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LSE GIVES "MAGNIFICENT" HELP IN FLOOD DISASTER

STUDENTS FILL SANDBAGS AT CANVEY £50 COLLECTED FOR FUND

LSE ROYAL CHARTER APPLICATION GOES TO PRIVY COUNCIL

THE London School of Economics, which, since its foundation in 1896 has been incorporated under the Companies Act, is applying this year for a Royal Charter.

This week, in an exclusive statement to "Beaver," the Director, Sir Alexander Carr-Saunders, revealed that the application is now before the Privy Council.

If the application receives favourable consideration, LSE will be the second college to receive a Coronation year Charter. King's College of Household and Social Science received a Charter in January, and is now called Queen Elizabeth College.

In his last report on the work of the School, the Director described the fact that the School was only incorporated under the Companies Act as "an anomalous situation since universities and colleges, almost without exception, are incorporated by Royal Charter."

"The University requested the Governors to consider the matter before the war, and the Governors then stated that it was their intention to petition for a Charter," he stated. "The outbreak of war and the pressure of business since its end in 1945 have hitherto made impossible the execution of this intention. During the last two sessions, however, the matter has been taken up; drafts of a petition, a charter and statutes have been prepared. The present constitutional arrangements are embodied in the draft Charter and statutes; these arrangements work satisfactorily and it is not wished to change them."



LSE Students at work on Canvey Island.

Photograph by "Beaver" photographer, ROGER HADLEY.

"Beaver" Reporters

IMMEDIATELY the news of the flood disaster reached LSE, Union Council held an emergency meeting to organise help, and, within a matter of hours, schemes were in operation to provide both financial and material aid.

A collection for the Relief Fund was organised by Miss Frances Moscow and in two days more than £23 was subscribed. This sum has since been raised to £30 by a grant from Union funds. A collection at the AU Ball raised a further £20.

Deputy President John Martyn, in charge of a volunteer helpers scheme, appealed for fifty students to do repair work on Canvey Island. The response was so great that the number of coaches provided was insufficient and, despite the addition of an extra coach on Sunday, a number had to be left behind.

More than 180 students took part in repair work—80 on Saturday and 100 on Sunday. Fifteen students stayed on the island overnight and more expressed willingness to do so had accommodation been available.

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EDITORIAL

Union Council's motion expressing satisfaction at the readiness of the School authorities to conduct an investigation into the affairs of the Refectory—carried by a majority of 65; a private motion of no confidence in the Steward of the Refectory, Mrs. Mary W. Ellis; and a talk by Mrs. Ellis on her problems, drew a huge crowd to the Union a couple of weeks ago. It may have been the rumour that the meeting was going to be something of a witch-hunt, or it may merely have been the average undergraduate's policy of "Stomachs to the front" that did it, but there was no doubt that the meeting was one of the most interesting to students for months.

The Chief Ministry of Labour Canteen Adviser, who had conducted an investigation, gave these conclusions: (1) Management and Staffing: Refectory not overstaffed while it was running to capacity, as at present—impressed by standard. (2) Food and Services: Buying was competitive and a fair discount obtained—stores control quite satisfactory. (3) Kitchen: Control adequate and hygiene standard high. (4) Preparation of food: Quite satisfactory. (5) Finance: Selling prices rather high—if profit made during a month in term were put back prices could be reduced by 1½d. per shilling. The problem was that of balancing revenue and expenditure over a whole year, including the non-capacity vacation periods.

Afterwards members were given plenty of opportunity to question Mrs. Ellis—and question her they did. But those who had thought they could make her Refectory policy look silly soon found the laugh was on them. Mrs. Ellis met her critics with honesty and frankness; where she thought she had been wrong, she said so. Modestly, and with a genuine desire to co-operate so as to give the best possible value for money, she outlined her difficulties and listened attentively to the suggested improvements.

