptance of an advertisement for family planning goods by the University newspaper "Union News". The Leeds University Catholic Society has officially protested, and counter objections have triggered off a battle royal.

SCHEME ABANDONED

It is with regret that we report the abandonment of a Cambridge scheme to award a scholarship to a non-white South African student. The proposal received setbacks from the start, and has recently been frustrated for the third time by the South African government's continued refusal to grant a passport to the selected scholar.

The group, the Cambridge University African Scholarship Committee, headed by Sir Henry Williams, the Master of Magdalen College, have decided to award the scholarship to a candidate from one of the High Commission Protectorates instead, in a statement recently issued by the Committee, Sir Henry comments that "the policies of the South African government which lead it to place its own boycott upon academic intercourse in this manner cannot fail to cause dismay in the rest of the Commonwealth."

APATHY IN BRUM

Birmingham University students don't seem to realise the value of a vigorous student press. The Editor of "Guild News"—an above average paper for a provincial University—seems to despair of getting any help in raising the standard of his journal. He has had to resort to banner headlines and hard-hitting editorial comment to wake up his readers from their academic slumbers.

Nevertheless, Birmingham's literary magazine "Mermaid" reports high sales. Business Manager David Zane tells us that with higher sales, advertising revenue is soaring. We liked "Mermaid", and have bequeathed our copy to the students' lounge in the Three Tuns, where we hope that it will enjoy a high readership.

"GONGSTER" DIFFICULTIES

If Birmingham students are apathetic about their newspaper, then they should be reminded of the awful fate of Nottingham's "Gongster" that was forced to publish a duplicated newsheet edition. "Beaver" Business Manager Roger Ford shudders when he hears students say "it couldn't happen here". Yet although we fully appreciate economic problems (believe me), we wonder why "Ripple", Leicester University's paper, has to charge fourpence for an eight-

page issue, when one advertisement alone takes up a full page. Stung by taunts of timidity by much of the student press, N.U.S. has at last decided to recommend its members to give individual support to the South African goods boycott. However, they will not issue a list of such goods. This was announced after the Union had consulted their legal advisers. N.U.S. Council emphasise, however, that they fully support an individual boycott.

Bear this in Mind

"Radiation from nuclear explosions can only have a detrimental effect upon the health of present and future generations."—United Nations Scientific Committee Report.

Leukemia rates have quadrupled in the more mountainous parts of Britain that are heaviest hit by fall-out.

On February 13th, General de Gaulle announced that France had exploded the first of a series of atomic devices in the Sahara Desert.

There is a Campaign For Nuclear Disarmament Society within L.S.E.

Dr. Birbaum Defends London Students

SIR IFOR EVANS CRUSHED IN TV DISCUSSION

Brian Levy Reports

Sir Ifor Evans, Chief of University College, and Dr. Birbaum of Nuffield College, Oxford, and formerly of the London School of Economics, clashed on the programme 'The Brains Trust', transmitted by B.B.C. T.V.

"BETTER AT OXBRIDGE"

A question was asked regarding the relative merits of Oxbridge and London University. Sir Ifor expressed the view that as better students went to Oxbridge, it was right that the degrees there should carry more weight. Opposition came though from Dr. Birbaum. He said that a surprisingly large proportion of students at Oxbridge were still being chosen for "social rather than academic reasons". There were subjects like his own (Sociology) still not taught at the two ancient Universities. Mr. Williams, a lecturer at University College, went further than this. To anyone in the know, he said, London degrees were much better. In Genetics and in Engineering, London degrees were held to be better, and that at Oxford there is a shocking lack of contact between the scientist and the arts man.

CAMBRIDGE SNOBBERY

Two points not mentioned were firstly, that Cambridge still chooses a high proportion of its students on non-intellectual grounds—"A" level results don't count here—and secondly, a point touched on but not expanded by Dr. Birbaum—the quality of academic staff is in many ways just as good in London as it sometimes is at Oxbridge.

