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## £89,300 GRANT WHAT ABOUT US?

SHEILA PARKER REPORTS

So L.S.E. is to get a grant of £89,300 from the Ford Foundation ("Times" report). Apparently, it is to be used for the establishment of a graduate education programme for students from less developed countries, and for student exchanges and similar international activities.

Undoubtedly, an admirable object, though one would like to know what exactly is meant by "graduate education"—"education in life?"—but one just has to go over the road to King's College laboratories to study that subject with no expense incurred. But how about some other ideas to go with it.

How about a new L.S.E. for a start—a place where there is no daily bun-fights at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.; where there is an army of Mrs. Ellises who don't insult the Chinese nation with their Chinese rice; where there might even be a waitress service to placate those few high-minded people who have recently demanded the provision of serviettes in the Refectory. Perhaps even a lavish barber's shop, where those beards could be trimmed to a length at which they would not continually dip in the soup. These lucky people who deal with this lucrative windfall might even consider a larger "Beaver" Office (at present more like the "Black Hole of Calcutta"). Naturally, in this world of inflation and upwards spiralling costs and traditional British workmen (and students), £89,300 would not even cover these few ideas, but still, one must live with one's dreams, or alternatively, escape to Charlie's Bar. As the dreams are unlikely to be realised, Charlie and his cheering bottle are our only friends.



B-r-r-r . . . Ladies and Gentlemen, meet this week's occupant of Beauty Parlour! She is disarmingly charming Miss Judith Cooper, third year B.Sc. Sociology. When we (I mean we the chasers after frivolity) cornered Miss Cooper for a "quick snapshot" of her, she said with characteristic simplicity, "I'm just amused!" But WE don't mean her portrait to amuse, but to captivate. And if you honestly believe that you have been taken captive by her charm, our whole objective has then been achieved. But wait! Judith Cooper has something more to tell you. "The European Society is my pet interest . . . 'Beaver' is a good paper . . . especially for college gossips."

## POST-GRADUATES SAY "NO"

During the academic year of 1957-8, post-graduate students here reading for Higher Degrees numbered 522, and 488 others were engaged in research or Certificate courses. They came from the four corners of the earth. For here, at the world's most renowned institution of social sciences, they came to observe and to put forward their views. Yet they said "NO" to their purpose.

The Students' Union is the melting-pot of all our intellectual fantasies and realities. It is in the Union that we can observe, and through the Union that we can put forward, our views. No doubt, the academic staff

are the sources of the greater part of our knowledge. However, the sheer accumulation of knowledge serves no purpose if it is not shared. The post-graduate students are all guilty of this attitude, for they refuse neither to learn, nor to divulge

their knowledge, in the sense that they refuse to participate in Union affairs. No better proof can be given than by pointing out that out of the 1,010 post-graduates, only one held a Union position last year.

This situation is critical, if not dangerous. The reputation of the School depends not only on the ability of the academic staff (which is highly respected universally) but on the ability and activity of the students as well. It is therefore the duty of the students of the School, both the Under- and the Post-graduates, to upkeep the high esteem given to our institution. If this is not done, we may soon find ourselves holding degrees that would not carry as much weight as we had expected.

No doubt, many post-graduates will plead excuse on the grounds that research work is time consuming, and consequently, to hold Union positions would be out of the question. But can they be excused from not utilizing the organs of the Union, "Beaver" and "Clare Market Review", to put forward their ideas and knowledge?

This is an appeal to you post-graduates, the "senior" members of the Union. Will you let things stand as they are?

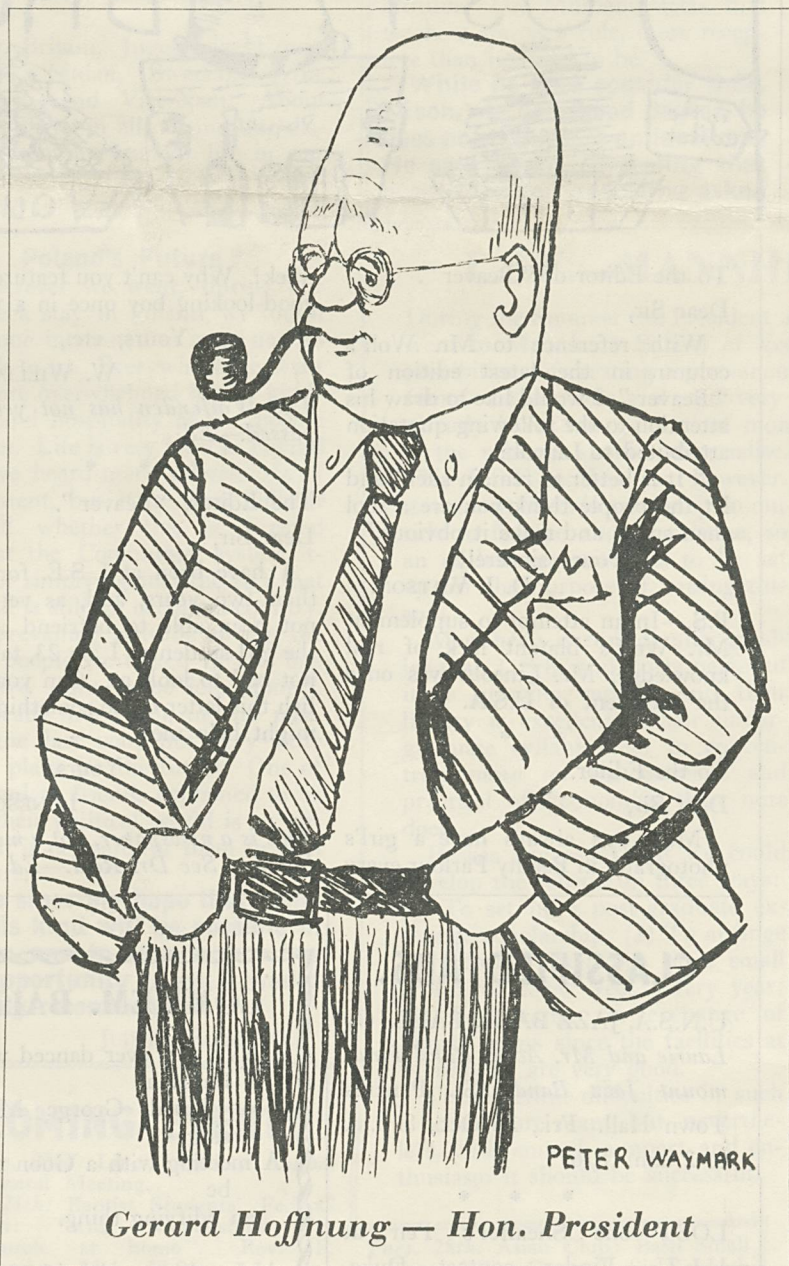
★ LASKI  
TRADITION

This term the Labour Society of L.S.E., in conjunction with the Universities and *Left Review* and the Editors of the *New Reasoner*, has taken a step forward in reviving the tradition and ideas of one of L.S.E.'s most renowned figures.

Naturally the venture has a definite Left-wing bias but even so the ideas and philosophies to be put forward should interest every clear thinking individual. The Laski Forum, as this venture is to be called, will meet on Wednesday afternoons at 2.30 in Room E.7.

The organisers of this forum have been able to persuade many of the country's leading Left-wing thinkers to participate in the venture. The first two meetings have already been held but future meetings include a talk on the 12th of November by Brian Abel-Smith, Lecturer in Social Science at L.S.E., on the Welfare State; and on the 26th of November, Christopher Hill, Fellow of Balliol College, Oxford, will talk on Politics and Seventeenth Century History.

The venture is new and exciting—it should once again revive the tradition established and developed by Harold Laski.



PETER WAYMARK

Gerard Hoffnung — Hon. President

### DEPUTY PRESIDENCY UNOPPOSED

Mr. Norman Lambert has been elected Deputy President of the Students' Union. The other candidate, Mr. Gerry Levens, withdrew.

It is disappointing that in a School of this size, three out of a Council of supposedly elected seven were returned unopposed. ???!???

Stop Press Item.