If, in fact, there had been any lack of confidence in Mrs. Ellis before the

meeting, there should have been none at the end. Proof, if, indeed, proof were needed, had been amply provided during that meeting that Mrs. Ellis's policy is one which should be held in the highest regard.

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Despite apparent disorganisation—the promised issue of gumboots did not take place—everyone was soon found a job. Some filled sandbags at the central HQ, while others loaded and travelled with the Army and RAF trucks along the waterlogged roads to the sea walls. There, the sandbags were unloaded and carried—often distances of nearly a quarter of a mile—to fill the breaches.

Help for Holland

Students have since been working at WVS centres in London, parcelling up clothes for flood victims both in this country and in Holland.

Union President Gideon Ben-Israel afterwards told reporters: "The response from LSE was magnificent and everybody did a wonderful job of work. I should particularly like to mention the girls—although some of us had doubts about their being able to stand up to the work beforehand, we soon changed our views; they did a tremendous job.

"Owing to pressure of time and the necessarily difficult circumstances there were one or two organisational hitches and I am afraid some students were left behind when we came back, but on the whole it was a really successful effort."

Official Thanks

The Sub-Divisional Controller for Civil Defence, SE Division, Mr. A. Hatt, in a message to the Union said: "I should like to express my warmest appreciation of the manner in which you and your workers spontaneously rose to the occasion during the disaster, and thank you most sincerely for the personal sacrifices and splendid work you have undertaken."

A number of LSE students—including last year's president, Mr. David Kingsley—living on Canvey and in Lincolnshire, Norfolk and Kent, had their homes flooded, and one of them, Mr. K. MacKinnon, gives an eye-witness report of his experiences in the next column.

THE CANVEY FLOODS

By Kenneth MacKinnon

The high seas had tossed about the houseboats moored to the sea dykes; pitched and stranded at odd angles, they presented a sorry sight. Those I entered were strewn with tumbled

furniture, crockery and clothing; several of the occupants lay drowned and battered on the floor amongst their ruined possessions. I helped the stretcher-bearers of the Salvation Army to remove the bodies.

On Monday, the Air Force and Army began repairing the sea walls with sandbags. Taking over a boat, a friend and I ferried sandbags to the outer sea walls, where the troops were working. The Service men did not appear to take their work seriously, some spent the day in a public house, and the two cafés nearby were filled with Service men all day.

On Tuesday the dykes had to be considerably strengthened in order to withstand the sea. I feel that this job might have been fully accomplished on the first day with efficient organisation and more esprit de corps.

Rescue work progressed steadily but haphazardly. A house some fifty yards from the main avenue was found to contain a woman who had survived on top of a table for three days. For two of these days the search party had been in the immediate vicinity and the boat ferrying sandbags had been continually passing her. When she was eventually rescued I was casually informed that I could, if I cared, go and find an ambulance! After some delay my friend and I located an ambulance and lost no time in reaching the woman. She was offered a flask of whisky which she eagerly accepted and might well have drained had she not been prevented.

Whilst returning with the boat for more sandbags we searched nearby houses for other victims; in one we observed a pair of feet projecting from under a wardrobe which had fallen across the bed; on entering and removing the wardrobe we discovered, to our relief, that the "feet" were merely a pair of shoes. Other houses we entered contained the bodies of the occupants lying upon the furniture where the receding water had left them.

On Monday, as I was leaving, I met David Kingsley waiting for transport to take him off the island. He told me his home was standing in four feet of water.

I feel that I must criticise the manner in which the rescue work was carried out in the area where I was working. It seemed to be inadequate and haphazard. Had the dinghies and "flatties" of Benfleet and Leigh been commandeered, they could have been manned with volunteer crews and thorough search made of the area on Monday, with a probable saving of life and a certain easing of anxiety. As it was, many of us were still uncertain of the fate of relatives four days after the disaster.

IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY

In a talk confined to a partisan review of the Labour and Conservative schemes for nationalising, denationalising and renationalising the iron and steel industry, Mr. George Strauss told Labour Society members that Labour's scheme of a "holding company" corporation was applicable to any industry. The setting up of a central investment fund and the dismissal of seventy-three "interlocking" directors had saved the industry £600,000 annually, he said.

A pleasant whiff of fresh air blew into the meeting with a lilting Welsh voice sternly asking the ex-minister what he had to say about the closing of fourteen works in Wales, without all the workers finding alternative employment? Mr. Strauss agreed that the social and economic aspects of nationalisation might be in conflict. The important point was that both aspects should be considered. Previous to nationalisation the economic factor alone had carried weight. As for co-operation with the new European Community, Labour desired this, but to be effective, it would need public control of the industry. —W.W.

SCM TARGET £40

LSE branch of the Student Christian Movement hopes to raise £40 during "Federation Week," from February 15—21, when a special effort is to be made on behalf of the World Student Christian Federation.

Stating this at the annual meeting of the branch, the President, Miss Rosemary Coulter, said although the branch did not achieve its target in 1952, it was hoped to do better this year. The branch was planning a full programme which would include an open meeting and a social, she said.

Miss Coulter, summing up the year's progress, said it had for the most part been coloured by immaturity, but there had also been great enthusiasm.

The new arrangement of holding a branch meeting, with a speaker one week and a service the next, had proved as successful as had been hoped; prayer meetings had continued as a weekly event, but they were now held on Tuesday, before the branch activities for the week began; and those attending study groups had found them interesting and beneficial, subjects varying from "Psychology and Religion" to discussion of overseas problems.

Rachel Gray was elected President for the coming year. Others elected: K. Thurley, vice-president; B. Kay, treasurer; P. Hames, secretary, and Peggy Lowe, Pamela Ramsay, A. Henderson, R. Walford, committee. —C.C.

WAKEY, WAKEY

It is peculiar how quite common articles and occurrences persistently demolish the accepted theories of learned academicians. Take alarm clocks, for instance. Every jeweller's shop in the West End presents a proud display; large ones, small ones, round ones, square ones, clocks of every conceivable shape and size, all with one thing in common: expensive! Now it would appear that the demand for such objects in such an area and at such a price is practically non-existent. One can hardly imagine a butterfly-like debutante fluttering her eyelids at an immaculately dressed suitor and informing him that she had just seen "A darling little alarm clock which only costs ten guineas." No, that is just impossible. Equally fantastic is the thought of a gouty old colonel heaving himself from a lair of leather and horsehair in the Cavalry Club in order to stump along to the jewellers to purchase "one of those darn clever little gadgets, y'know."

It is not possible to imagine any of the inhabitants of the better side of our City requiring one of these objects. Conversely it is rather difficult to imagine a bus driver from Lambeth saying to his wife as he lights a Woodbine: "Ere yar, Liz, 'ere's ten nicker, take a ball 'a chalk up taan and get a new alarm clock. I lorst a perishing quarter today fro' waiting for the nipper to wake me up."

Why, then, are these things on sale? Why do they not conform decently to the law of supply and demand? Or are they there merely as a reminder to economics students that they must not take too much heed of that other device which prevents students from sleeping—the economics text book! —BERNARD DIX.

LAND VALUES TAXATION

"That which is the individual's shall go to the individual; that which is the community's shall go to the community." Mr. Leon McLaren, principal of The College of Economic Science, speaking at a Liberal Society meeting, thus summed up the theory of land value taxation. This system would, he said, be more than a mere change in taxation but would ensure economic freedom, unobtainable under the present system. Producers would not have the products of their labour taken away in taxes. Taxation would be based on the value of land, and tenants would, in return for security of tenure, fulfil their obligations by letting land yield its full value. Revenue would approximate that obtained at present.—T.H.

STUDENTS' "NO" TO VOTE

A motion that the reintroduction of the University franchise be omitted from the Conservative Party programme was carried by a majority of 22 at the annual conference of London University Conservative Association.