It was a pity that L.S.E. wasn't mentioned. After all, we are just a university college yet boast names like Oakeshott, Robson, Gower, Manning, and many more. And you won't find L.S.E. students who have been given places, as Dr. Birbaum put it, on "social



MEET THE PROFESSOR

Dr. BERNARD CRICK

By John Fryer

UNLIKE the subject of the last edition's "Meet the Prof" interview, Dr. Bernard Crick is definitely a "political animal" and politics play an important part in his life. His background is South London suburbia and having been educated at Whitgift Grammar, he went up to read economics at University College, rather than at L.S.E., primarily on "architectural grounds—U.C. looked more like a University." Graduating with a first, after switching in the third year, in 1950, Dr. Crick began research for a Ph.D. at L.S.E. In 1952 he went to America for four years, his time being spent as a teaching fellow at Harvard, an Assistant Professor at McGill and as a Rockefeller Scholar at Berkeley. He returned in the summer of 1956 and was appointed to the School at Christmas, after working on the American desk of the Economist.

BOOK ATTACKED

The title of his thesis, which was published last year, is "The American Science of Politics, its origins and conditions". The American Political Science Review has recently described it as "an arrogant foreign outburst"—a phrase of which the author appears proud. The book attacks an American school which claims that political studies can be reduced to science.

At school, at the age of 16 in fact, Dr. Crick was given a copy of Laski's Liberty and the Modern State, a book that first seriously woke him up to politics. He went on to study economics for as he himself put it "I had, like many others, illusions that economics had something to do with the real world."

SOCIALIST

Dr. Crick admits to being a socialist and he has stood in local government elections at Malden and Coombe, where he so managed to increase the Labour vote that he is "worried at the prospect of one getting in". He tends to see the problems of politics as being predominantly social,

not economic, and is extremely concerned with the problems of rents, schools, etc.; indeed he felt that the Labour Party would lose the last general election and in his mind this is due to the fact that "the Labour Party has forgotten that the functions of a political party are to find out and mirror public opinion"; this he feels has not been done recently.

Asked about the Boycott he would only comment that it was "somewhat pleasing that South African sherry has been withdrawn from the staff common room, presumably through lack of demand".

On the question of Nuclear Disarmament, although Dr. Crick was the founder of the L.S.E. Pacifist Society in 1950, he has since come to feel that although it is a good thing to support nuclear disarmament as a moral protest, this is not perhaps the most prudent practical policy. He assured me that in this context "America is way past her crisis time of the McCarthy days". Pacifism he now felt was dangerously close to Phariseism; he quoted St. Augustine: "All wars are evil, but not all wars are avoidable." Keenly aware of political problems Dr. Crick has recently written a Fabian Society pamphlet Reform of the Commons which, although it got a very good press indeed, did not receive any mention whatsoever in the House of Commons.

DEGREE OVERLOADED

Speaking of L.S.E. his general impression is that IT IS TOO BIG, too inbred in the social sciences and that too much attention is paid to research on subjects unrelated to undergraduate teaching. He feels that the present B.Sc. (Econ.) degree is grossly overloaded and he reiterates the fact that we have one of the most unfavourable ratios of students to staff in the country. Perhaps Dr. Crick's most valuable criticism of L.S.E. students is that they go to far too many lectures when they should be in the library, a criticism based on two of his fundamental beliefs—"Life is short" and "one can read three times as quickly as

one can listen". He feels that although some interest in student affairs is desirable, some people spend far too much of their time in Student Union affairs; but his chief grumble is levelled at the people who come up to College in order to obtain a qualification to enable them to enter a chosen career immediately on graduation, i.e., they treat the college as a technical school. One final piece of sound advice from Dr. Crick came when he said "I wish students would learn more from novels and less from textbooks."

His chief interests outside his work are the theatre, church architecture and "walking the streets of London". Dr. Crick considers that the new realism that has come to the theatre after Osborne is very exciting and he regularly watches the Stratford productions. He enjoys the works of Brendan Behan and considers it admirable that the conscience of England is reminded of Ireland—perhaps this is why Dr. Crick has already seen "The Hostage" four times. Of his other interests the prime reason for one seems to be that he greatly admires the fact that cathedrals of the past seem to have been a form of community architecture, a form sadly lacking today; and the other "needs no justification; I just do it."

NATIVE PREJUDICES

Dr. Crick is married to a Welsh Comprehensive School teacher and he lives where his roots are, in Suburban South London. Questioned why he did not stay in America he replied "after my fourth year there I almost wondered what country I did belong to, but my native prejudices rather like non-conformist England."

Primarily an intellectual (he is at present engaged on a ten-year project to write a History of American Political Thought), Dr. Crick is keenly interested in politics and is ever-ready to speak his mind. Perhaps in this context the last word should rest with him, and at the risk of losing a valuable advert for "Beaver", I quote, "It is good that the Union have started a second-hand book market."