### Press Officer—Where Art Thou?

Our Press Officer, Ray Couchman, has vanished. Early in July, he started on a one-man hitch-hiking trip to INDIA. He was last seen crossing the English Channel (on his way out!) and that was the last of him. "Beaver" has since been waiting anxiously for his reports. But, never fear. A "Beaver" man always carries with him the motto: "We go . . . and try to come back".

### IMPORTANT N-O-T-I-C-E

Copyright Regulations require all Societies that intend to use music in any form to first register with the Social Vice-President. Societies which have not done so should take note.

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## The editor says —

Whenever a new Council comes into being, it usually strives for bigger and better things. This year, it is no different. The Council has outlined rosy promises and what-we-want-to-do's, but the fulfilment of these are not in their hands, but in yours.

You have made a magnificent start. Never before have Union meetings been so well attended. In previous years, the Old Theatre on Friday afternoons was patronized by a handful of regular customers—never with so many fresh faces bustling with ideas and enthusiasm. The response was not confined to the Union Meetings alone. The various societies have reported that the number of new members enrolled were beyond expectation. "Beaver" attracted forty applications, compared with the nine of last year. Is this perhaps not the year where bigger and better things will be done?

Perhaps... perhaps so, pending on two conditions. Firstly, there must be continued support in these extra-mural activities. Secondly, the Post-graduate students must play their part. Enough has been said about this matter on the front page!

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What is our new editorial policy?

—To produce a paper worthy of the reputation of L.S.E.  
—To utilize, not only the "Beaver" Staff, but the whole School for well informed, authoritative, and entertaining articles.

## L.S.E. needs Sex Society says David Hamilton

What this college needs is a Sex Society. That at least is the conclusion this fresher reached after three weeks' good field work. Why? We'll put it this way:

The purpose of a University, apart from its auxiliary function of conferring degrees upon those fortunates who survive three whole years, is, in the words of the President of the Union, to enable a great number of people from different countries and classes to meet one another and to talk about ideas which interest them. For this purpose, various catalysts, in the shape of clubs, societies, and associations (which readily become cliques, cabals and coteries) proliferate with the lusty fecundity of a Victorian family, and pullulate with the neurotic abstraction of flies in a cesspit.

Their function is to act as the medium through which this mutual interplay of minds and ideas can occur. Now, this being patently true, it necessarily follows that that society is best which attracts most people, and that society will attract most people which deals with the subject in which most are interested. Now, all this is self-evident and seemingly a waste of your time and my ink.

But look at the societies which actually exist in the school. Does any one of these societies apply this principle? Is any one of them so

broadly based that all distinction amongst undergraduates is erased? Can any one of them truly say that it interests EVERYONE?

The answer is obvious. But this (not by a long way) is the strangest argument against these societies. Their very existence is disruptive of the harmony which is an essential pre-requisite to that vital meeting of minds. They implicitly sow the seeds of discord and reap the harvest of hate. The aesthetes view the athletes with fastidious horror mingled with disdain: the athletes hold the aesthetes in monumental contempt.

## Ex-Director visits L.S.E. Liberals

At the Liberal Society's first meeting this term, a large audience listened respectfully as Lord Beveridge, an ex-director of L.S.E., told of his friendships with Lloyd George and Kitchener. He exhorted his audience to look for what is good in every party, and not to lean too heavily on the "Welfare State".

Miss Manuela Sykes then dismissed the legend that Liberals live in the past, maintaining that in the Liberal Party Executive there is a place reserved for youth.



To the Editor of "Beaver".

Dear Sir,

With reference to Mr. Wolf's column in the latest edition of "Beaver", I would like to draw his attention to the following quotation attributed to Lincoln.

"It is better to remain silent and let the people think you are a fool than speak and make it obvious."

Yours sincerely,

D. J. WATSON.

P.S.—In an attempt to supplement Mr. Wolf's blatant lack of real knowledge, Mr. Lincoln was once the President of U.S.A.

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To the Editor.

Dear Sir,

Must you always have a girl's photograph in Beauty Parlour every

week? Why can't you feature some good-looking boy once in a while?

Yours, etc.,

W. WILLIAMS.

The Wolfenden has not yet been passed.—Ed.

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The Editor, "Beaver".

Dear Sir,

I have been at L.S.E. for more than two years, and, as yet, have not been able to befriend any of the girl students. I am 23, tall, and not bad to look at. Can you publish this letter or do something that might help me?

Yours,

LONESOME.

This is a newspaper, not a marriage bureau. See Dr. Reid.—Ed.

## CLASSIFIED ADS.

U.N.S.A. JAZZ BAND BALL. Cy Laurie and Mr. Acker Bilks' Paramount Jazz Band. St. Pancras Town Hall. Fri., 24 Oct., 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. 8/6.

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LOST—one Sheaffer's Pen at U.L.U. Finder contact Duke, L.S.E.

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This edition of "Beaver" is still in its experimental stage. With the articles more varied, we are still striving for improvements. Will you not help us to help you?

## COMM. BALL

HAVE you ever danced with Sabrina, or heard George Melly sing, A meeting with a Goon may be an edifying thing.

ALL these celebrities you may encounter at the Commem. Ball this year as we've invited many more stars of stage, screen and T.V. than usual.

TICKETS are on sale now at lunch times on the Information Stall and Charlie has a few left.

## THE PRESIDENT'S C-O-L-U-M-N



Alan Hale

During the debate which took place in the Union on the Mannheim exchange scholarship motion, it was fairly obvious that members of the Union would welcome more international exchanges. There are two main reasons why we do not enter into more of these immediately: one is that it takes a considerable time to negotiate properly such permanent arrangements, and the other is that it is not easy to find the funds to finance them.

If exchange arrangements are to be successful there must be thorough preparation. It is necessary to ensure that we are establishing our link with the right sort of college and that our organization is such that the link will last, otherwise we shall have wasted both our money and our effort.

But the major limiting factor is finance. It is almost impossible today to raise funds in University circles for this sort of thing. Nor is it easy to obtain money from foundations or business firms; British concerns seem far less ready than their Continental counterparts to encourage any activities arranged by economics students. This is a problem that also faces British A.I.E.S.E.C. (the international faculty organisation for economics students).

## The Budget

These financial problems also impinge upon our Union affairs. Each year we receive from the School a grant to enable us to carry on the various activities of the Students' Union. This is allocated in a budget which is placed before the Union at an annual budget

meeting. The allocations have to cover the whole range of Union activities, both inside the School and outside and include grants to societies and clubs. When, therefore, Council, with the Finance Committee, meet to draw up the budget they have to make recommendations which ensure that the grant is used with maximum effectiveness.

In the event, their recommendations are brought before Union and it is here that there is a great need of good sense and fairness. For instance, some societies are very popular and it would be easy for them to get a large vote for an increase in their allocation while more obscure societies, with little support and less sympathy, have their allocation reduced as a result. It is also true that some aspects of our activities seem to involve us in a fairly heavy expenditure, for example, debates or publications. But when considered in terms of their contribution to student life it is seen that they are worth it.

What is done with this money depends on the decision of the Union and it is up to its members to see that it is used fairly and to the best advantage.

## QUOTE NOTES AROUND THE U. Q.M.C. 'CUB'

### PEOPLE AND WORDS

"It is the students' privilege and indeed his duty to take to pieces both authority and the established order of things by means of criticism and questioning, and then to reconstruct them with knowledge and imagination."

Vice-Chancellor of Birmingham University.

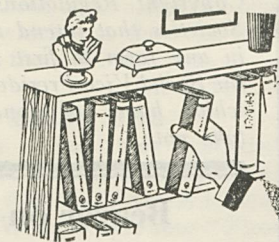
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A certain person queued for 1½ hours in the sun to visit the beach on a certain island, which had been recommended to him. When he arrived he found the beach pebbly and dirty and then had to queue for a further hour to get back to the mainland. On hearing his complaint, the Dutchman who had made the recommendation said, "I didn't know. I really sent you to find out."

### LEEDS UNIVERSITY NEWS

A new Ministry of Education pamphlet concerning such subjects as the growth of student membership and an illustration of how to become a technician, or "Member of Professional Institution" is being distributed throughout the country. At the Press Conference which the Ministry held to launch the pamphlet, a N.U.S. Press Service reporter asked whether L.E.A.'s were now all giving automatic consent to students' out-of-country attendance as Technician College Students.