Proposing, Mr. David Mitchell, of LSE, said that for a certain class of people to have two votes was undemocratic.

Mr. W. H. Lee, of UC, suggested that if the Universities were to have the vote it was only fair that trades unions and other representative organisations should also be included.

Only four delegates voted against the motion.

LSE was well represented at the conference. Of the eight motions before the assembly, three were proposed by students of the School. They were Terence Groome, Secretary of LSE Conservative Society, John Tower, and David Mitchell. The chairman of LUCA, Ian Davison, and the vice-chairman, Arthur Charles, both of whom are also at LSE, presided during part of the conference.

SOCIETY NOTES

The Socialist Society is shortly to commence a series of discussions on the "History of the British Labour Movement," and feels that this will be a contribution to what it considers is the current need for examining the fundamentals of British Socialism.

At the annual general meeting of Labour Society, the new Chairman, Don Last, outlined a policy of "seeking a corporate spirit and new ideas."

Mr. David Goldblatt, speaking at the Liberal Society on "The Nonsense of Planning," said that planning meant controls and a restriction of the people's freedom. He felt that planners could not take all factors into account, particularly the human factor.—M.O.

JAZZ SOCIETY

The Jazz Society, which now has sixty members, meets Friday lunch times to hear recitals and speakers, and also has a stock of records which it lends to members.

The other distinguishing features of the society are the happy informality of its general meetings—which should become proverbial—and the catholicism of its tastes. Jazz, blues, bop, swing—anything goes. Escapism? Perhaps. But if any psychology student thinks we would make admirable case studies (s)he would be disappointed and we would be displeased. We just like it.—"BLUNTSCHLI."

BY THE WAY . . .

ATHLETIC UNION BALL—In spite of the fact that the "Beaver" staff did not receive any complimentary tickets, we nevertheless passed the hat round, managing to scrub up enough to grace the occasion with our presence. Also there we saw the President of the Union, busily skipping about, not daring to sit down, we thought, for fear of being moved out of the chair. . . . His partner, the General Secretary, was observed casting a wary eye at the various posters decorating the walls of the Hall to see if they exceeded the maximum specifications. The President-Elect of the AU, debonair as always, was industriously organising the raffle for the Flood Relief fund, delegating tins to various glamorous female conscripts, then leaving them to it and gallantly whisking his charming partner off to the dance floor. The immediate Ex-President of the Union, accompanied by the NUS secretary, were also there, whispering sweet nothings into each others' ears, and with a complete lack of restraint tossing down orange squash to see who could get tight first. The Cinderella of the Ball was the Vice-President for Social Affairs, who with characteristic self-sacrifice had lent his Ball Suit to a friend, spending the night by his own hearth as a result. The former, a prominent member of the Law Faculty, was abusing his friend's generosity in the most improper way, and towards the small hours he was observed dusting the floor of the Hall with the above-mentioned suit, having been called to the Bar not only sooner than he had expected, but once too often!

MILD SPECULATION has been caused as to JUST what did go on at the Dramatic Society Dinner. Our reporter, on approaching one of the leading ladies, was told that she didn't dare give him a story for fear of losing all her friends.

A PATHETIC NOTE has been introduced into the controversy, reported in our last issue, about the donning of "multi-coloured slacks" by various female students. An eager male reader of "Beaver," heartlessly condemning this practice in a certain eating place in — street, was interrupted by piteous feminine tears, coming from the table opposite: "I only wear them to k-k-e-e-p m-e-e w-w-w-arm," sobbed the trousered lady. Eagerly the man rose to comfort her . . . (could this have been a *gambit* on her part?). We await further developments!

