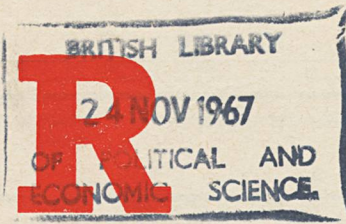


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School interference over Union accounts?

Let's all go down the Strand

DAVID PRICE, one of the two LSE students arrested during the demonstrations organised by the Anti-Apartheid movement last week, has changed his plea to "Guilty."

Along with Anthony Wright he was remanded on bail of £10 until December 19, charged with obstructing the passage of the Strand. "I was standing in the Strand holding a banner bearing the legend 'One man one vote' when a policeman told me to put it down as Parliament was sitting. Failing to see the logic of this I refused and was arrested."

Parliament

After pleading "Not Guilty" as a matter of principle, Price changed his plea because two Dutch girls whom he met while on holiday have written to ask if they may come to stay with him from December 17-22.

Price and Wright were charged under a sessional order arising from section 52 of the Metropolitan Police Act. This section forbids any annoyance in the immediate precincts of Parliament, roughly within a mile radius of Big Ben.



President Peter Watherston. Adamant in his claim of School interference.

ALLEGATIONS that the School interfered with the auditing of Union accounts for the last year have been made and denied this week.

The issue arose after the Governors had deferred a decision on whether to give Union a supplementary grant this year. When they met last week they discussed last year's accounts but did not deal with the matter of the increased grant. Dr. Adams gave conflicting views as to why this happened.

Ann Shelton guest at Charity Concert



On Sunday 12 November the LSE Choir and Orchestra gave a very successful concert organised by LSE Porter Mr Bill Payne, in aid of Dr Barnado's Homes, at St Faith's Church, North Dulwich. Celebrity Anne Shelton was presented with a bouquet by a young girl from the Beckenham Home.

date withdrew saying, "I feel Mr. Brogan's attitude is so petty and so immoral that justice is best done by a straight fight."

Mr. Brogan's proposer, Brian Taylor, approached Robin Belben, secretary of the Constitution Committee, asking him to call a meeting of the Committee to determine the matter. Mr. Belben refused saying that it was up to the parties concerned to refer the matter to the Committee if they wished.

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Committee called on VP objection

AFTER a great deal of political manoeuvring John Brogan withdrew his nomination for External Affairs VP last Friday.

Brogan lodged a complaint to Returning Officer, John Stacey, about Francis Keohane's qualifications on the latter's nomination form. Relying on Election Regulation V which states that, "The candidate may submit on the form a list of qualifications which are directly relevant to his status as a student," Brogan objected on the grounds that Keohane's qualifications included items not within this regulation.

Return of the Vampires

Tomorrow will see the annual visit of the Blood Transfusion Service to LSE. Although names should have been in on the 20th November, we are sure that any volunteers to donate blood will still be very welcome. The team will be working from 10-30 am to 5 pm in the gymnasium.



Ex-Director Sir Sidney Caine, who apparently approved the "unconstitutional" payment to the Barbican strikers.

Mr. G. Smith

In our last edition we carried a picture in the article on Myton's with the caption 'George Smith, General Secretary of the ASW'. In fact, the picture was of Mr. George Smith of the National Union of Furniture Trade Operatives.

We apologise to both gentlemen for the error, caused by a mistake by the Press Association from whom we obtained the picture.

Even in this haven of Anarchy (sorry, Socialism) there appear to be some hardened capitalists. One gentleman gambled on the devaluation of the £ last week and turned all his money, some £500, into dollars. He must be the only happy man in College today.

Personal column

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EDITORIAL

UNION is fighting for equal representation on the governing bodies of the school, yet apparently its members are not even interested in becoming members of Union Council. Had Alex Finer's resignation not necessitated an election for Deputy President there would have been no elections at all. Never before have we had an entire Council elected unopposed. Those who will serve Union for the next year can hardly claim to be representatives of the student body since they have not had to seek the support of the students on their way to office. So the school authorities have even more ammunition for their argument that the Union is not a representative body.

The sad truth seems to be that while members of this College are prepared to strike, sit-in and criticise the actions of its own executive and of the School authorities they are not prepared to get on with the hard work of finding solutions to the very real problems that exist in the College.

That this attitude should be so prevalent a mere six months after the Sit-in, in a year when we are trying to consolidate what we have gained during that period, and when we are asking the School to grant us financial autonomy is an appalling condemnation of the state of Union. **HOW CAN WE EXPECT TO BE GRANTED CONTROL OF THOUSANDS OF POUNDS WHEN WE PATENTLY DO NOT TAKE OUR**

RESPONSIBILITIES SERIOUSLY?

The arguments put forward by the Governors are clearly not as reactionary as they appeared to be at first sight. If we are not prepared to run our own Union there is no reason to believe that we are really willing, let alone capable of running the School.

A member of Beaver staff paid a short visit to Oban this summer. (The reason for his visit was both improbable and irrelevant to my story.) Engaged in conversation by a local fisherman, our reporter admitted to being a student at LSE. There was a pause. "Is that nae the place where they had some trouble over a new headmaster?" the fisherman asked. Fame, it seems, is a relative thing.

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LETTERS

WHAT IS WRONG WITH UNION

Sir,

Mr. Ammoun says he doesn't want a Union but feels it is worth writing a letter about it and getting it published in the newspaper of the Union which he attacks so bitterly.

Of course, Union does face a crisis. The gains of last year are not being consolidated.

The issues of student representation and Union autonomy seem to have been put back in the filing cabinets. There was no wild enthusiasm in filling Union Structure Reform Commission vacancies. Momentum has been lost and it is little wonder that people are asking why bother.

Union Council is essentially disunited. It is in no position to lead. Additionally, there is perhaps a failure on the part of some Union officials to understand that they are the servants of Union. But the faults are I

think structural and on the whole not attributable to individuals who are only doing their job, often under difficult circumstances.

On the brighter side, the Reform Commission has yet to present its final report. It will doubtless recommend far-reaching proposals which will rationalise Union government and make it more amenable to the style of Union politics. The real test of Union's determination to reform itself will come when these proposals are on the Union floor under discussion.

Whether the Reform Commission proposals are by themselves going to improve affairs is debatable but I think it highly likely that they might.

There is a lot wrong with Union. For my part I dislike the sneering and cynicism which is a feature of Union affairs. But it is all too easy to blame "other people", or imaginary conspiracies. Mr. Ammoun's solution is to ignore the problems in the hope that they will go away. Not only is this unduly pessimistic, but also inaccurate and dangerous. Problems ignored are problems worsened. He is entitled to take his stand like this but he can hardly complain when things go wrong.