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"BANNED by the censor!" acceptable—hence films like "Double 'X' programme!" "We 'Nudist Paradise' or "The dare you to see it. . .!" "We Mating Urge". When "Femmes de Paris" was introduced into this country 18 months ago it

Cinema

ing fiercely the spectre of dwindling audiences, forced, where wide-screen has failed, to resort to the very lowest of appeals to human inquisitiveness.

As such it is a new gimmick, and unlike the much-heralded stereophonic - cinema - scopic - third-dimensional age arrived more or less unobserved by the general public. Only a very few years ago it was the rule for circuit cinemas never to show an "X" certificate film, let alone to exploit it. The family audience was all important. Then,

By Ian Johnson

with films like "Blackboard Jungle" and H. G. Clouzot's claustrophobic study in fear, "The Fiends", the "X" era was born.

Censorship is the symbol of a sick society. In politics it is the tangible evidence of an insecure government; in religion the fanatical fear of loss of faith or followers.

PROTECTION PLEA

Moral censorship is the legacy of our Victorian forefathers. This, too, is evidence of a sick society, or at least of a sick element in society. Provided we are prepared to accept the importance of protecting the "young mind", the certificate system for films used in this country is a good one. Neither can one blame the cinemas for their exploitation of censorship values. In years of falling returns it is inevitable that every possible manoeuvre will be made to fill cinema seats. To suggest, as a few high-minded sections of the press have recently, that the film industry should have educated its audience to a higher level of taste, is unrealistic.

OUR SOCIETY

What is bad is out and out snipping and banning of films because a committee decides they aren't good for us. What is bad is the sort of society that can encourage the manufacture of films held by the standards of that society to be immoral. Either its standards are wrong or there is something wrong with the society, both need looking into. Don't blame the film industry—it is only supplying a demand. Only an "unhealthy" society can make an "unhealthy" film pay its way.

NUDIST CODE

British film censorship has this to be said of it: it is flexible. Furthermore, it has the advantage that any distributor who feels he is not getting a fair deal from the Board of Film Censors has the right to submit it to local watch committees. At present its most ridiculous manifestation is its unwritten code regarding nudism. In its natural setting this is held to be

have thought it was up to the Catholic church to decide these matters, not the film censor. Again, there was the now notorious instance of the East German film "Holiday on Sylt" which, by spot-lighting the case of Heinz Reinefahrt (the former SS general now in the provincial government of Schleswig-Holstein was held to be libellous and refused a certificate. And there are other examples of similar nature.

Compared with many other

and Censorship

met with an outright ban, unless all the moving nude scenes were cut, in which case it would be passed with an "A" certificate(!) The distributors, reluct-

ant to slice a film with an obvious commercial possibilities submitted it to the local authorities, who mostly passed it with an "A" certificate, and several with a "U"!

One could cite other peculiar examples. There was the Fernandel film "The Red Inn", banned for a long time by the British censor presumably on the grounds that it poked fun at Roman Catholicism. I should

countries film censorship is very liberal. In recent months under a new secretary, and subjected to much press criticism, it has grown even more so. Yet the fact remains that a liberalisation of censorship has resulted in an increase of sex and violence films. And the fundamental questions, which I can't answer (and neither can anybody else with certainty) are: are these films in fact representative of an unhealthy element in society? And if they are, where does the cure lie—in teaching the audience their false values, or in understanding and trying to cure the mentality which has an appetite for such material? I know one thing—the answer is not censorship.

Alexander Benois

JAZZ

Our Jazz Critic Reports

Melodisc seem to be rejuvenating their jazz releases, and two interesting E.P.'s issued by them were sent to me for review. The first should certainly sell well. Entitled somewhat pompously "Jazz At Its Best", EP-M 7-105, it features four tracks by such notable revivalist figures as Ken Colyer, Monty Sunshine, and Pat Hawes. This disc contains fine examples of the music being played in the late '40's and early '50's by such groups as the Crane River Jazzmen and the Christie Brothers' Stompers. Well featured in these bands was the trumpet of Ken Colyer, who is the predominating influence on this record. Playing more vitally here than he does now, it is Colyer who makes this disc, despite the other great names, none of whom are still ardent devotees of the New Orleans tradition. A good buy for the revivalists and the British jazz historian.

MIXED BAG

Another Melodisc E.P. is on EP-M 7-1, which goes under the name of "Ragtimers". This is hardly a true title, for this record is very much of a mixed bag. With Spanier and Russell, both Dixieland musicians, are Vic Dickenson, a mainstreamer, and Cliff Jackson, one of the Harlem school of jazz pianists.