His replies were not very illuminating—on the first point "This is getting better and better all the time", and on awards "I am sure that these will be made".



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# HOW TO HITCH-HIKE

We must make it clear that the following article represents only a small contribution to the analysis of hitch-hiking, the richness and diversity of which is such, that its proper discussion would require the space that *Beaver* cannot provide. By focusing attention on certain aspects of hitch-hiking we hope to make a belated scientific exploration of the question. For further reference—for the more serious minded student—we warmly recommend the following works: "Some Sociological Aspects of Hitch-Hiking—A Symposium"; "The Psychology of Hitch-Hiking" (identity of the author undisclosed); for more general reading it might be useful to look at "The Right Approach"—a study of behaviour along the road, and, "How the Driver's Mind Works", a less penetrating work that mainly consists of small essays by some frustrated hitch-hikers.

**It is important to realize that hitch-hiking, in many cases, depends on a proper approach. To insist on a fairly rigid set of rules might be useful from two points of view: (a) when the rules work in practice we feel immense satisfaction; (b) when they don't we derive an almost equal amount of satisfaction from the fact that we are firm and consistent enough not to abandon our set code of behaviour.**

## Numbers and Sex

The success or failure of hitch-hiking is often due to a hasty and inconsiderate selection of the team. I've heard of cases of three boys attempting to hitch-hike which can only have disastrous consequences. To insist on small numbers may seem to be a platitude but it is important to bear in mind that over two, the chances are extremely slender. As regards the sex composition of, say, a two-member team, there is again little doubt that one female will greatly facilitate progress. On the other hand two girls together can indeed go very far. The most controversial

# FREELANCE WOLF

## British Tragedy

It is quite wrong to accuse British troops of brutality in Cyprus, even if it is true that in a recent mass round-up of suspects 250 people were injured and three died, including a girl of twelve who died, according to official reports, of heart attack. (The last twenty-eight words have not been translated from the French.)

It is also wrong to suggest that British troops have behaved with admirable restraint after a woman from Britain was murdered.

**Both attitudes are wrong because they imply that "British troops" is one living organism with one mind and one body, when really it refers to thousands of individuals, and like any collection of people, you will find among them some very good, a few very bad with most in between. Another fault lies with the use of the word "British" as if it were a prehistoric battle cry. Nationality adjectives have far too often served as blood-stained altars on which to sacrifice reason.**

The label "British" attached to a man in uniform is no automatic guarantee of purity. If it were there would be no need for courts martial or military prisons, and British policemen would never be charged with corruption. And remember also, the Cypriots are British—that is what the fighting is about.

If a human being was murdered then the person who did it must

(The Editor accepts no responsibility for this column)

be punished, together with any accomplices. It makes no difference whether the person killed is a man or woman, whether they come from Britain or anywhere else, whether they were married, divorced or single, whether they were shot in the back or the front. A human being is dead.

## Who is Responsible?

If another human being is suffocated on the floor of a truck and another has his head bashed with the butt of a rifle, then *someone* is responsible, and they and any accomplices must be punished. If a soldier did these things because he was ordered to, he is just as guilty as his officers. If he did it without orders he can only hide behind his own conscience. If his actions are excused or condoned afterwards by his superiors or by political neanderthal men, they too are guilty.

The ultimate answer to this tragedy lies not in Nicosia, Athens or Ankara, but in Westminster—it lies, too, in your conscience.

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## Puzzle

A book on psychology I've been reading gives the following example from an intelligence test: "Which word is out of place in the following list: knowing, deciding, tasting, watching, thinking, seeing." Different people give me different answers or the same answer for different reasons. Let me have your decision. I've made a guess myself. A selection of the most intelligent will be published.

Great Britain, Yugoslavia, Korea, Poland, Sudan, Sweden, Syria, U.S.S.R. and Viet-Nam. About 120 students in all, we met for discussions about student life in our respective countries, and for the inevitable and numerous social activities.

## Poland's Future?

Wherever we went, during our six-week stay in Poland, we found everyone interested to meet us and to talk to us. Everywhere we went we were overwhelmed by the kindness and hospitality of the people we met. Life is very hard in Poland and we heard many expressions of discontent, but it is often difficult to tell whether this is directed against the Communist system itself, or simply against the fact that Poland is still an occupied country. The prevailing attitude among the older people we talked to was one of "We want to be left alone". We heard much talk of the past, and the last war, but very little about plans for the future. One of our student friends explained to us that their political world is so unsure, it is not safe for them to plan a future.

**We sincerely hope that visits of this kind will be possible in future, and to anyone who has the opportunity to go, I would warmly recommend it.**

JUDITH FAIRSTON.

## COMING EVENTS

- Thurs. 23rd: Liberal Society Annual General Meeting.
- Fri. 24th: Baptist Students' Federation: "Our Responsibility to Church at home" Rev. P. Saunders, M.A., M.Sc.
- U.N.S.A. Jazz Band Ball: Cy Laurie and Acker Bilk Bands.
- The German Institute: "Mineral Supply for the Growing World Population": Prof. Dr. F. Friedensburg.
- Sat. 25th: Westminster Hospital Medical School Hockey Club Dance, 8.30. 2/6.
- Student Christian Movement Agincourt Dance.
- Sun. 26th: University of London Presbyterian Society: "The Church Overseas" Rev. Morsen.
- Mon. 27th: History Society: "Medieval London". Dr. D. B. Morden.

# MEET THE PROF.

## A. MARFATIA interviews

# Dr. Ralph Miliband

**Young, tall, and handsome, Dr. Miliband is a very popular lecturer at the School. He takes every opportunity to meet students, attending many functions (except sports and dances) and encourages them to discuss controversial topics with him. Witty and humorous, he is quick at grasping and anticipating questions, and talking with him makes one wonder whether the man across the table is some dignitary at the Foreign Office.**

**to do too much, and that the subjects need not be so very intensely studied. But these are very big questions, and it is impossible to make any quick decisions or have any definite opinions on them.**

He believes that students should not treat L.S.E. as an office, but should try to live as a part of the organisation. There could be more of life and interest in extra-curricular activities, though these have



Born in Belgium in 1924, he came over to England before the war, and became a student at the School in 1941. As the School had been evacuated to Cambridge during the war, he studied there for some time. The Navy took him in 1943 for a period of three years, returning to graduate in 1947. He commenced research under the guidance of Prof. Harold Laski, and obtained his Ph.D. from the University of London for his thesis "Popular thought in the French Revolution". Ever since then he has been at the School. He is at present Lecturer in Political Science.

## Students... "Be Bold"

Many students, especially freshers, tend to regard the better known and the senior members of the staff with deep respect, bordering on fear, and believe them to be "unapproachable". Discussing this attitude, Dr. Miliband feels that teachers are, as a rule, more receptive than believed to be.

**While he does consider B.Sc. (Econ.) to be a good degree, he does not think it is an ideal one. He said he has a feeling that people are perhaps being asked**

increased in the past few years. His advice to freshers is, and he feels quite strongly about it, not to treat the School only as a degree factory, but to try to get some education while they are here. If students are less haunted by examinations, they would do better.

And a tip to all who are thinking of meeting him. Don't ask "Is it useful for the examinations?" or "Will it help me to get my degree?" He just hates such questions.

## L.S.E.—MANNHEIM EXCHANGE

During the Summer the President and the Deputy President of the Union went to Mannheim School of Economics, Germany, to investigate the possibilities of creating a permanent link between the two Schools. They found the students and staff very enthusiastic about the idea and they already have a large sum of money promised them by business firms if the scheme should materialise. The L.S.E. authorities, however, stated that there is no money on our side to finance such a scheme, so an ad-hoc committee is to be set up for the purpose of raising this sum.

Mannheim is considerably smaller than L.S.E. and fairly new, but it is growing rapidly and their library is excellent. Their undergraduate syllabi seem to concentrate more on the business and practical of Economics than ours does.

It was suggested that we could develop the scheme in three ways: (1) To set up a post-graduate exchange scholarship; (2) To arrange an informal exchange of a small group for a few weeks every year; (3) To arrange an exchange of Sports teams since the facilities at Mannheim are very good.

The practical difficulties in such a scheme are many but, nevertheless, with enough support and enthusiasm it should be successful.