I think many people feel that increased involvement, not withdrawal, is the key to Union's problems. I agree. After all, Union is only as good as the members who belong to it.

Brian Taylor

OPERATION MATCH

Did you go in for it? If you did and would like to be interviewed for a television programme about it get in touch with ANNA AMBROSE, 103 EARLS COURT ROAD, W.8.

Helen Leiser
 Bar Management
 Committee

Director slams Government's overseas student's fees policy

THE ANNOUNCEMENT by the Government last December that university tuition fees for overseas students must be increased to £250 from the session 1967-8 was deplorable. In the School it is condemned within all sections of opinion, Governors, staff and students alike.

It was objectionable in the manner of its announcement — without adequate prior consultation with the universities, with unprecedentedly short notice before the increase was to come into operation, accompanied by the needlessly crude statement of the financial sanction (reduction of government grant to the universities) by which it would be induced.

Government itself took some steps to reduce the damage it would entail. The full increase would not apply to students already registered. A grant was made through the British Council to relieve immediate hardships. The universities improvised procedures such as the equalization fund to reduce some of the iniquities which this unplanned imposition would have caused.

Damage

Recently Government has taken a further step to undo some of the damage it inflicted on its own policy of aid to developing countries, by making a grant of £500,000 p.a. to pay fees for about 1,000 students from those countries pursuing further education in the United Kingdom, mainly at the post-graduate level.

It is too early to say how much the fee increase has prevented or discouraged foreign students from coming to British universities. Even next year it will not be possible to identify the fee increase as the cause of change

improvised private student paying his own way will continue in hardship.

Objectionable

The second is the basic issue. The fundamental objection to the new fee for foreign students is that it creates a differential between categories of students on the irrelevant basis of nationality within a university community that has always been inherently international or supra-national.

Quotas for foreign students have sometimes been imposed in practice by universities or colleges in their admissions policies, but these have been regarded by most as objectionable in principle. The new fee differential is a declaration of discrimination as a government policy — a very different matter, and an appalling price to pay for the miserable £180 per head from 15,000 students gained by the Treasury.

Every university student is subsidized by the State and society at something like £1,000 p.a. per head, towards which he or his bursary donor makes a contribution of only £70 p.a., or now if he is from overseas £250 p.a. If tuition fees are to make a significant contribution to the real costs, which I consider is desirable on many grounds, let us raise all fees and eliminate this contemptible differential.

Opposition

In the School's present financial difficulties, it cannot find from its own resources the £100,000 p.a. necessary to remove the differential among its student members, but let us never cease to record our opposition to it in principle and our determination to remove it.

W. Williams



BAR MANAGEMENT REPLIES

Dear Sir,

With reference to your recent expose of squandering of Union funds by the Bar Management Committee ("Have we been fiddled over the juke box?"), I would like to point out that none of the other companies quoted offered better terms for the service we are now receiving. The "lower" prices quoted were for a different, and probably less satisfactory, service.

The juke box at present in the bar is a "hideaway" machine, that is, only the record selection box is actually situated in the bar. This has been considered more suitable, for reasons of space and security, than the large single-unit type usually seen in coffee bars and clubs. The companies who quoted "lower" rates were quoting for this second type of machine, and were able to offer these lower prices because such a machine is comparatively mobile and can be hired out elsewhere during vacations. It is doubtful whether the inconvenience and risk of keeping such a cumbersome and vulnerable machine in the bar is worth a saving of 10/- a week.

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“LSE Sociology Department was not committed to any kind of woolly, high-minded social idealism”

STUDENTS still come to study sociology at L.S.E. in the faith that they will learn to do good, to work with people, to be on the side of liberty, justice and the forces that will make tomorrow better than today. Some, on the whole the less bright, go away with these faiths confirmed. Others are disillusioned and angry. Most learn to be sociologists, to accept the tedious techniques, the piece meal and uneven knowledge of society which is the best we have, to understand and think in terms of social theory. A surprising number actually do some good when they leave us — particularly if you assume that good is done by teaching sociology in another college — and they all work with people if only because people are all there is to work with.

The department is the oldest in Britain. It has the most students of all levels — but not the largest teaching staff. I think it is the best sociology department in Britain — and today, given the population explosion in the subject, that is not the empty boast it would have been ten years ago. I care too much for sociology at L.S.E., if only because I have devoted over twenty years to it, not to be serious about it. **Beaver** readers must pardon a dour Scottish lack of levity and wit in my judgment.

INTENSITY

It is an over-burdened department (L.S.E. as a whole is after all over-burdened). The staff-student ratio is too high. The use of tutorials, lectures and seminars/classes involves an intensity of teaching effort that may well be too great for anybody's good. We teach far too many degrees — the B.Sc.Econ., the B.A./B.Sc.Soc., the taught master's degrees, the Ph.D. and the master's degree by examination. There is a case for each of these. And there is a case for our participation in Branch III of the B.A./B.Sc., etc. But it all involves an administrative and timetabling burden, an academic weight that is hard to carry.

In addition we are responsible for the conduct of **The British Journal of Sociology** — certainly the best thing of its kind in Britain — and for the running of the Institute of Sociological and Demographic research. Furthermore we are a most active

department in the affairs of the School and the University.

As is usually thought to be appropriate we are a committed department. We are involved in public good without private cash reward. We are involved in government and local government, justice and education, research and administration, lecturing, writing and educating far beyond our frontiers. We give time to the practical needs of developing countries.

INVOLVED

We are intellectually and personally involved in the growth of the subject, nationally and internationally. We also do research. Being in London the demands made on us are particularly heavy: being conscientious we try to meet them. And to many of us sociology is not only a commitment; it involves direct social and political concern.

We came into existence in 1903. The School was eight years old. By 1907 the decisive step could be taken, and sociology given its first chair in any British University. It was occupied jointly by L. T. Hobhouse and Edward Westermarch. This is not the place to trace our history, but we had two advantages that should be mentioned, and also certain disadvantages. The advantages were negative, but real.

Unlike so much early American sociology, L.S.E. was not committed to any kind of woolly, high-minded social idealism — any kind of degenerate and sickly, if genuinely virtuous, non-conformity. Unlike the contemporary French sociologists we were not involved in the provision of a social ethic suited to teacher training. On the other hand certain hostilities in English society and the world of English learning had to be faced—and they continued from 1907 until well after 1945. Sociology might attract great scholars—but it was not widely understood to be a scholarly subject.

UNTYPICAL

When men like Hobhouse or Morris Ginsberg were almost the only sociologists

Professor Donald G. MacRae, last year's Convener of the Sociology department, continues our Departmental series with an article sent from California, where he is at present doing research on a year's Sabbatical leave from LSE.

in Britain, our critics assured the world that they were untypical: the typical sociologist was unworlly, fanatical, revolutionary, a prophet of socialism and sexual reform. (These were necessarily bad things.) What was more neither Oxford (until 1949) nor Cambridge recognised the subject.