RUMOUR HAS IT that certain youthful male members of the Union have wild schemes afoot for celebrating

UNION IN "FINE FORM"

The Union was in fine form last week for what was generally regarded as being the most successful meeting of the term so far. Motions passed with substantial majorities included those on improvement in health services at LSE, action to be taken in co-operation with other Colleges and Universities to press for grant increases from local education authorities, support of the action taken at Bangor Normal College for improvement in student conditions, regret at the action taken by the Ministry of Education to cut grants for extra-mural studies, and finally "the setting up of a commission of enquiry . . . to investigate disaffiliation of Member Unions (from the NUS) and to make recommendations on the basis of its investigations."

Mr. H. Darton was elected delegate to the NUS Council.—R.E.

BY THE WAY—Continued.

the coronation. Talk goes on of roasting oxen at midnight in Houghton Street, Bacchanalic orgies in the Three Tuns, forming processions on the very DAY to rival that of the Coronation itself (OURS would be by way of the Bank, Aldgate East and Mile End Road). Meanwhile we older ones, leaving these profligate peregrinations and other manifestations of dissipation to the juveniles, will be peacefully nodding by our television sets recalling our own High Jinks at the Coronation of 1837 (GUESS WHOSE?).

WE TAKE A DIM VIEW of the young man who, on hearing an enthusiastic female volunteer cry "I will offer myself to fill sandbags," observed that he thought her shape more suitable for filling breaches!

WE DON'T QUITE KNOW what to think of the first year sociologist who, replying to his tutor's criticisms of his essay, said that it was only of poor quality because he had been obliged to write it in the Library during the daytime. His best creative work, he said, was done after dark.

THE WELFARE VICE-PRESIDENT declared in an unguarded moment that his estimation of women had increased considerably as a result of their response to the Canvey Island relief work. While not wishing for an opportunity of this nature to present itself again, in order that the female sex may further demonstrate its utility, we hope that the Vice-President's admiration may be further increased as a result of female activities of a quiter nature within the school.—"JANUS."

ROUND AND ABOUT

PSY-HIC-ODOLOGY—In order to determine the effects of small doses of alcohol on dexterity and reaction aptitude a professor at Bristol University served students with cocktails before a psychology lecture.

NO BEER HERE—A survey of student drinking habits at the University of Helsinki revealed that 18 per cent are teetotallers and a further 49 per cent only drink when in company.

OVERTIME—The students of the Polytechnic Institute, Milan, staged a strike in order to force a complete reorganisation of their fifty-year-old curriculum, which, they stated, would entail working thirteen hours a day if they were to complete all their tasks.

LIBRARY WITH A DIFFERENCE—Working is prohibited in the recreation room recently established in the Library of Berkley University, California. The room, with 18,000 volumes of fiction, is equipped with easy chairs and couches.

STANDING ROOM ONLY—A report of the Council of Nottingham University states that the number studying there in 1952 had risen to 2,055. The buildings were designed to accommodate 500.

UNION OFFICERS

The following Union appointments have been confirmed: Administrative Committee, chairman, Rosemary Sands; secretary, I. B. Hanks; commonrooms officer, B. Mendes; periodicals, D. Croucher; stationery stall, Monica Best; bookstall, R. Chadwick; rooms booking, Christine Coles; publicity, Tony Hawtin; notice boards, S. Spence. Constitution chairman, G. Ben-Israel; secretary, J. Rose. Finance chairman, A. Driver. Social chairman, P. Hoskins; secretary, P. Bray. External affairs, chairman, John Henshaw; secretary, R. T. Collins; ULU, G. Syer; NUS, Deborah Jones; WUS, H. Frankel; Vac. work, B. Van Arkadie; Travel, J. Smith; AIESEC, M. Elliot; IUS, Frances Moscow. Welfare chairman, R. Williams; secretary, Sheila Barnes; Health, K. MacKinnon; Housing, Peggy Longbottom; Grants and fees, H. Cohen; Refectory, A. Cohen; Overseas students, V. Sharma; IDC chairman, H. Warmsley. Entertainments chairman, E. Denyer; secretary, P. Bray.