- Tues. 28th: Asian Club: Basil Small Piece—"The Comet". Sir Kenneth Clark: Government Land Acts. Social Science Society: "Penal reform Today". Hugh I. Klare. International Forum: "World Government". Mr. David Price, M.P.
- Wed. 29th: University of London Jewish Union Ass.: "Inter-Marriage in the 20th Century". Rev. Dr. S. Goldman, M.A.
- University of London Presbyterian Society Theatre Party.
- Thurs. 30th: University of London European Society Dance.
- Fri. 31st: Friday to Monday 2nd: Y.H.A.—Ivinghoe.

## POLAND—WORK AND PLAY

**In May of this year, the President of the Z.S.P. (Polish Students' Union) came to London to help arrange an exchange of students between Warsaw University and L.S.E., as a possible preliminary to Poland becoming a member of A.I.E.S.E.C. As a result, two of us had the opportunity to visit Poland this summer.**

On arrival in Warsaw we were met by two students, bundled into a taxi, and driven to a student hostel near the University. The first thing we saw was the thirty-storey Palace of Culture and Science, a present to the Poles from the U.S.S.R.; and the next thing was some of the worst bomb damage I've ever seen anywhere. One of our new friends said to us: "You will be able to do as you like here, go where you please and say what you like. Before October, 1956, things were very different, but we are more or less free now. We are only worried that it may not last longer." We later heard the same thing from many different people, in many different situations.

## TIMES AND WORKER

We were to work for a chocolate factory in Warsaw. When we arrived, there was a lot of discussion, the outcome of which proved

question, however, is which stands a better chance, the one-boy and one-girl team, or a boy on his own? At present—in face of conflicting evidence—I am inclined to think that the former is the better; however, some allowance must be made for the individual disposition of the drivers. I am quite convinced that two males—especially if heavily loaded, tough hostelling types—are not the most successful. In the last analysis it seems to be that hitch-hiking is one of the numerous fields in life where we are better to rely on female assistance.

continued next issue

PAUL HOLLANDER.

## STUDENTS' CAMP

very fortunate for us. In fact, we did very little work. We spent the mornings at the factory, touring the works and hearing about organization, management, and production. In the afternoons we were free to wander around the city, and we were well looked after by our Polish student friends. One of the most interesting places in Warsaw is the International Press Club, situated opposite the magnificent building of the Party Headquarters, where one can read and buy journals from all over the world. The British contribution included *The Times*, the *Manchester Guardian*, and the *Daily Worker*.

After two weeks in Warsaw we were sent, at the expense of our factory, first to Krakow and then to Poznan. We visited the chocolate factories there, and once again had plenty of time to visit the towns and surrounding countryside. After a week in each place, we returned to Warsaw, where we met up with a group of students going to an international students' camp in the country. This was the second camp of the kind to be held in Poland, and it attracted much attention there. Fourteen nations were represented: Algeria, Belgium, Bulgaria, France, Ghana,

## WOE IS L.S.E.

Last year various members of the elite successfully eradicated a time-honoured institution, the common room. To some it was dirty, vulgar, noisy and non-intellectual; to many essentially a homely place, and many is the lament for those comfortable armchairs.

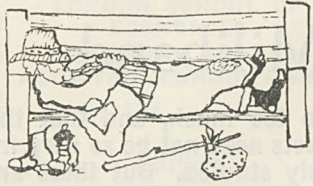
**It is sad to realize that no longer will youths grow into men in such a society. Now we must gain our maturity in the coffee bar. Heated arguments, discussions and boasts are relegated to Passfield Hall—a worthy institution no doubt, but strictly limited. L.S.E. is one of the most loosely coordinated colleges in London.**

Comradeship and unity have rarely stretched beyond the Boat Club and the Rugby enthusiasts: now the last bulwark against disunity has gone. Make no mistake, the loss is greater than most have realized. Now where are our characters, save Wolf, who is, heaven knows, a poor substitute for such as Mohan, Viv, Terry, Trask and Adams.

Our intellectuals invade the library, the feeble minded the Union, the card sharps U.L.U., the poor the Founder's Room, the talkative the bar, the forceful, the dynamic, the headstrong, the leaders, the characters—they just disperse. WOE IS L.S.E.

THE INSIDER.

# EUROPEAN VACATIONS



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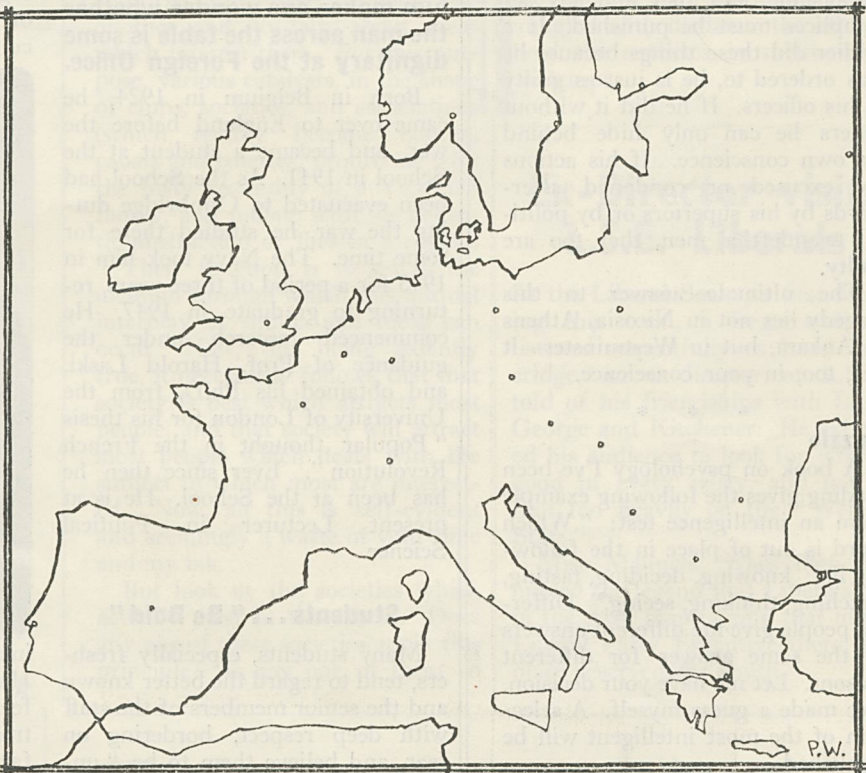
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*Finland—Rachel Avis* spent two months there, working for the first six weeks on an A.I.E.S.E.C. traineeship in Helsinki. Rest of the time hitch-hiking in Lapland. Saw plenty of reindeer, but only two Lapps.

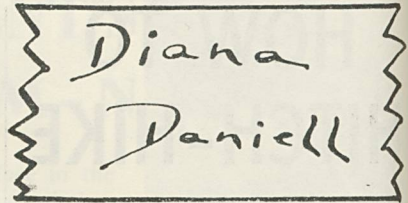
*Germany—Peter Waymark.* International Vacation Course for foreign students on politics, economics and culture—very stimulating but only the Government point of view was expressed.

*Spain—Agnes Rojko.* All around the Peninsula. Very hot, very poor—pity they have got such a

*Government.*  
*Yugoslavia—Sylvia Bates.* Hitch-hiked to Belgrade and there stayed with the Belgian Ambassador—to his embarrassment.  
*Switzerland—Sarojini Andrews.* St. Moritz and Zurich, mountaineering, collecting eidelweiss and eating lots of chocolates.

*Italy—Hilary Strauss.* Three weeks in Venice "Getting Culture and sun-burned". Brought back some wonderful Italian clothes.  
*Poland—Alan Parker.* Office work in Warsaw sugar factory and an International students' camp.  
*Denmark—A. Sabastian.* No Comment!

## calling all WOMEN



the column that keeps you up to date

### FASHION FINDS

This week I've been out and about tracking down the best buys to be had around Town.

*Sweaters*, need I say it, have hit the fashion headlines this Autumn. No need to freeze at lectures. A furry, nobby or mohair one is a must for the up-to-date girl. I spotted the best and cheapest selection at C. & A., Marble Arch.

Are you a Do-it-Yourself enthusiast? Then start knitting. *Mohair Wool* is now on sale at D. H. Evans.