The nearest label for this music is Dixieland, even though the excellent lyrical trombone Dickenson is continually fighting to inject some progressive light into the ensemble passages. The trumpet playing of Spanier is pleasant, but never great, whilst I find Russell's clarinet pathetic, although it is a jazz truism that his playing is an acquired taste. The sleeve notes are very good.

GALA BARGAIN

Gala records retail at 16s. 9d. for a 12in. L.P., which makes them automatically of interest to the student. "Confidentially . . . It's Condon" on Gala GLP 342 shows the Condon All Stars in their familiar position entrenched in the Dixieland tradition. They play a reasonable selection of listenable classics here; the front line plays well despite over-recording of the baritone sax, whilst the rhythm section generates a fair degree of swing. The outstanding soloists are Ed Hall, Muggsy Spanier, and Bob Haggart, whilst it is also possible to hear some quite pleasant rhythm guitar from Condon himself. At 16s. 9d. this is certainly a great bargain.

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ONE UP FOR 'COUNT DOWN'

JOHN ALLISON - IN U L U REVUE

First night nerves and certain back-stage technical problems did little to prevent an encouragingly large audience enjoying the Revulu production "COUNT DOWN" in the ULU Assembly Hall on February 17th. Mankind's progress—or lack of it—from Genesis to Revelations, from Adam to the Atom—and back again—provided the theme and it inspired a great deal of comedy in the writing partnership of Dominic Ricaldin and Brian Lee. Producer Frank Smith succeeded in creating a show of great pace and attack; inter-scene pauses were kept miraculously short by imaginative use of scenery and props.

ALLISON EXCELS

As in every show of this kind there were moments when the pace slackened somewhat, especially in the spoken sketches. A brilliant exception was "Shakespeare", a hilarious interlude in the Bard's dressing room at the Globe, in which LSE's John Allison really excelled. His performance in this and every other number in which he appeared merits the highest praise; his stage-presence, attack and, above all, his ability to move made him stand out in an above-average cast.

Of the musical numbers "Robin Hood", a Wolfenden Report on the gay band in Sherwood Forest was undoubtedly the best and I liked "Dark Ages", a number illuminating the medieval with an inspired lyric and moving spots of red

torch-light. "Troubles" was the funniest and most intelligent comment on "The Hostage" that I've yet heard, whilst "Benedictus Domine" gave the inside story of monastic liquor production to great comic effect.

As a fashion-conscious, debutante Joan of Arc, thrilled at the prospect of being followed by a whole army of men, Karen Parkinson used good material extremely well and among the girls she was the most success-

ful, whilst Ray Pearson and Alison Hood were close runners-up.

"COUNT DOWN" was a show of very high overall standard in writing, production and performance and Revulu deserve our gratitude and congratulations. Although tempted, I leave the task of comparing this show with "Revulse", our own recent Revue success to a less partisan critic.

RON LEGGE



You may have noticed that "Beaver's" art page usually consists largely of articles on jazz, music and films. Wishing to expand a little, the arts editors would like to remind you that they take a VERY liberal view of the term "art" (how else in L.S.E.?) and would welcome articles on a much wider variety of subjects: poetry, scripture, architecture, and anything else that you care to dig up which is of interest in this whole field.

More Jazz

The promoter's search for Arne "Bue" Jensen has cash box filling bands has, at adopted a more traditional approach, turned to the continent. proach to New Orleans Jazz February saw the tour of Britain than have our own popular by "Papa Bue's Viking Jazz bands. Judging from the crowd Band." at 100 Oxford Street, his Kid

This Danish group is similar, Ory style music is paying hand-in-personnel and popularity, to some dividends. the Chris Barber and Para- Don't be put off by their mount Jazz Bands—this last led recent EP; this band is well by a country gentleman from the worth a hearing. county of Somerset. GRAHAM STALLARD.

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Sports Page

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★ From the Clubs ★

RUGBY

All Mixed Up

Recent weeks have done little to dispel the gloom which spread over the Rugby Club during last term. The picture generally has had its bright spots, but no consistent pattern of success is yet discernible. Club morale and results have not been helped by the cancellation of the 1st and 2nd XV fixtures against Downing College due to flooded pitches, news that was only received within minutes of leaving for Cambridge. Again, the 1st XV match against Blackheath at Berrylands was not played because the other side did not turn up.