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BENTLEY RIOTS

LSE students were involved in a series of last minute reprieve demonstrations lasting until only five hours before Bentley's execution. Culminating in a brush with the police in Carlton Terrace, the demonstrations lasted over 3½ hours and involved several hundred people.

Passfield Hall students swooped on Westminster by bus where they joined a crowd gathering outside the Home Office. The head which eventually appeared at an upper storey window and was popularly identified with the Home Secretary is now thought to have belonged to a cleaner.

When tired of the sport, the crowd turned uncertainly into Whitehall and straggled into Trafalgar Square. It fumbled indecisively at St. Martin ("GO HOME LATER ON THURSDAY")-in-the-Fields, and seemed on the point of dispersal when, on an urgent appeal from the nominal leader, it regrouped, and now increasing, straggled into the Haymarket shouting "We Want Justice," "Reprieve for Bentley" and, ominously, "Hang Fife!" At Piccadilly, the column was forced, under police orders, to keep on the move, to circle Eros twice and retreat south again. The next objective was the Home Secretary's residence at The Middle Temple, and on gaining Fleet Street, an attempt to direct the flow into the "Daily Express" offices for a protest was foiled when the crowd slid into Bouverie Street. This was possibly the most satisfying moment of the march, and compositors in the "News Chronicle" building were brought to every window by the slogans. At the Embankment, the crowd was met by Bentley's father, the Press, the Metropolitan Police, two Black Marias, and a smiling assurance of: "No, of course, the Home Secretary is nowhere near here. We're just watching the Thames." After considerable altercation, most of the LSE deputation left for bed, but those remaining in the procession, were later reinforced when a taxi dramatically deposited seven of the deserters in front of the column.

The entrance to the Deputy Prime Minister's residence in Carlton Terrace was blocked by a police cordon and remained blocked even after a linked arms rush by the crowd. An LSE student, after phoning all the papers, was heard muttering something about Constitutional Law, and commenting on the un-enterprise of the "Worker"! Meanwhile, permission had been gained for a member of the crowd to take a petition into the Deputy Prime Minister.

READERS WRITE

SIR—It is curious indeed that in a school teaching the social sciences the worst evils of factory organisation should be allowed to go unchecked. Whilst the LSE is renowned as a hot-bed of agitation against the exploitation of man by man—some complain undeservedly so—it has done nothing to lighten the burden of those enslaved by the book. No steps have been taken to restrict library work to a 48-hour week—not even for female and teen-age labour—and nothing has been done to combat that dreaded scholastic disease of folio poisoning.

More curious still is the fact that LSE fails to apply the analyses found relevant in scientific work to studies at the School. Specialisation is an example; its benefits for almost any branch of human activity are commonplace, yet it is lamentably absent in the organisation of the studies at the School. At the moment individual talents are sadly wasted. Take those people who absolutely excel at society work. It is criminal to impose other tasks on them for which they are so much less fitted. The result is that they turn out to be dilettanti in all fields.

Similarly it seems monstrous that students should be made to attend lectures, read books and submit to examinations as well. Exam standards would rocket sky high if some students could concentrate on reading books while others specialised in sitting for examinations. In time the book readers would be able to read many more books in a given time whilst the specialised examinees would be much more proficient at the appointed hours. In time we should only require two-hour instead of three-hour exam papers; the saving in man hours would be tremendous.

It is only fitting that a reform of this kind should be undertaken by the London School of Economics. The abbreviation LSE would then cease to be translated as "Largest Sweatshop in England."—L.K.

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Jean David and Grace Jackson have been elected to the Executive of LSE World Government Society.

BENTLEY RIOTS—Continued.

At 2.30 a.m. the petitioner returned and outlined plans for a further march on Downing Street. There were about fifty prospective marchers. LSE went home.—PHILLIP ADAMS.