Also found at D. H. Evans, gay *Circular Baskets*. Vast enough to hold all your books and the shopping as well, they're a bargain at 17 shillings.

*Beads.* Ropes and ropes of them in fabulous colours take pride of place on the jewellery counters. Obtainable from all large stores.

Do you wear a hat? If not, start now. I'll guarantee you'll turn all male heads in one of the new-line *Wig Hats*. About 30 shillings at Fenwicks.

A Fresher this term, vivacious, dark-haired Edna Taylor, has been everything ranging from a Chambermaid to a Film Extra, and has hitch-hiked from London to South Africa.

I asked Edna how her travels began.

"I decided I was getting insular at home in South Africa so I gave up my steady job and came to England to see how the rest of the world lived. I worked as a shop assistant, dishwasher, secretary, apple picker and interviewer."

"I've been in a film with Clark Gable and a Chambermaid in the

Strand Palace. I took different jobs so that I would get to know how different types of people lived. In the winter I worked in London in the summer I toured the Continent. What I earned, a pound a day plus two bottles of wine, paid my expenses.

I asked Edna how long it took her to reach Durban from London.

"Four months. I travelled through Italy, Yugoslavia, Greece, Turkey and the Lebanon. I went deck class to Alexandria and caught the Nile Steamer to Juba in the Sudan. This was very exciting. I saw lots of hippo, and elephants."

"Did you find it difficult getting lifts?" I asked.

"I was very fortunate most of the way, but travelling through Uganda and Kenya there were fewer cars and sometimes I had to wait two or three days for a lift."

Once home again Edna became restless, decided she wanted to return to England and train to be a Social Worker. This time she got a lift back in a Land Rover coming across the Sahara.

"And what," I asked Edna, "are your plans for the future?"

"Just as soon as I've finished my course at L.S.E.," she told me, "I shall be going home to Africa to do welfare work."

### EMERGENCY SOUP

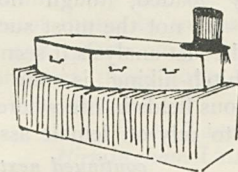
... for novices in the Culinary Arts.

Time: 10 minutes.

You'll need: 1 tin Sweet Corn, 3 cups of stock or 3 cups of water, to which you have added a soup cube, Salt and pepper, ¼ teaspoonful sugar.

Combine all ingredients and bring them to the boil, stirring all the time. Serve with grated cheese.

## SECRETS OF THE CEMETERIES



### VACATION GRAVE DIGGER EMERITUS

by David Lindley

Have you ever wondered what happens to bodies when they are buried in a cemetery? I am quite sure you have, but you have never found out because the N.U.C. maintains strict secrecy, but now I am able to reveal to you the truth in this article, exclusive to "Beaver".

Graves are dug to the shape of a coffin, just big enough to permit it free passage into the hole without bumping the sides. Coffins, which are shaped with the shoulders at the widest point, must be distinguished from caskets, which are the same width all their length. These are more ornate but require more "packing" to fill up the extra space, and are the gravediggers' curse as more soil has to be chopped away for them to fit in. The packing is usually cotton waste and is designed purely to prevent a shifting cargo, for if the body became slumped at one end, the coffin would be difficult to handle.

#### Six Feet and Coffins

The average depth of a grave is six feet, and this will accommodate three coffins. When a grave is re-opened, just enough soil is left on top of the coffin below to cover it, and they are placed immediately on each other.

#### Graves and Planks

The earth is piled up all around the grave and a series of planks placed on it to form a flat surface surrounding the hole so that the

mourners may look down. Green mats made to resemble grass are then placed on these and draped down the sides of the grave and the inside is then whitened to lessen the sombre effect of the black earth.

#### Sinking Graves

After filling in there is always some soil left, partly because of the volume of the coffin and partly because of the time it takes for the earth to become recomposed. This soil is used to top up graves which have sunk, and even though a mound is made on top, there is usually a hole there after a week or two. Because of this, stones cannot be erected or replaced until about a year after the funeral. Coffins take varying periods of time in which they rot, because they decompose quicker in dry earth than in wet earth. In any case, after twenty years or so the coffin lid gives way and the whole lot falls in on what is left of the body. In fact, if a series of coffins give way shortly after each other, a great pit appears on the surface.

#### Bones, Bones, Bones

Bodies do not last for long, but bones last usually well over a century and it is by no means unknown for a man re-opening a grave to go a little too far, and, as in "Hamlet", to throw out a femur or a skull.

In my opinion the only way out is cremation, having seen burial from the inside, and I am sure that after reading this the whole of L.S.E. will rush and book their places for incineration.

## FRESH TALK by A. FRESHER

My appearance at L.S.E. on the Saturday reserved for the reception of "Freshers" was completely spontaneous, due entirely to my own selfishness and the 4-lb. packet of instructions sent to me, included in which were invitations to a free coffee in the morning and a free tea in the afternoon.

There were initial difficulties in getting in, as there indeed had earlier been academic difficulties. The trouble was on the Saturday that I was not sure where the pavement ended and L.S.E. began.

#### The Smoking Lot

I brushed aside numerous workers who were talking and smoking, and found many more inside. These, I discovered, were the second and third year students who had volunteered to act as our hosts and hostesses in the services of the Union. I believe they also had free coffee and tea.

Then, the "volunteers" swooped on me with cooing cries of "Fresher?". I did not commit myself immediately, but they must have ascertained from my clean shirt, pressed trousers and shiny shoes, that I was in fact one of this

group, because I was ushered immediately up to the Refectory for my free coffee. Booming loudspeakers there prevented any real discussion but the hosts sipping coffee were not deterred. I had made several new acquaintances here, and together we made our way down to the Old Theatre (incidentally, I cannot see any reason for it being called old). The seats



were very comfortable and the light extremely good. We heard the Director and the Students' Union Vice-Presidents giving addresses and came out firmly convinced more than ever that we had done the right thing.

#### Brain Washing

Lunch was being served in the Refectory, so being Freshers and a little unwary perhaps, we lunched in the Refectory. My friend said it reminded him of the Army. After this episode we went to a room where the stands of various

clubs and societies had been set up, and where officials tried to persuade Freshers to join their respective clubs.

The library proved to be very large and had a great number of books. The guide did not answer my question as to who dusted them. They must be short of cleaning staff, however, as I noted that they kept a good many books in the cellar. The "Old" Theatre was as comfortable and pleasant as it had been in the morning and I was much attracted again by its lights. We heard an address by the Librarian on books, immediately after which we repaired to the Refectory for the free tea. I was impressed by the sandwiches, which were cut professionally . . .

Following the tea, we went out for a meal. In the evening there was a free dance. There were a great many girls from various training colleges at the dance. The Bar was always very crowded.

In the afternoon we enjoyed a four-hour intelligence test. A thoroughly pleasant experience for all who were lucky enough to be there.

Life is still very pleasant, and the coffee served very good.

TRADITION

HAROLD LASKI, MAN OR LEGEND? JOHN MONEY

**Great Thinker—or Scheming Red? The People's Prophet—or Fellow-Traveller? Such were the currents and invective which swirled and eddied around Harold Laski throughout his life, for he was one of those few men who become a legend in their lifetime. While the right-wing press sedulously fostered the impression that he was at the centre of a web of intrigue and subversion, "Pravda" attacked him as a counter-revolutionary and an enemy of the people. All this and L.S.E. too? It is largely due to the Laski legends that to-day L.S.E. is regarded as a hotbed of Communism or the White hope of the working classes.**

Needless to say, the closer you get the clearer the picture. In this case the close-up picture of people in the school who knew him is quite different from the popular caricature. I have yet to hear of anyone who knew him personally who hated Harold Laski—however much they may have hated his ideas. Without exception his friends have spoken of his enormous generosity. As a lecturer at L.S.E., in the pre-T.V. era, his personal fortune cannot have been great, yet he was always ready to help those less fortunate than himself.

Quietly and unobtrusively he would give the help that made the difference between poverty and sufficiency, success and failure. A professor at the University of Wisconsin owes his chair to the fact that Laski secretly paid for his student days at Oxford. Laski helped people as much as he could whenever he could: countless students are grateful for his "little" gifts of books for their special subjects.