Today we inherit forty years of patience and learning and enlightenment—the work primarily of Morris Ginsberg. As Martin White Professor of Sociology he developed and advanced his own subject, social philosophy, and our near kindred in social anthropology and social administration. Sociology in Britain owes more to his work and example than to that of any other man. Without him it might not have survived. By 1945 he had been joined by Professors T. H. Marshall and D. V. Glass. They brought a concern with the directly practical and the demographic and quantitative into the mix. They carried on the traditions of scholarly and historical depth as essential to sociology. Like Ginsberg they wrote with marked individuality but with a common clarity, concision and absence of pretention.

FLOOD-GATES

And now the flood-gates began to open, the trickle of students became a gushing stream and, after 1960, an overwhelming torrent. Departments such as Social Administration and Social Psychology became separate, flourishing, entities. Specialisations developed.

L.S.E. sociologists participated in the founding of new departments throughout Britain and, indeed, the Commonwealth and beyond. As recently as six years ago I was one of six professors in Britain:

today the number of chairs is about forty-five—not all filled. In addition the number of students working for external London degrees in sociology pushes inexorably towards a thousand—all of whom, alas, have to be examined

On paper the department today has about twenty-five full or part-time teachers. At any given moment some of these are missing—I write these words looking from the Centre for Advanced Studies at Stanford across the Californian hills to the smog-filled basin of San Francisco Bay, while Keith Hopkins is in Hong Kong, Audrey Hayley at the School of Oriental and African Studies and so on. We are a diverse group, yet perhaps more united—and not just in common loyalties, however variously interpreted, to L.S.E. and to sociology—than has been the case for about ten years.

We are, I believe, living in a time of great opportunity for sociology. We have firmly and rightly kept out comparative and philosophical interests. We have defined our role in graduate work imperfectly, but with a better and more realistic content than in the past. We command a diversity of knowledge and skills which needs fear no rivals. We are no longer, as was till recently the case, dominated by American paradigms of sociological knowledge and professionalism, but we have immensely gained from the American age in sociology from 1945 to 1965.

MOULDING

The department contains younger men and women who are moulding new forms of social knowledge in the fields of the sociologists of politics, religion, comparative study, and so on and on. We are not sufficiently, I suspect, in touch with recent trends in Europe, but we are surprisingly, given our lack of resources, international in our range. Looking from the vantage points of middle-age and academic leisure I foresee a future that will no doubt be full of troubles and disagreement, but one of life and promise.

Sociology is the making of sense of those devices human beings produce so that they can bear to live and work together. To that process we have contributed. From it we have shaped something like a liberal education. To it we are clearly adding, and we look like adding more. Even so, sociology has still so far to go, that it all feels as though we had just begun.

Magnus Carter

RIOTS IN TUNNEL STOP TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

In scenes unprecedented at a British University, students at the London School of Economics today rose in open revolt against the administration of the school, and, more particularly their Director, Sir Christopher Harman, C.M.G., O.B.E., B.Sc.(Econ.) Part I.

Sir Christopher was, unfortunately, unavailable for interview as he is, as reported last week, still at University College, Salisbury Zimbabwe, investigating complaints from whites alleging they have been put under house arrest following President Osuji's decree that the college will be 'all-black' in future.

LSE was moved to its present site in a disused tube tunnel at Morden in 1971, after police had damaged the old buildings beyond repair trying to remove demonstrators from the 1968 sit in.

The present troubles arise out of an Order in Council allowing one tube train per day to run through their section of the tunnel. They contend that the administration's weakness in opposing this government decree is merely a symptom of the present weakness of bourgeois capitalist society.

The plan a protest march tomorrow up the tube tunnel

from Morden. The police are planning to cut them off at Charing Cross from their original intention of storming the Prime Minister's residence, and funnelling them down the District line to Wimbledon. If this does, in fact, occur, then the future of the Tennis Championships which are at present on there could be in grave danger. The political consequences of such a stoppage would be immense, and political commentators have every reason to fear that tomorrow may well bring the fall of the government.

From the TIMES, June 16th 1999.

COPPER PLATE

I know that the LSE is hard up and that the Conservative Society here consists only of Athenaeum-orientated capitalists who should be bled at every opportunity, but a recent item on a bill of theirs from the School cater-



This must be the shortest mini-skirt of the term. Everyone must have seen it, but the question is, who was wearing it? All you have to do, is select the right one from the list below. Write, in under five words why you puke every time you read Magnus, and send it to Beaver to WIN the star prize: an evening out with Peter Watherston (by special arrangement with Bernard Delfont and Mecca Ltd.).

1. Lord Bridges
2. Mark Cooksley
3. Ronnie Millett
4. Florrie
5. Howard Godfrey
6. Princess Anne
7. Magnus

ing organisation is ridiculous.

Item: To the hire of two plates, two knives: 4d.

Would you bloody well believe it? This beautiful little dialogue between two members of the Standing Committee has come to Magnus' ears. "Isn't he BRAVE, actually going and TALKING to the students".

Oh, Walter, what would they do without you.

STERILE CHAPS FIXTURES OFF

Magnus is surprised that the LSE rugby club has not offered the University of the Orange Free State a game of rugby, to replace their cancelled fixtures against London and Exeter Universities.

With matches against the Metropolitan Police, any Old Boy's clubs that will have

them (sadly enough, Kings' is too good for them) the rugby club is undoubtedly the biggest load of organized Fascists in the Union.

Fortunately, however, they are completely politically sterile, except for some "chap" in the second row who votes solidly at all Union meetings with the Anti-Christ, Francis Dobbyn.

An unknown officer of Jewish Society:

"We are a poor society".
Who is he trying to kid? Arab Society?

SEX SCANDAL AND BRIDGES

How long, O Lord, how long, before LSE is recognised as a serious seat of learning? In a recent edition of New Scientist they couldn't bring themselves to print "Political Science" leaving it as "The London School of Economics and". Presumably we haven't graduated yet to the status of scientists.

Someone ought to go and complain to Walter about this vicious attack upon our integrity, or else the next thing that will be happening will be the life of Lord

Bridges will be serialized in the sex and scandal pages of the "News of the World". And that wouldn't be nice, would it?

PRESIDENT'S BALLS

I hear that Francis Dobbyn has asked if he may accompany our beloved President to the President's Ball later this term to give our favourite fascist a chance to wear his one and only long dress.

Never mind, Francis, but as your self-chosen epitaph says: "Hail to the blythe spirit, BIRD thou never wert".

N.B. — Shaun Robinson hasn't actually had his hair cut, he just washed it and it shrank.