A Ragged Rag

SIR—Our hitherto respected academic rival, which stands just below LSE in the Strand, has once more indulged in a characteristic display. Noon on Wednesday (February 4th) saw two of her less favoured sons in an improvised costume duel in the murk of Trafalgar Square, the winner being borne away on a litter. Bearing away litter, of course, being a King's speciality. The crowd seemed even more bewildered than the participants, and comment varying between "Them students" . . . and "They students" . . . The prevailing note was, however, one which has sounded ominously before: "£202 a year? What for?"—P.A.

LSE "A DUMP"

SIR—While admiring your optimism in trying to bring out a printed paper in such a back-street dump as LSE, I am forced to the conclusion that your taste is as low as the rest of your mongrels. Return to your kennels, you who dare to defile H.R.H. Reggie. If you possessed even the shadow of a mascot of your own, even a spark of spirit, one could take the lenient view that you were a little puffed up with your own pride. As it is we hear only the empty yappings of a spineless litter of puppies hiding in a corner. Yours pityingly.—A KING'S STUDENT.

Any Anarchists?

SIR—There exists at the school Con. Soc and Com. Soc.; Lam. Soc. and Lib. Soc.; and, of course, Soc. Soc. It is now proposed to institute An. Ag.—Anarchists Agglomeration. It is not possible to conform with convention and call it An. Soc., for our views on society and organisation do not permit such. If any student is desirous of agglomerating with us will they please leave a bomb in the pigeon holes?—CHARLIE BROWN.

SCM DINNER

The SCM Annual Dinner was attended by fifty people, staff and students, with the Director, Sir Alexander Carr-Saunders, in the chair. Leslie Paul, author and broadcaster, was the guest of honour, and in a stimulating speech, he described the function of SCM as the spreading of the Christian idea of the nature of man. Other guests included Lady Carr-Saunders, Professor and Mrs. R. H. Tawney, and Professor C. A. W. Manning.

ATHLETIC UNION BALL

The Commemoration Ball, held last November, thrived by looking forward to Christmas, but the A.U. Ball, held recently, suffered by moving closer to the shadow of examinations; the enthusiasm of the "Freshers"—always in evidence at the Commemoration Ball—was also lacking.

The host for the evening was A.U. President Kevin Burley, and the Hon. President, Dr. J. D. B. Mitchell, was also present. The Wilson Potter Cup was awarded during the evening to Ian Davidson and Keith Mackrell. Keith was also prominent as one of the M.C.s, although the brunt of this task was carried out by Mr. C. V. Williams.

The programme suffered through lack of variety; could not some enterprise be shown? A spot prize, an elimination waltz, or an "excuse me" would have added a touch of variation!

The display by the folk-dancing team must be complimented. The lesson that entertainment at functions of this nature must be visual, rather than spoken, has obviously been learned. But whether this deserved the title "Cabaret" is another matter!—ELIZABETH WHEELER.

PRESIDENTIAL PORTRAIT

The Offices of the Athletic Union house certain trophies of the chase. One from King's College hangs next to one from UC, and outshining them all an emblem representative of that prosaic life which normal people lead—a sign more usually seen in those exquisitely tiled establishments of the more progressive Metropolitan Borough Councils. Yet these signs generate only a part of the atmosphere in the AU. There is a sense of work done efficiently and unobtrusively, not to be belied by the condition of the large cupboard in the corner.

Somehow, somewhere the President of the AU has to fit into this atmosphere. Ron Henderson is part of it already, and it will be no more difficult for him to assume the Presidential Office than for other less illustrious members to go under for the ninth time at the Boat Club Dance.

Ron's chief characteristics are a highly developed sense of duty and an ability for hard work.

At 23, having had time to digest Life more fully than the average student, he is better able to concentrate on a problem and give a reasoned judgment, probably a result of his services in the Forces. He is a member of the Hockey and Cricket Clubs.—P.H.

UNIVERSITIES SPORTS BOARD

The recent formation of a British Universities Sports Board will be of great interest to all those concerned with college sport. Formerly the Universities' Athletic Union, together with NUS, has selected British universities' teams for International games. This selection committee was not truly representative, since Oxford and Cambridge are neither members of UAU nor NUS. On the new board, however, all British universities are directly represented.