**The Generous Man**

More important he was generous with his time—particularly to his students. Time was more precious than money to him, for besides being one of the busiest lecturers in the School, his outside activities were phenomenal. During the campaign which returned the first Labour Government, he delivered 40 election speeches in three weeks, besides his lectures at L.S.E. and Cambridge, and stood in for R. H. Tawney (who was ill at the time) as well.

Yet he always had time for his students, and took care to know them as individuals. To quote an ex-student (now one of our better known lecturers): "... He would tell the Foreign Office to ring him

back later as he was engaged on important business. Then he would carry on discussing an essay with an 18-year old boy just up from school. When the youth left Laski's office he would feel that Laski had been waiting all day just to see him. And as likely as not someone like Aldous Huxley would be waiting outside to come in."

Again, "We didn't feel overwhelmed by his knowledge, because he didn't know the meaning of condescension... Laski suffered fools not gladly, but patiently, with the hope that he would make them less foolish."

**Laski's Brilliant Youth**

As a student himself, Laski was brilliant. At 17 he published an article in the *Westminster Review* which led Sir Francis Galton to say, "Many prodigees fail, but this one seems to have stamina and purpose... he should make his mark."

Married at 18, he got a First and the Bait Essay Prize after reading history at Oxford for only two years.

For the first few months after leaving college he wrote leading articles for the *Daily Herald*, in the company of such people as G. K. Chesterton and G. D. H. Cole. Rejected by the army in 1914, he went to N. America, where he lectured in turn at McGill and Harvard. In 1921 he returned to take up his appointment with L.S.E.

**What a Memory!**

Professor Laski's memory and erudition became part of the legend, and there are people in the school to-day who will vouch for the fact that he could read complicated texts at the rate of 10-15 pages a minute. His range and

depth of erudition were such that literary, historical and political experts would come to him for advice in their own fields of specialisation. He invariably lectured without notes, and would give quotations complete with page and chapter numbers, from a multitude of different sources.

**With Statesmen and Scholars**

Laski's personal friendships with great men extended his influence

far beyond the school and country. When he left the States in 1920 he left behind a host of sincere friends—including people like Walter Lippman and Oliver Wendell Holmes. When the latter heard that Laski was going, he wrote, "... Your intellectual companionship, your encouragement and your suggestions have enriched life for me very greatly... However, I shall get your letters and that will be much." Laski returned to

America often and made many more friends, including Ed. Morrow, Ben Huebsen, and F. D. Roosevelt, whose last letter to Laski in 1945 discussed his forthcoming conference with Stalin.

In 1929 Ramsey MacDonald sought his advice on the formation of the cabinet; in 1934, when the *Daily Telegraph* attacked him for his Moscow lecture tour, no less persons than G. B. Shaw and J. M. Keynes sprang to his defence in print. Not least in extending his influence was the fact that hundreds of his former students, including people like Krishna Menon, rose to occupy important posts throughout the world.

**His More Famous Writings**

An exhaustive, objective study of his many works has yet to be made: anything this article could say would be presumptuous. However, Professor Ginsberg believes that the secret of all his writings is his fight for human liberty and dignity. With this in mind, I have taken the liberty of reproducing the following passages from his "Grammar of Politics".

*"The most intimate realisation of oneself is personal, and built upon isolation which avoids social control. In the last resort the State cannot make me happy: it can, if it so will, compel unhappiness."*

*"When repression occurs, the reaction will be proportionately violent to the degree of repression which it has encountered."*

*"Social justice involves a payment by society to the men and women who limp after its vanguard: the quality of the state depends on regarding their life as worth preserving."*

*"I have no right to cake, if because of that right my neighbour has to go without bread."*

Most of this year's freshers know him only as a figure in history: someone before their time, and just a little unreal. They should remember that Harold Laski has played no small part in shaping the reality of to-day.

W. J. MONEY.



LABOUR TO WIN BY 25 SEATS IN 1959 ELECTIONS. by "Politico"

Tory Party H.Q. has decided when to hold the next General Election. The Prime Minister will ask for a dissolution of Parliament shortly after the next Budget in May, 1959.

**Labour Win**

**Labour will win with a majority of 25 despite Tory budget bribes, which will probably include a reduction in cigarette and petrol taxes. Its vote in the country will be larger than this slender majority would indicate. Labour has always needed, on average, more votes for each seat than their rivals and if the election were on a proportional representation basis the new government would probably have an additional five seats.**

Why has the Conservative inner sanctum in Smith Square decided that next May is the time to challenge their neighbours across the way in Transport House? There are many reasons: unemployment is growing, industry is stagnating and it may get worse, so the Tories want to secure a further leasehold

on 10 Downing Street before the storm breaks. They are convinced that if they can get themselves entrenched for a further five years things will somehow work themselves out with the minimum of those government controls which they oppose for doctrinaire reasons.

For some Conservatives there is an additional reason: they want to get rid of MacMillan. Basically they feel he is old fashioned and quite unable to put over the New Conservatism. They also fear that he is cutting a ridiculous figure in his current attempts to adopt Churchillian postures of national leadership. His "Meet the People" campaign, a thinly disguised pre-election stunt, many think, is more of a liability than an asset. The man for them is Butler.

**Butler for Prime Minister**

He is far more able to understand the mood of the electorate. Many regard him as a genuinely progressive Tory with visions of an expanding private enterprise economy which could afford to maintain the social services, restore the bits savagely axed in the past few



years and even gradually extend the Welfare State. Butler is a vigorous, capable man who is not afraid of a little reform, even if a few traditions are broken. His attitude as Home Secretary towards a more humane penal system and his interest in criminology are notable examples.

In the next issue I will suggest reasons why the Butlerites are confident of a Conservative come-back if Labour wins in May, 1959, and I shall indicate the causes of Labour's coming victory.

New Entrance Critique

An Assortment of Comments

*"The prestige of an institution is a function of the toilet facilities, just as much as of any expensive façade."*

*"A distinguished portal to a magnificent institution."*

*"More appropriate to the commercial content of its lectures and student ambitions would have been a bright yellow neon sign twinkling on and off."*

*"Horrible."*

*"I still prefer Television House."*

*"I must have time in which to form a judgment."*

*"It is a pleasant sensation to walk beneath letters of gold—but won't they fade too quickly?"*

*"Why weren't the students consulted; the school's main 'raison d'etre' is to serve the students. My feelings are mixed."*

*"An automatic lift stopping on all floors would have been a far worthier project."*

*"Tasteful."*

*"I am impressed, I am sure that other needed improvements will come in due course."*

*"Reminds me, perhaps appropriately, of the outside of the Lenin-Stalin Mausoleum in Moscow."*

*"Tasteless."*

*"It certainly adds tone and dignity—it makes a degree seem more worthwhile."*

**THIS IS YOUR NEWSPAPER. ALL POINTS OF VIEW ARE WELCOMED. LET US HAVE YOURS!**

## THE STUDENT WORLD:

### Union President Tortured

Jose Fernandez Cossio, President of the Federacion Estudiantil Universitaria, arrested without charge last July, showed signs of torture when he was recently transferred to another prison. He has lost about 30 lbs. and as a result of the torture he cannot wear shoes. So far he has not been brought to trial and no charge has been announced.

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### Colour-bar Protest

Students at Melbourne University have called for an immediate quota system for Asian immigration to their country. The Students' Representative Council criticised the government's racial discrimination as not only immoral but strategically senseless.

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### East German Refugees

A greatly increased stream of both student and professor refugees has been pouring into Western Germany in the last three months as a result of growing political pressure on universities in the East.

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### International Seminar

The first international student seminar sponsored by the Union of Israeli Students was held during the Summer Vac. The participants came from Australia, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Holland, Italy, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United

Kingdom and Yugoslavia. Topics for discussion centred around Middle East problems.

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### Samoan Student Graduates

Miss Fanaafi Ma'ia'a, the first Samoan to obtain an M.A. from any British Commonwealth University, graduated recently with a first class honours degree from New Zealand University. She also won a scholarship and is coming to Britain.

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A very interesting freshman this session is 24-year-old Ronald Chandran-Dudley, a native of Singapore, who is pursuing studies in B.Sc. Sociology. What is so interesting about Ronald, however, is not his name, which has a soothingly sing-song sound, but the fact that in his fourth year of total blindness he should still be vigorously seeking after knowledge.