PRE-JUDGED

Mr. Justice Megarry, whose comments about Errol Flynn's sexual prowess hit the nationals last week, told Law Soc that LSE was the only place to which he had applied for a job and not even been short-listed. We missed out on a good lecturer here.



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Fashion knits — How to keep warm and still short, draughty, but men will love 'em

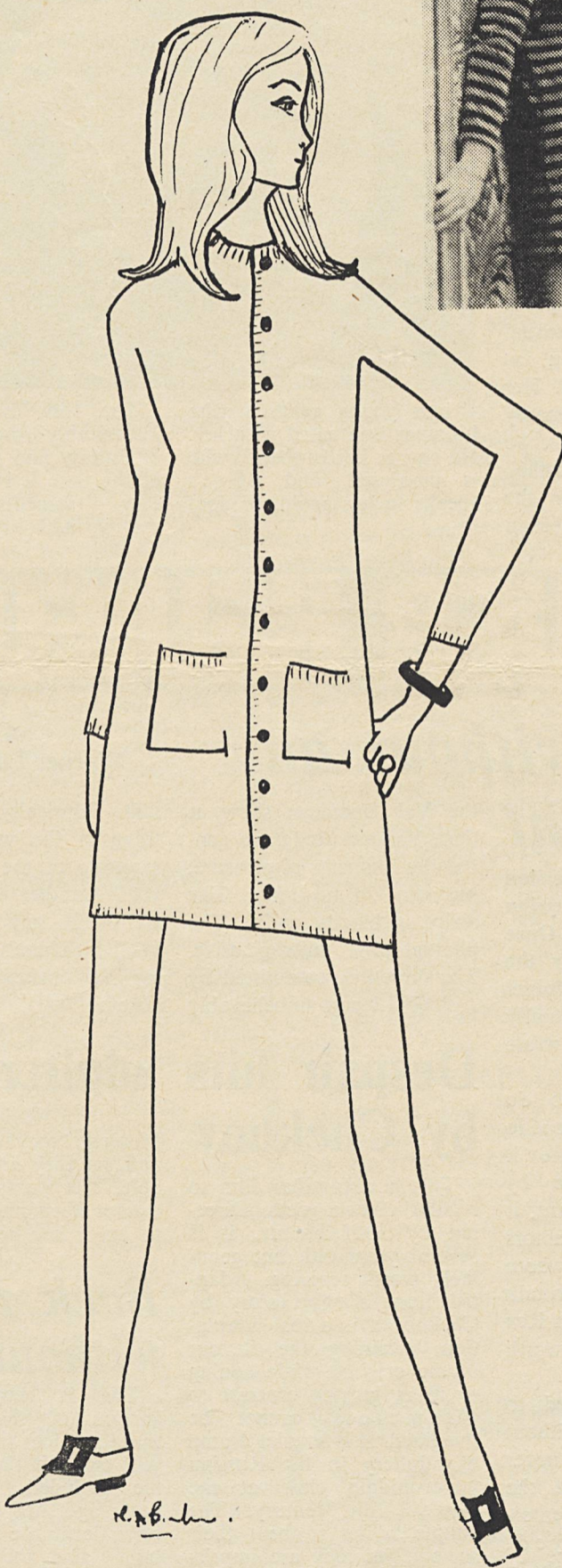
THINK OF SOMETHING soft and clinging, something that shows that a girl-shape girl is wearing it. Translate it into fashion terms and behold the sweater dress. But remember the first sweater dresses, elongated polo necks or crew necks, literally like the more boring kind of jumper dragged down to reach the knees, or mid thigh at least.

Advances made since then have gone to every extreme. Think of those very lacy crochet dresses which set the mind immediately thinking: whatever can she be wearing underneath?—if anything. The original kind does still exist—but just for conservative types and mums. But for the young the designers have set their minds working—and have come up with some gems. There is even, believe it or not, knitted velvet, beautifully soft and clingy, and so pussy cat warm you'll want to stroke it. Or pale and elegant champagne coloured boucle for the most rich and sophisticated of sweater dress looks, smooth and lady-like with its own knitted belt.

merits

Did you see Bonnie and Clyde? Apart from its other merits this film has been the greatest cinema influence on the fashion world of recent years. It has launched the thirties look, and must surely have inspired every woman coming away from it with a passion for long loose buttoned cardigans. Carry the idea to the ultimate, and again a sweater dress, or to be more precise, this time a cardigan dress. Buttons from neck to hem and two pockets on the hips to hide your hands in.

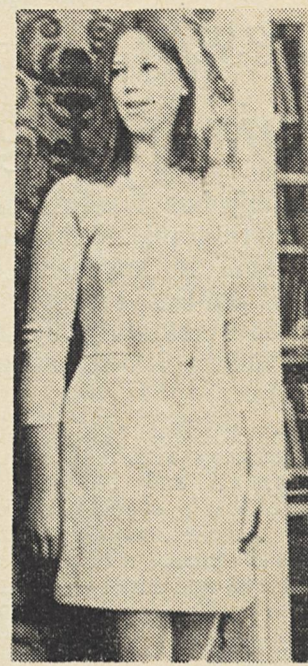
The sweater dress can be truly anything, as short and as saucy and mancatching as you can find one, pretty and lacy and feminine, plain and boring if you want it that way. Think of a sweater dress and you no longer just think of one particular style, one particular dress. The only way that you can define it is to say that it is knitted. It has blossomed out to become a whole category of clothes by itself. If ever you thought that it was just one of those awful straight tubes look again, it's time to change your ideas. Sweater dresses not for you? Look at these and think again.



The star of the show. The Bonnie and Clyde inspired cardigan dress. Buttons and buttonholes to the waistline only, buttons to the hem. Available in black brown, tan, and bright red. From Wallis shops at £5-5-0.



When our models came into Beaver Office wearing the dresses pictured here all the male members of the staff went wild. In fact one dress was judged such a hit that the model couldn't bear to take it back!!



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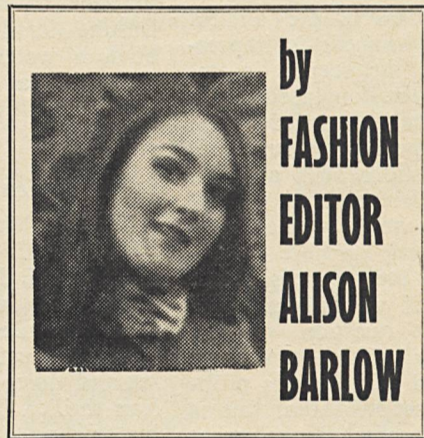
WINTER MAY SET the boy friend thinking of football but a girl's thoughts will turn to clothes. A new coat maybe or a new dress at least. So many hours will be spent pressing your nose against windows in Oxford Street, or leafing through magazines or shuffling hangers along rails.