BUSB has no connection with IUS but is affiliated to the Federation Internationale du Sport Universitaire and experience has shown that International games conducted by this body are kept entirely free from politics.

The next FISU games will be held at Dortmund in August, when it is hoped Britain will be represented by teams in athletics, fencing and swimming. ULU Club Captains say London has very strong teams this year and is certain to be well represented.

RUGBY

LSE 13 pts. : Royal Coll. of Science 8 pts.
LSE gave one of their best performances for some time. The game was very even at the start with some spirited forward play on both sides. RCS gradually began to look more dangerous, and it was somewhat surprising when LSE scored first, Roberts sending away Eltenton, the wing-forward, to score near the posts. Cast converted to give LSE a 5-0 lead.

After about twenty-five minutes' play LSE increased their lead when Eltenton, who was in excellent form at wing-forward, snapped up a loose ball and passed to Periera, who raced seventy yards to score near the corner. Cast converted, and the score remained at 10-0 until half-time.

RCS started the second half with a strong attack on the LSE line and reduced the arrears with a try, which was converted to make the score 10-5. Soon, however, the match was made rather more safe when Cast, playing a grand game at full-back, landed a penalty-goal from forty yards. RCS replied also with a penalty goal and they continued to do most of the attacking but, despite some rather suspect tackling, LSE held out.—KEITH POWER.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY ELECTION

The new officers of the Dramatic Society are: president, J. Taylor; treasurer, J. F. Davies; secretary, J. Cassell; committee, Sheila Barnes, Valerie Chaney, Angela Harding, D. Walters, A. Schofield, K. Bales.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

LSE Women's Lawn Tennis Club plays in Lincoln's Inn Fields on Wednesday afternoons, and plans to organise a singles tournament next term. During the summer the club hopes to have nine grass courts in use at Malden, giving opportunity for club play on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Fixtures have been arranged for two Ladies' Teams and a Mixed Team, which will be chosen at the beginning of next term.—J.M.H.

SPORTS RESULTS

Soccer

2nd v. Chelsea Poly.	Won	1—0
3rd v. Peterhouse	Drew	1—1
4th v. Old Chonedians	Won	2—0
1st v. Imperial Coll.	Won	4—1
3rd v. Sir John Cass	Lost	1—3
2nd v. Middx. Hospital	Won	3—2
1st v. Cambridge Takons	Lost	1—3
2nd v. Queen Mary Coll.	Lost	2—4
3rd v. Old Ashfordians	Won	6—2

Rugger

1st v. Brigands	Won	23—6
2nd v. Esher Extra A	Lost	0—8
1st v. Royal C. of Science	Won	13—8
1st v. Old Purleians	Won	10—8
1st v. Wadham	Lost	9—13

Men's Hockey

1st v. Ashford	Lost	1—4
A v. Inland Revenue	Lost	0—2
1st v. Croydon M.O.	Won	2—1
2nd v. Croydon M.O.	Lost	0—8

Women's Hockey

1st v. King's	Lost	1—3
A v. Westfield	Lost	3—10
1st v. London Transport	Lost	2—3

Basketball

v. Sharpshooters T.A.	Won	58—9
v. Goldsmith's	Won	34—15
v. Cambridge Univ.	Lost	35—94
v. Sharpshooters	Won	20—19

Men's Fencing

v. Univ. Coll., London	Won	17—9
v. Battersea Poly.	Won	10—2
v. Univ. Coll., Leicester	Won	17—10
v. Southampton Univ.	Won	14—12
v. North'pton Eng. Coll.	Won	7—5

Women's Fencing

v. Southampton Univ.	Lost	3—6
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Rowing

1st v. St. Peter's Hall, Oxford	Lost	6.41"—6.31"
2nd v. St. Peter's Hall, Oxford	Lost	7.08"—6.56"