Ronald originally came to this country in 1954, partially blind, to study medicine, after completing his secondary education at the Raffles Institution, Singapore, in 1951. After a few months at his studies in this country, he became totally blind and had to return to his native island of Singapore, where he rendered voluntary service as a Blind Welfare Officer for several months.

*Beaver* acclaims the doggedness of Ronald and wishes him success.

## Those Blackpool Resolutions Are Seaside Follies

**Blackpool this year saw the same progression of back-clapping politicians congratulating their fellows and themselves on the achievements of the past year. True, this year there was no caompanology and Lord Hailsham wore shorts instead of trunks, but despite all this the Conservative Party Conference ran true to form.**

Once again the Tories congratulated themselves on a record which showed a distinct worsening from last year and from the year before. The Conference gave prominence to corporal punishment and ignored the major issues.

### MY FIRST IMPRESSION

by Sarojini Andrews

"Bang," "Crash," "Gurr," "Burr." Those were the sounds which greeted and welcomed the Freshers to the L.S.E.

By the end of the first three days I had heard "L.S.E. is the empire on which the concrete never sets," so often from the Director down to my personal tutor and fellow students, that I began repeating it even in my sleep as though it were a password or key sentence to get me successfully through my examinations.

However, the first confusion is over; I am managing to get to the right lectures at the right time and now to WORK—to carry on the reputation of hard work which the students who study here have got down through the years !!!

Mention of Quemoj, Jordan, the continued nuclear rat-race and the alarming situation with regard to unemployment and production was limited and in some cases totally absent. So true to form did the Conference run that we had the usual performance by the estimable bunch of cranks, the League of Empire Loyalists.

What did Blackpool produce in the way of policy?

Once again, the same old methods were used: vague promises which, if carried out, would cost the Exchequer upwards of £30,000,000 a year. Hints of tax relief and Government assistance in house buying will hold cold comfort for those whose incomes are not sufficient to pay tax and whose dwellings fall under the provisions of the Rent Act. With un-

by A. J. SIMPSON

employment rising in many areas of the country the promises made at Blackpool will fall upon unlistening ears.

Had "Uncle" Harold, on his goodwill tour prior to the Conference, visited the pockets of the unemployed such as Lancashire, the West Riding of Yorkshire and Scotland, he would have heard a few home truths with which to entertain his audience in Blackpool. But while the Tories were having their annual hop in the Empress Ballroom, unemployment figures continued to rocket.

## RUSSIAN V.I.P. ADDRESSES INTERNATIONAL FORUM

**The first secretary of the Soviet Embassy, V. M. Vassev, talking on economic development of the U.S.S.R., attracted an unusually large audience, and the Russian diplomat was conducted on a Cook's tour of the building as the cosy informality of the Graham Wallis Room was hastily exchanged for Room 338; but the hordes proved too much, and again the room was changed.**

The large gathering obviously expected fireworks. They were disappointed. The international situation and other sore points remained unmentioned.

Mr. Vassev struck the right note to begin with, stating, amidst laughter, that any subject connected with his country is extremely controversial. But he then launched into a statistical survey of the development of his country and though this discourse increased our knowledge of the U.S.S.R., it proved rather dry stuff.

### ... his nation's achievements

He was frank about the limitations of his country's achievements. He stressed the backwardness of the country under the Czarist regime, and produced figures relating to productivity, illiteracy, standards of living, real wages, and mortality rates. He compared these with the present day figures.

He boasted that the U.S.S.R. mortality rate was lower than that of the U.K. and U.S.A., that Russia had the best system of education and an outstanding technical knowledge. He announced that next January the Supreme Soviet would produce details of the next seven-year plan, and commented on the movement of the centres of industry eastwards to Siberia.

He produced U.S.S.R. production figures which compared favourably with the U.S.A. figures, and confidently stated that it was only a matter of time before the U.S.S.R. surpassed the U.S.A. in electric power, gas and oil production.

### To Surpass U.S.

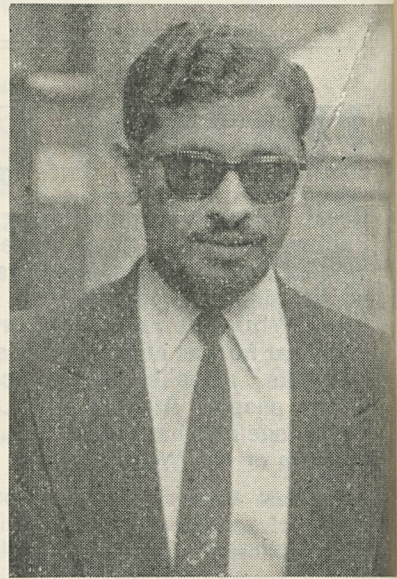
He stressed that Russia received no outside help in her post-war reconstruction, and that she was now second only to the U.S.A. in productivity. He stated, amid chuckles, that the outstanding problem facing the U.S.S.R. was that she should surpass the U.S.A. in productivity.

When challenged on this, he stated quite frankly his envy of the material prosperity of the United States and added that it was the aim of the U.S.S.R. to achieve this peak.

Question time followed and the picture painted by the speaker of Russia before the Revolution was queried, as was also the claim that Russia's productivity per capita since the war was unsurpassed. Another questioner, who had visited the U.S.S.R., stated, amidst clapping, that the differential between the highest paid workers and the lowest paid ones was 30 times in Russia, whereas in Great Britain it was 10 times. The speaker readily admitted the dire need of such extra incentives but stated that today's trend aimed at closing the differentials between grades by raising the standards of the lowest paid workers.

Another questioner asked what he thought of Eisenhower's recent statement that an unemployed American gets as much as an employed worker in the U.S.S.R. His reply was mostly waffle.

The meeting was concluded with a warm vote of thanks.



The total for September was the highest since the war and allowing for the seasonal decline which always occurs at this time of the year, there is every indication that the half-million will be topped by Christmas. This year's school leavers have encountered great difficulty in finding jobs and in many parts of the country they have returned for a further year at school.

Jobs vacant now stand at 179,000, or 100,000 fewer than a year ago. Thus for every two jobs vacant in England there are five persons available to fill them. The situation in Scotland is even worse. There, for every vacant job there are eight unemployed persons.

So, before the Tories begin to congratulate themselves on a successful Conference and a good standing in the public eye, as "revealed" by the latest Gallup poll, they should realise that every man out of work has a vote and so, too, have many of the victims of the Rent Act.

Ponder hard on these facts and you will realise that the position is not as rosy as would appear from the jubilation of the Blackpool Conference.

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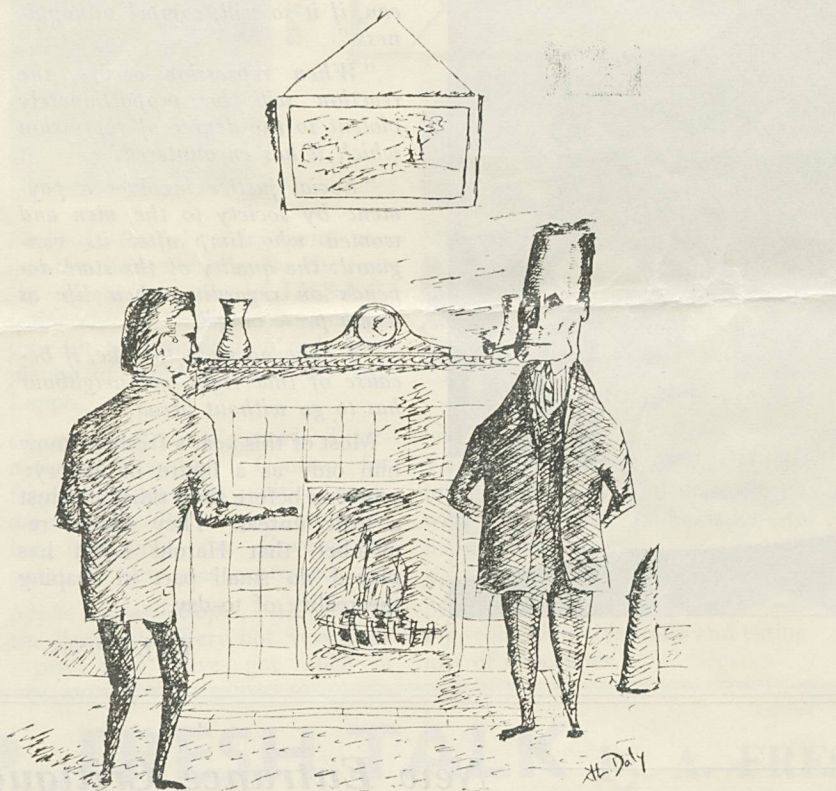
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## ART GALLERIES VICTOR PASSMORE ACADEMIC FRIGIDITY

In this exhibition at the O'Hana Gallery, Victor Passmore explores the bases of the theoretical construction of a painting.