You scan each one rapidly, imagine yourself in it, like it or not like it. You try it on looking at yourself critically from all angles, wondering should it be longer, or shorter, is it your style, your colour. Accept it or reject it. Your greedily little heart would tell you to buy a dozen or two dozen, the whole lot.

Then down to earth with a bump, to the realities of student grants and grey days and biting cold weather and penetrating rain—in short practicality. If you are going to persuade yourself to buy anything at all you have to make a choice. You have to return from the warmth and brilliant light and the myriad and even more brilliant colours of fashion departments to thinking practically.

Out of all those hundreds of dresses that you like you must choose one and one only. You have to narrow it down to the dress of dresses, the one that is going to make you look great and feel great—and keep you warm as well. Tall order. Arrange it in priorities.

If you must choose between looking good and being warm, which is to come first? Ask the opposite sex and they will tell you that the chief requirement of what you wear is that there should be as little of it as possible. Thus requisite number one, it has to be short, as short as you dare



by FASHION EDITOR ALISON BARLOW

THE DRESSES

Picture above left: Striped shirt style velvet jersey dress, from Miss Selfridg at £5-5-0, in pink and black, green and brown, navy and cream or black and light blue.

Picture above right: looking light beige woollen boucle dress. Available from Wallis Shops at number 490 Oxford Street and other branches. Priced at £8-8-0.

to wear it. Requisite two is it has to be comfortable, look for something soft.

And it really does have to be warm. You will not want to spoil the effect by wandering around huddled and shivering,

or hiding what you are wearing by slinging a cardigan over it. After that, well girls, it's all yours, but don't go shopping without taking a look at these dresses on this page first.

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Expensive study and summary of results — unconvincing

Regrettably but, it seems, inevitably, new writings in International Relations become classified as traditional in approach or behavioural — “scientific” politics. Any new work by Professor Deutsch slots automatically into the latter category, and this book will disappoint neither sceptic nor disciple.

Working on the basis of a series of interviews with 173 West German and 146 French “leaders”, supplemented by content analysis of the Elite press, mass opinion surveys, and historical records, Deutsch attempts to quantify European attitudes to questions of “arms control” (which is never defined) and disarmament in Europe.

The whole of this short book consists of a summary of results and further condensation is almost impossible. Broadly speaking, Germans don't want the bomb, Frenchmen suspect everyone but expect easing of East-West tension, and European integration is unlikely to advance much in the next ten or twenty years.

IMPRESSIVE

The mass of detailed material analysis is impressive but the sceptic is unlikely to be convinced. Even an amateur is worried by the size of the sample surveyed, and questions such as “Do you welcome the current trend in world politics?” do not exactly inspire confidence in the methods used.

Even if we disregard the technical question of the adequacy of the survey we are faced with serious problems. Accepting that this is how the elite thinks, what are the implications for national policy? When intellectual support fails to materialise, De Gaulle tends to rely on the man in the metro.

And to what extent are even the leaders masters of their own destiny? When it came to the nuclear crunch over Cuba, Russia and America settled out of Court as it were; might they not do the same over Berlin or the Oder/Neisse line?

IMPLICATION

Another more serious implication of this sort of study is that it creates the illusion of conflict in free society. Opinions are reduced to statistics, and statistics can be averaged. Can opinions? If so, has anyone told their holders?

Voting studies can produce the results of elections with some accuracy but this writer has yet to be convinced that surveys of this sort can handle adequately the sort of problems Professor Deutsch wishes them to. Despite its limitations this book is worth studying but expensive at 45/- for 80 pages of text.

Chris Brown

ESCAPISM

THE ONLY GIRL IN THE GAME. John D. MacDonald. PAN 3/6.

I picked this up when it came into Beaver office for review expecting the usual sex and violence of an American thriller. This there was, but unexpectedly it was well written too. If you like escapism, then I would recommend this — everyone in our flat found it infinitely preferable to Political Thought essays anyway.

Prostitution, infatuation and sexual fantasies

BELLE DE JOUR

Curzon

Curzon St.

This is in many ways the most important film to open in London this year. For it has been announced that its legendary director, Luis Bunuel, will make no more. The film is flawless technically, shot in beautiful colour and beautifully acted. For sheer skill in direction there has been nothing to compare it with for years.

It is adapted from a novel by Joseph Kessel, but Bunuel could make “Little Women” look like something culled from the pages of Krafft-Ebbing. Severine, played by Catherine Deneuve, is happily married to her husband, Jean Sorel, in most respects. But she can only gain sexual satisfaction from being ill-treated and humiliated. Her husband is too gentlemanly even to understand this. So she goes to work in a brothel, from two until five in the afternoon. There she meets a



vicious young gangster who becomes infatuated with her. He shoots her husband, who is paralysed, and never speaks to her again, or does he.

The film is constructed inextricably into a mixture of fantasy and reality. Some of the time it is clearly fantasy, sometimes clearly reality, and at other times

it is unclear as to which it is.

FANTASIES

Severine's sexual fantasies are some of the weirdest things ever committed to film. And the real activity in the brothel matches it.

Bunuel has been the most vilified major figure in the cinema for many years now. It never seems to bother him. Many of his personal obsessions, foot fetishism and an extremely individual form of sadism, abound the film. This is the strongest meat ever shown at a westend cinema. The bluefilm entrepreneurs will be driven out of business. Or will they: Bunuel is retiring and he has no successor.

LADY WITH A LITTLE DOG
Paris Pullman

to Moscow. The film ends with a note of quiet despair. Real love has no place in their world.

BEAVER REVIEWS

Music without any movement

This is the film version of the stage musical version of the novels “The Once And Future King” by the late T. H. White. But forget that, for there is virtually nothing of what White wrote left.

The wisest thing to do with this film is to sink it in the mid-Atlantic where it was conceived. Made by Americans for Americans, it is filled with British actors and actresses, none of whom can sing. They all try to talk in time to the music a la Rex Harrison, and it isn't worth the bother.

Why they ever tried to construct a musical without movement, I will never know. At every turn the stage origins of the entertainment are betrayed. Filmed almost exclusively in close-up it is reminiscent of nothing else but TV. And

CAMELOT
Warner Leicester Sq.

the Val Doonican show at that. Vanessa Redgrave contributes moments of pleasure, but can do no more. The script is bloody awful. The photography unimaginative. The direction, committed by Joshua Logan, unbelievably

dull. Musically the whole thing is the worst possible example of the genre. And yet. Another member of BEAVER staff saw it, and liked it. There's no accounting for taste, or for its absence.