The bright spots in the last fortnight include two draws and a win. The first team fought a very creditable draw with the Royal Veterinary College on their own ground, the score being six points each. We have since heard that the Vets have reached the U.L.U. Cup Final. Another pleasing result was the 5-5 draw with "D" Division, Metropolitan Police, which should, on the run of the play, have resulted in a win for the college. Especially heartening in both these matches was the loose and tight play of the forwards. The second team, with a much weakened side, won 9-3 against A.E.I., Willesden, who put out a very strong team.

Against these results, losses show in sharp contrast. The seconds were outplayed against University College Hospital and lost 11 to nil against a very fit and well-drilled side. If the seconds were outplayed, the firsts were outclassed on the morning of the England-Ireland game by a Christ College, Cambridge, side.

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SOCCER

Success Story

1st XI—
v. Reading University—4-5.
v. St. John's, Cambridge—5-2.
v. Shoreditch T.C.—3-2.
2nd XI—
v. U.C. II—1-0.
v. Battersea I—2-2.
3rd XI—
v. Pembroke, Cambridge—5-4.
v. Institute of Education—4-7.
v. U.C.H. II—10-0.

The 1st XI have now won nine of their last ten games. Their only defeat was at the hands of Reading University. Three goals up within 15 minutes, L.S.E. somehow completely lost their grip on the game and allowed Reading to snatch a victory they did not deserve. In the following two matches, however, the 1st XI returned to winning form, gaining a convincing victory over St. John's and completing a double by beating Shoreditch, despite having only 10 men for most of the match.

The 2nd XI continue to chase their league championship. A lone goal by Jenkins gave them an important victory over U.C. II, while against Battersea, their most dangerous rivals, victory only just escaped them. L.S.E. hit the woodwork half a dozen times in the second half, but had to concede a point when Battersea scored from a penalty with only a few minutes left to play.

R. WARDLE.

CROSS COUNTRY

Mud, Mud, Glorious Mud

The most recent fixtures of the Cross Country Club have resulted in a lot of dirty kit but not very bright performances. In the University College Invitation race over Parliament Hill, of the five L.S.E. runners who braved the elements only two finished the course, neither Geoff Roberts nor Jim Smith coming any higher than the last quarter of the field.

So it was a rather pessimistic team that went out to Walthamstow for the South West Essex invitation race the following Wednesday, though for about the first time this season the strongest side (on paper) was able to be chosen. The usual fast start saw two or three L.S.E. runners towards the front of the field, but it was Cakebread who proved the strongest, and he was the first college runner to finish, with Mike Heck not very far behind. Geoff Roberts in the 40s, Allen in the 50s, saw the L.S.E. side home, only a few points behind Q.M.C.

For the last few fixtures of the term, including the Hyde Park Relay, the London to Reading Relay and a match against a strong Borough Road team, L.S.E. will have to pull all the stops out and field their strongest possible team if they are to have any success.

ROWING

Prospects

A great deal of the Boat Club's time is spent training. This is particularly true of the Michaelmas and Lent terms. The crews are at present preparing for the start of the river season, which is in March and April. This is the "Cross-country" phase of the rowing year; courses being from three to five miles in length, as compared with the summer regatta courses which vary between half a mile and two miles.

The college 1st VIII is already showing signs of being one of the best in the university, though it has not yet reached its peak. The 2nd crew have been rearranged since last term, but are settling down well in their new order. An innovation this session is a third crew. Somewhat handicapped by lack of experience they still find an "eight" a strange craft, given to unexpected turns from side to side.

One of the earlier events of the term will be the "Dixon Bowl" race. This race originated during the last war when the college was evacuated to Cambridge. There a race was held annually between St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Queen Mary College and the School. After the war the race lapsed. Last year Mr. Dixon, who had rowed for the School during the war, wrote suggesting that the race be revived. He sent a bowl of Cambodian silver to be presented to the winning crew.

Chapman's Chicks Battle

Now and again, the inmates of Passfield Hall find opponents fearless enough to challenge them at their own particular brand of free-for-all football. Such adversaries are very difficult to find, and it is only in the uncharted wastes north of Hadrian's Wall that they are bred tough enough to withstand the non-stop 90-minute battering that "Chapman's Chicks" customarily hand out. Here follows an eye-witness account of the "game" between the redoubtable Passfield Wanderers and the apparently fearless students of the Glasgow College of Commerce.