Despair hits adulterers — by Chekhov

This is a familiar film to regular cinema-goers. Directed by Josif Heifitz, it is several years old, but genuinely worth reviving. Adapted from a short story by Chekhov it is a real adaptation, retaining the flavour of the original while adding to it. A greater contrast to “Camelot” cannot be imagined. It is a quiet drama of adultery in the Russian upper-middle class at the turn of the century. The couple trying to beat their society, yet they are imprisoned within it. The film eschews melodrama. It ends quietly in a hotel room in

Moscow, they are together and yet they are still miserable. The woman thinks she cannot keep making excuses to leave her home to come

Back to Quatermass without terror

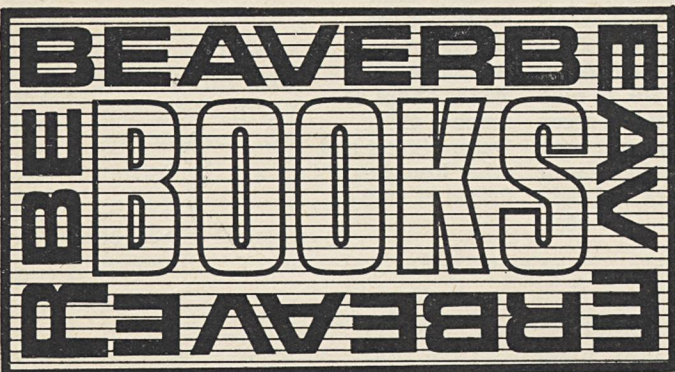
This is Hammer Film's version of the old BBC serial, which frightened the wits out half the population, me included, about eight years ago. Maybe my memories flatter the BBC version, but I find the new one a great disappointment.

The acting is better than the average horror film

QUATERMASS AND THE PIT

standard. The production is fairly lavish.

But the trimming down of six half-hour episodes into a feature length film has ruined the build-up to the climax. And the build-up is what makes the tension. Worth a visit to the cinema if you do not expect to pay much attention to the film.



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WHY IS THE GOVERNMENT SO UNPOPULAR?

This may at first seem a facile question to ask. Surely — comes the answer — it's because their economic policies have failed.

But is this really so? Do the disastrous trade and unemployment figures really tell the whole story? Is there not in fact a far more basic explanation?

asks
Tom Lawrence

I think so. It is true that the unemployment rate is higher than anyone had expected. But, on the other hand, the wage freeze has come to an end, and wage awards since then are averaging around 7 per cent. A large part of the population is now better off than it was either in 1964 or 1966: business tells us that orders are picking up.

There is a far deeper fault, not only in the economic, but also in the political workings of this country. Our much-vaunted democracy, whose benefits we are soon supposed to be bestowing on a uniting Europe, is becoming increasingly prostituted.

The political structure of Britain is based on the theory of responsibility; in the Legislature, the Prime Minister is responsible to his Cabinet, the Cabinet to the Parliamentary Party, and the Party to the electorate. And the Executive is supposedly responsible to the Legislature. Both Executive and Legislature are supposedly bound by the strictures of law.

Out of touch

Supposedly. But in fact not. Edward Heath and Richard Crossman are right when they suggest that politicians are getting out of touch with the very electorate on whom their job depends. The Government feels bound to enforce an unpopular economic policy. But it makes matters worse for itself by acting irresponsibly—in the real sense of the word. Two recent examples of this are the Enfield and Stansted decisions. In the first the Government makes a mockery of both parental rights and of law; in the second it disregards proper consultative procedures.

Freak result

Hence Hamilton. In my view this freak result is due to the same sort of factors that allow the NDP in Germany to gain such widespread support. The electorate sees that the Labour Government has betrayed almost every one of its electoral promises, and that its care for the individual seems to be nil. So what happens? The voter either contracts out or looks

for an alternative to support. The Tories seem no better, having both a bad past record and no clear policy. So if the elector votes at all, he does so for the only other party with a chance of success.

Improvement

In the meantime the Government proposes alterations to the House of Lords which, both despite and because of their obvious efficiency value, seems to reduce still further the "responsibility" of our governmental system.

The prerequisite for an improvement of the situation is a re-distinction between the parties' policies. They nevertheless must stop making extravagant claims which they cannot fulfil. But more important, there must be a return to responsibility, whilst still increasing Parliament's efficiency. Ministers must observe the proper procedure. Civil Servants must become accountable for the advice they give: to make this possible the system of Parliamentary committees must be strengthened. More decisions must be made at the regional level, less at the centre. The Ombudsman must be given real power, not only to check the machinery of decisions, but also to question the decisions themselves.

This is a formidable programme. But it is urgent that it is carried out. Otherwise the situation will go from bad to worse. Apart from the growth of other ills, the once paper tiger of nationalism, now turned to more durable plastic, will soon become real flesh and blood.

Barrel bounces no more

BARRY FIRTH has resigned as captain of the soccer club, and without any Machiavellian machinations Laurie McDonald, former vice-captain has succeeded him.

To the student of LSE, well versed in Union and Society gambolling the implications would seem to point towards internal political pressures over procrastination about arranging a foreign trip this year; or disillusionment over the first eleven losing only one game—a league game. However this was not the case.

The reason given by Barry for his resignation was the same as all aspiring leaders of students give when the initial glory of a position dims—pressure of work. In Barry's case the pressure was potential rather than actual, so he resigned now rather than later when possibly a finger could be levelled at him "for deserting a sinking ship". A further reason given was that the task and responsibility of running a club for a full season was too much for one man to undertake.

Barry argued that a switch in the first XI would, due to the club structure, be felt right through all the XIs, and he would have to solve the problem. Similarly, problems which should never have concerned him have been laid at his door. The net result has been that he has been considerably overworked.

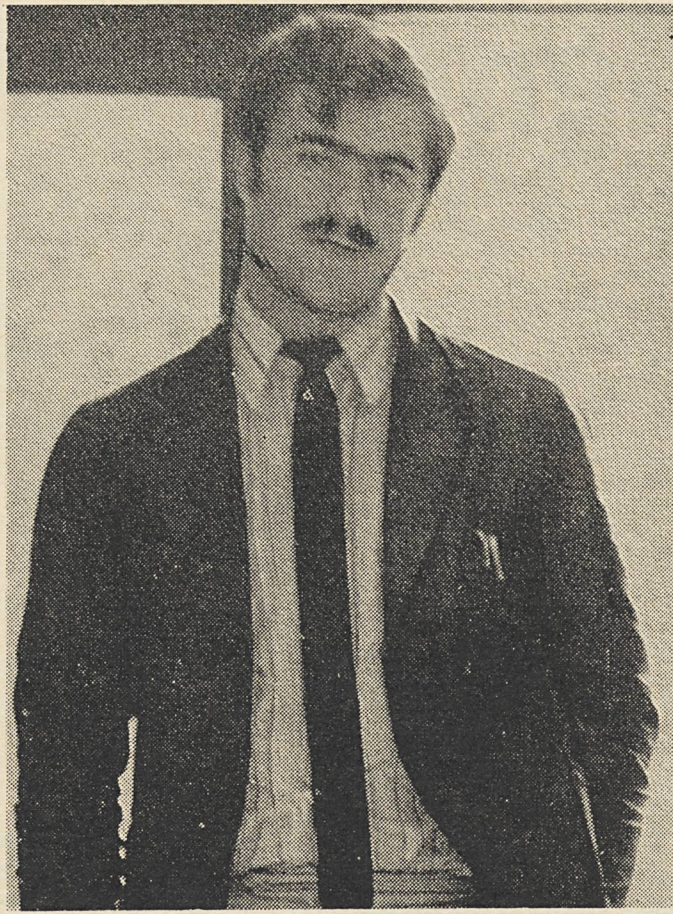
COMMENDABLE

Barry has done a commendable job with the soccer club this year. He has taken the club by the scruff of the neck and shaken it till a first class club emerged. During his captaincy the leadership was thrushful and direct; a fine club spirit has emerged. Also the results which are being turned in are the best

Weakened 1st XV come-back after heavy defeat

Since the last report, the fortunes of the 1st XV have improved a little, despite a heavy defeat at the hands of an extremely strong Imperial College side by 37 points to 3.

After being completely outclassed in that particular game, the side pulled themselves together in defeating Streatham-Croydon 'A' 25-16 despite being weakened by the absence of Richardson, Pearson, Jones, Watkins and Davis. The feature of the game was the display of Steve Jerrard, who worked tirelessly and to great effect. This useful victory was



for some years. One outstanding feature has been the training sessions. This season they have been well attended twice a week, and continue to be so.

It is through those that club spirit has been built up due to inter-XI contact. Barry was instrumental in the establishment and continuation of these sessions, both by example and proper organisation.

In administration, the club, thanks to the joint efforts of Colin Mowl and Barry, has functioned trouble free, whereas last year there was an administrative shambles. A final virtue that Barry had which cemented the club together was his approachability. Past football captains have been out of reach of the lower elevens, but Barry, who helped weld all five elevens into one entity.

Tennis team 'best for years'

Tennis this year at LSE is stronger than it has been for many years.

The whole of last year's first team has returned, and are reinforced by several new players, of whom R. Doner should establish himself as LSE's number one player.

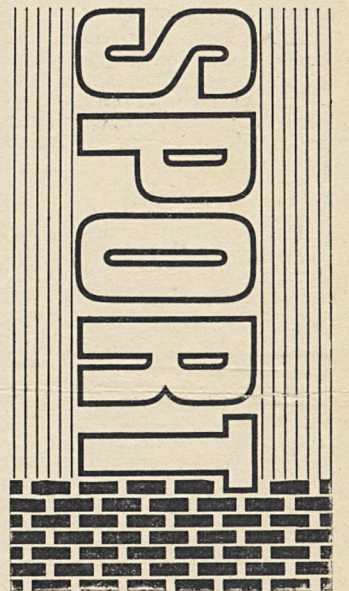
The team has won its three matches this term, all by

convincing margins. Against London Students' House the best match was between the respective first pairs, Doner and King running out winners 5-7, 6-2, 6-3. In the first match against LSE's old rivals Imperial College, LSE

Without a doubt Barry has proved that when he was voted in as captain the best man was given the job. More is the pity that he did not remain in office until Christmas, and the soccer club could follow the rugby Club's example and elect the captain then. This would mean that Barry's complaint of one whole season's responsibility would be invalidated — the playing season with all its accompanying problems would be shared between two captains.

HOPE

Good wishes must be extended to Laurie, and the hope be expressed that he will not have the same problems — the only way to avert this is for those people who accept delegated authority to carry it through.



followed by the defeat of City and Guilds by 5 points to 0, in a rather disappointing game. Play tended to be scrappy and disjointed, though this was probably primarily due to the tactics of our opponents.

PERFORMED

Once again Jerrard performed well, as did Jones in the line-out, and after Richardson's early try it looked as if another comfortable win would result. This, however, was not to be, as City and

Guilds improved their game, so that LSE were relieved to hear the final whistle.

At this stage of the season, mention should be made of Paul Brown and Ossie Williams, the second and third teams, (they must be short of players—Ed.), who, despite many difficulties, have made unstinting efforts to build up solid reserve strength. The rather poor records of these two teams does not reflect favourably the efforts which these two captains have made.

first pair Doner and Gamba and third pair Malina and Gaskin each lost to the IC first pair but won their other two rubbers. Second pair King and Hearty, however, won all three, beating the opposition first pair, 6-1.

The return against IC saw Gamba and Lavell narrowly lose to the first pair after a marathon first set 15-13. Kellerman and King avenged this defeat by beating the same pair in straight sets.

RESULTS

- v. Students House 5-1
- v. Imperial College 7-2
- v. Imperial College 5-1

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DP Elections – Sex fight

AFTER ALL the withdrawals the only election for a Council post, Deputy President, is being fought out today. The candidates are first year lawyer, Ian Camlett (below), and 2nd year Economist, Joan Freedman (above).

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tion" of the Union Officers to the Auditors' report, and had not begun to discuss the other matters. This seems to contradict both of Dr. Adams statements.

But the real question is whether or not the School interfered with the auditing of the Union accounts. Finance Secretary Mary Moxon, President Peter Watherston, and the Auditor who actually dealt with the accounts are adamant in their claim that there was School interference.

They claim that after the books had been audited, but before they had gone to one of the partners of Knox Cropper (the Union's auditors), the School asked to see the Strike Fund accounts.

Denial

The School Accountant (Mr. Parkin), the Director, and, curiously (in view of what his subordinate said) Mr. Comber, the partner concerned at Knox, Cropper, are all equally adamant in their denial of any such interference.

When questioned by Beaver, Mr. Comber was rather evasive, referring me to the School authorities. Whilst admitting that the Union and the School were separate clients of his firm, he said that in view of the Union's special relationship with the School they had a right to see the accounts.

The affair becomes even more strange in view of a correspondence between ex-Director Sir Sidney Caine and Peter Watherston over the payments to the Barbican and Embassy Defence Fund. In his original letter, Sir Sidney wrote, "I should be glad to have your comments since I think that questions must inevitably arise as to the power of the Students' Union to use for such a purpose the funds made available to it."

Limitation

Watherston replied, explaining that these payments were made from outside donations to Union.

He subsequently received another letter from Sir Sidney saying, "I note your explanation, but perhaps I should add that the auditors might challenge the payment since it could be held that the purposes on which the Students' Union can spend any money at its disposal are governed by its constitution, quite apart from any special conditions attaching to any particular grants, so that if the special donations went into the general funds of the Union they might still be subject to a limitation on this general ground."