It was a strange battle. The only weapons were football boots, the antagonists only 11 a side, the only prize for the victors was glory, and the means whereby the result was to be decided by a system of points, these being gained by booting a football into a wooden superstructure supported in the rear by knotted string.

At 3.30 p.m. precisely, hostilities commenced. Straightaway Passfield attacked. Jones, with a typical Welsh fervour, led a fierce charge down the left bank, the Scots with some difficulty repulsed. Passfield retired, dragging their wounded with them, to gain their second wind. In the meantime, the wild Scots attempted a surprise raid into Passfield territory, and were

only stopped when Rogers firmly planted an elbow into the pit of a foreign stomach and started another Passfield attack. As a result of this foray, first blood was drawn, Hindmarch tripped the full-back, Torevell sat on the centre-forward, and Cranmer stood in front of the goal-keeper, all to such good effect that Bullock was able to drive the ball into the net unchallenged.

A second success came soon afterwards, Torevell mishit a weak shot and promptly fell flat on his backside. The goalkeeper laughed so much at the centre-forward's ungainly posture that he did not bother to prevent the ball trickling into the net—in fact, he gave it the push it needed to get there. The Scots rallied and gained revenge when, despite the efforts of Stephenson, Paterson and Seaman to trip him up, one of their men beat Henry with a low shot that went into the net off a post.

Once again Passfield mounted a counter-attack and succeeded in gaining a corner. Into the goalmouth came the ball hard and low, not too low, however, as Hindmarch was able to dive forward underneath the ball without getting his nostrils clogged with mud. The Scots were caught unawares and Torevell was able to clout the ball into the net. Thus the

score stood when the sides retired for a while to lick their respective wounds.

On the resumption, the invaders launched repeated attacks. Time and again the Passfield defenders retrieved impossible situations by quick thinking and dubious tactics. These were mere delaying tactics, however, and the Scots drew level by the simple process of scoring two goals. sensing victory, they charged down upon the Passfield goal area. Once again the defences stood firm, while the attackers were felled with a rapidity and lack of ceremony which did little to foster better Anglo-Scottish relations.

The turning point came when the more dangerous of the Scotsmen were finally incapacitated. The first was disabled by a concerted two-man attack, one man tripping him up, the other sitting on his head. The second met his fate partly by actual physical assault, and partly by fortuitous circumstance. A tap on the shin brought him to his knees, and cramp did the rest. The scene was now set for the denouement. Passfield pressed into Scots territory, harassed the defenders, intimidated the goalkeeper, unsighted the referee, and scored the final goal.

Thus Passfield avenged their defeat of last year, and honour was satisfied.

News and Comments

Where are this year's discoveries hiding? Soon the new Athletics season will be underway, and it is to be hoped that the Beavers will continue to improve on last year's performances. But only by making the most of the available talent in the college will the team win their matches and set up, as last year, some excellent individual performances. Any Soccer or Rugby players eager to sprint, vault or throw for the college side are asked to get in touch with Alan Morgan as soon as possible. Remember, you don't know how good you are till you see the other bloke run!

The Women's Hockey Club are making a great improvement under the captaincy of Barbara Frost and their new Treasurer Val Watling. They are winning games at last, and what is even better, are also celebrating in the bar after the game.

Nothing but praise so far for the new tea system at Malden from the clubs who play there. It's good to hear that L.S.E. can give the lead in speedy, no-fuss catering after the games.

The Sailing Club have arranged their cruise on the Broads again this Easter, and it looks as though even more than last year will be aboard the Beaver Fleet. Let's hope the weather stays fine for them.

The Hon. President of the Athletic Union, Bernard Joy, will play for the Passfield Wanderers in their next game against Chelsea Casuals at Malden, on the 28th of February. With such a distinguished player the game should not go against L.S.E. this time.

Two of L.S.E.'s stars gained further honours recently. Brian Weakly was chosen as reserve for an F.A. XI against the Army, and Brian Snow is to box for London University in the U.A.U. Championships at Dublin this month.

Improvements are being made in the equipment for the gymnasium. While approving wholeheartedly of the clubs who get themselves fit by making full use of the facilities, it would be an improvement if they would all ensure that such equipment as they have used is replaced when they leave. Other clubs have been complaining of the wasted time putting back equipment they have not used before they can use their own.

Finally, my thanks to those few reliable people who regularly send in news and reports of club activities. But it is only a few, and nine out of ten clubs never even think of letting "Beaver" know how they are doing. How about something from YOU next time?

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