All these things pose several questions which must be answered. Firstly what is the truth about the alleged interference by the School? Who is not telling the truth about this matter? Why are the School and Governors asking questions about the Auditors report when the former Director has apparently approved the expenditure?

Camlett said he was standing because he was "fed up with the apathy of Union" and that he "wanted there to be an election for at least one post." He states that he has no particular policies at this stage, and will deal with situations as they arise.

Policies

Joan has produced a hand-out outlining her policies. As a council member she would like to see the council try to promote more interest in union. This would include improvements in the standard of Union Debate. As departmental policy she intends to take a special interest in the basement floor of the St. Clements building. This is to be redecorated, and she hopes to improve the amenities as well. She supports the established policy of leaving the publications well alone.



Both candidates are quite prepared to work under Peter Watherston, Mr. Camlett described him as "very nice." Miss Freedman suggests that he is very careful, steering a middle course and avoiding major clashes.

The last question that the candidates had to face asked about their attitude to the Director. Miss Freedman said, "He is there before I take office: I must accept it and work with him." Mr. Camlett also expressed a complete willingness to work with Dr. Adams.

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Brian Taylor then had a drastic change of heart, castigated his candidate for not informing him of his intention to take the matter to a higher authority, and said that he would not sign the necessary complaint form. He then made a formal statement saying, "I have no further wish to have my name linked with the misunderstanding concerning these elections. I have no alternative but to advise Mr. Brogan, in the strongest possible terms, that he withdraw his nomination. I regret to inform him that I can no longer support him in these circumstances"

The Returning Officer then asked for an emergency meet-



Third Degree over!

"HELLO, LONDON, this is Swansea, can you hear me?" "Sorry, John, we're getting feedback on the P.A." A loud howl rent the Old Theatre. It wasn't Assistant Gen Sec John Stacey having second thoughts about the team he had selected to represent LSE in the first round of the Radio Quiz "Third Degree"; just

Fee rise "stupidity" – Watherston

LAST WEEK in accordance with a Union motion, Union Council met the Standing Committee of the Court of Governors to discuss Overseas Students' Fees.

There was broad agreement on the stupidity of the Government provision, and a general condemnation of the blatant discrimination that it involves.

Practical

Disagreement arose on whether anything practical could be done at this stage. £100,000 would have to be found to remedy the situation completely. We made four suggestions on how to approach this sum.

(1) In conjunction with other colleges to bring pressure on the UGC to give more general grants which could go towards helping overseas students and fewer tied grants for specific projects, such as the lifts in Connaught House and the East Wing costing £20,000 and £30,000.

(2) Cutting current expenditure.

(3) Setting up a separate fund with outside donations.

(4) Raising the fees of British students so that they come into line with those of the overseas

ing of the Constitution Committee to get a ruling on the point at issue.

When the Committee met, Mr. Stacey quoted precedents for his decision to allow the qualifications put forward by Francis Keohane, among them a nomination form put forward by Brian Taylor in last year's NUS elections, which included such information as "Member of the Electoral Reform Committee."

After hearing evidence from both sides the Committee unanimously decided that Mr. Stacy's ruling should stand.

As a result of this Brogan decided to withdraw his nomination, telling Keohane "You're the better candidate anyway."

students. At present this would entail raising the fees from £70 to £120.

The Governors felt the UGC would never agree to change the basis of their grants, but they promised to discuss our other suggestions and produce ideas of their own. Let us hope they give speedier consideration to this than they gave to our request for an extra £375 and to the payment of David Adelstein's maintenance grant, on which they have postponed discussion pending the clarification of some quibbles they have on the auditors' statement. No decision will now be reached on this before the end of term.

Margate

NUS Council will be held at Margate from tomorrow. The Order Paper shows that again we shall be spending a great

deal of time discussing internal matters and practically no time on the educational issues which are so vital to students. Large sections of the agenda are devoted to the Structure of the Union, changes in the Standing Orders, CIA involvement in the International Student Conference and elections. It looks as if the Council may degenerate into the type of procedural wrangling that has marred so many in the past.

All this succeeds in doing is giving bad publicity to NUS and preventing a good, well-informed discussion of the motions. Let us hope we can finish with the internal structure this time and leave April Council free for a full debate on educational and welfare issues.

Peter Watherston

Confidence vote needed for new council?

FIVE MEMBERS of council, the five Vice Presidents, have been elected unopposed. Their term of office is a year, during which they each have the responsibility of one of the departments of the Union.

John Bishop, 2nd year Law is the Academic Affairs VP. He wants a manageable committee formed, a representative from each faculty, to sound opinion about each course. He would also like to see a Staff-Student Committee for each faculty.

J. W. Jones, 2nd year is the Administrative VP. He was not available for comment.

Francis Keohane, 1st year

B.Sc. Econ. is the External Affairs VP. The main objective he has is a reconsidered relationship with the NUS, though we should remain affiliated for the present. He thinks the organisation should be more responsive to the needs of students.

Chukwuma Osuji, 2nd year Government, is the Welfare VP. The present work to obtain a nursery will be continued in equal earnest. Mr. Osuji also intends, if possible, to establish a Housing Corporation, have Houghton St. closed, and obtain late extensions to

a BBC gremlin having fun.

The rehearsal was a disaster. The BBC production crew and the contestants retired for an excellent meal to the Robinson Room, where adequate quantities of wine (courtesy of the BBC) and the confident reassurance of the LSE questionmaster Max Robertson did much to restore morale.

Back to the Old Theatre, unenthusiastic applause from a sceptical LSE audience,



deafening applause for the Swansea team from their audience, and the show, so to speak, was under way.

Expectations of another fiasco were given ample support during the first few rounds, but . . . to get the full story, tune to Radio 4 on April 9th next.

JUKE BOX

PERHAPS the press does have some power. There has been tremendous activity by the Bar Management committee following the story on the Juke Box, in the last edition.

After the committee had investigated the Beaver claim that other companies would offer better rates, the Quotations received made them consider changing to another company. It was suggested, however, that the present company be approached for a reduction in terms. They give very reasonable service mainly because of exceptional goodwill with the present committee.

When approached they agreed to reduce their initial takings from £5 per week to £3 per week. This gives £2 per week more to be split 50/50 between the company and the Union, giving the union a certain £1 per week more.

the third floor Coffee Bar. Roger Tooze, 2nd year International Relations is the Social VP. He has some ideas but no concrete policy. One aim is to encourage more dissipation, and more interest generally in social events in the school.

There is expected to be a vote of confidence in all the VPs. in Union Debate, so that they can truly be called representative of the student body.

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