He is interested exclusively in the structural possibilities of form and line to achieve a whole devoid of any human expressional element. Emotional content exists only in the intrinsic beauty of such constructions.

### Line

His use of line takes the form of canvases consisting solely of thin and thick, straight and semi-spherical black lines, each having a geometrical architectonic relation to each other so as to build a balanced, rhythmic composition within the four sides of the canvas.

Again, shapes of colour—basic forms—are used for the same purpose. Colour is used only for its quality of weight in relation to the balance of the whole.

### Perspex Constructions

In his use of Perspex constructions Passmore is trying to solve the same problem experienced by the Cubists—that of the impossibility of achieving true three-dimensional volume and depth on canvas while using the paratactic form of art. The transparency of Perspex gives to his forms a three-dimensional quality.

Passmore has set himself a task of theoretical exploration which demands unity of purpose and a high degree of rational conception. As such, his work is of extreme academic interest and his work will be useful to many students. However, the danger is that this will be an end in itself. For a teacher such an absolute is an understandable goal; the question posed by this exhibition is whether Passmore intends to remain where he is or whether these basic forms will be the means to a fuller expression.

J.G.S.F.

## JAZZ

### They call it MUSIC

Many readers will grudge jazz a place on the arts page of a newspaper. To the majority of students, jazz is a vulgar cacophony which is no more an art than peeling potatoes. On the other hand, the minority will defend jazz vigorously and violent diatribes will be flung about, with few having a deeper meaning than the debater's shallow art.

Jazz is the music of the American Negroes. When the slaves were freed, a new music was created, based on free improvisation of the melody (and later the harmony) of a theme over a regular pulse or beat.

### Handel and Presley

It is difficult to draw the boundary line between an art and a craft, but surely a music that possesses a creative spirit and an undoubted musical intelligence qualifies for the former category. The tardy recognition of the world of so-called "classical music" that jazz has some importance has been due to several causes. Mainly, it is because jazz has been confused with the drivelling muck known as popular music. Jazz is as far removed from Elvis Presley—whoever he may be—as it is from Handel. And classical music lovers have forgotten that the mere form of a piece of music is immaterial when one is considering its worth. Schubert's D Minor Quartet is not great because it is music for a string quartet. It is what is inside the form that matters.

### Ellington and Mozart

The cry will now go up that I have said Duke Ellington is on a level with Mozart. This is not so; all I have asked is that you will give jazz a hearing. Try listening to some jazz—Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington, or George Lewis. You'll find it worth the trouble.

BRIAN LEVY.

## THEATRE

### SAUCE WITHOUT SEX

#### IRMA LA DOUCE

This show is a saucy, comic musical farce, about a Parisienne prostitute who falls in love with a penniless (of course!) student, and who therefore has to continue accepting customers to keep them both. The funny incidents leave very little to the imagination. I laughed when some of the audience laughed (some didn't laugh at all), not because I thought the incident comic but because of the suggestive "cheek" of the production. Elizabeth Seal fully lives up to expectations—indeed, as Irma, she was sexy, slinky, naughty, and vaguely amusing. I do not know whether a paucity of musical inspiration or a blinding passion for the main theme prompted its insistent repetition throughout the show, but I waited to the bitter end for a memorable tune. "Irma la douce" has nothing at all except Miss Seal to commend it, especially if one wants more than mediocre light entertainment from a theatre visit.

### NOT IN THE BOOK

#### DRY WIT

(Criterion)

This very amusing comedy by Arthur Watkyn revolves round the expedients adopted by a highly respectable civil servant to ward off the demands of a blackmailer whose information as to the former's youthful indiscretions is accurate and disturbing. Chance leads him to review a crime thriller, the method pleases, and the plan proceeds, to the embarrassment of the author. Wilfrid Hyde White, as the civil servant, is as witty as usual in his dry manner. Amusing performances are portrayed by Sydney Tafler and Charles Heslop as a blackmailer and a deaf colonel respectively.

## POETRY REVIEW

### "THAMES"

#### 1958

A singularly ineffective cover design is the prelude to an otherwise very neat and well-presented edition of "Thames" 1958. The contents and foreword announce that it contains twenty-four of the best poems written by fifteen leading poets of the University, poems selected from College magazines and manuscripts during the last two years.

#### No Selection

Unfortunately, from the tremendous diversity of merit in the poetry, I conclude that there was, in fact, no selection; that the present collection was the sum total of works handed in for consideration. If I am wrong, then we have mercifully been spared the others, because at least half the material in "Thames," although possessing various talents, fails to suggest any "raison D'etre". This is because the undergraduate mind, naturally enough, is immature concerning certain styles, idiom, subjects, etc.; it should therefore confine itself to the certainties of accomplishment (in a publication such as this), instead of partly successful attempts to blossom into T. S. Eliots, W. H. Audens, or Dylan Thomas' in spectacular fashion. However, far from indicting all fifteen Muses, let me say at once that there is some excellent writing in "Thames" 1958, and I have selected from successful, or nearly successful, original poems, which are worth reading for the third time (at least).

Jennifer Goodgame's "A Girl Passes By", in blank verse, impresses with a picturesque description of a pavement incident. The ending, particularly, is memorable: "People would stare; would frown; she might despise me, And after all—how could I bring relief? And so we parted, parted without meeting, I with my own weakness, She with her grief."

#### Good Luck

Also in blank verse is an excellent piece of craftsmanship entitled "Good Luck". Mr. Gretton employs some masterful language, while at the same time it is the easiest poem in the book to read, though not, perhaps, to understand. I refrain from quoting, because I should have no choice but to reproduce it in full.

"Cancion" (Peter Elvet Lewis) reads like a study in onomatopœia, alliteration, and intimated meanings; nevertheless, those very qualities, cleverly interwoven, recommend it. "Pursuit" (Myra Fagelston) makes sweet reading, and the irregular stanzas, which contain some liquid, graceful composition, are each introduced by a question.

#### L.S.E. Contribution

As in all walks of life, the L.S.E. is prominent on this occasion by total absence. Some of the shorter poems, by A. R. Hill, and the first of Alan Marshfield's trio, confirm my belief that "Thames" 1958 is worth twelve pence not only to the enthusiast, to whom it is of much greater value, but also to the layman.

#### Definition . . .

A hostess is the daughter of a man who is worried over what is about to happen to his house.

## APOLOGY TO "THAMES"

### AUTUMN 1958

*This year no scorching Majesty arrived to herald Autumn,  
But English-summer rainy-days,*

*Coursing unreliably;*

*Always with the modest hope that through its several ways  
The glorious glimmerings of silver autumn, untrumpeted, would come.*

*This year the truant leaves pretended they were evergreen,*

*And patience, less patient than the clock,*

*Almost forgot to wait!*

*Yet acceptance of our muddled seasons is no mock  
Of fairer weathers, but of our temperament, the mean.*

*This year the "Advent of Autumn" remained a mystic myth,  
And Nature, rejecting her loveliness,*

*Starved mutual pleasures;*

*Instead, she substituted those silent, golden memories for tests  
And trials by foreign floods and barren, fruitless toil and filth.*

*This year that Majesty returned, banished and exiled,*

*Briefly, for a fleeting fortnight;*

*Apology was offered;*

*Leaves gilded red and brown, their trees again looked slight,  
Autumn had come and gone, unnoticed, virgin, slight, undefiled.*

N.V.A.

## MUSIC—MR. JOSEPH COOPER

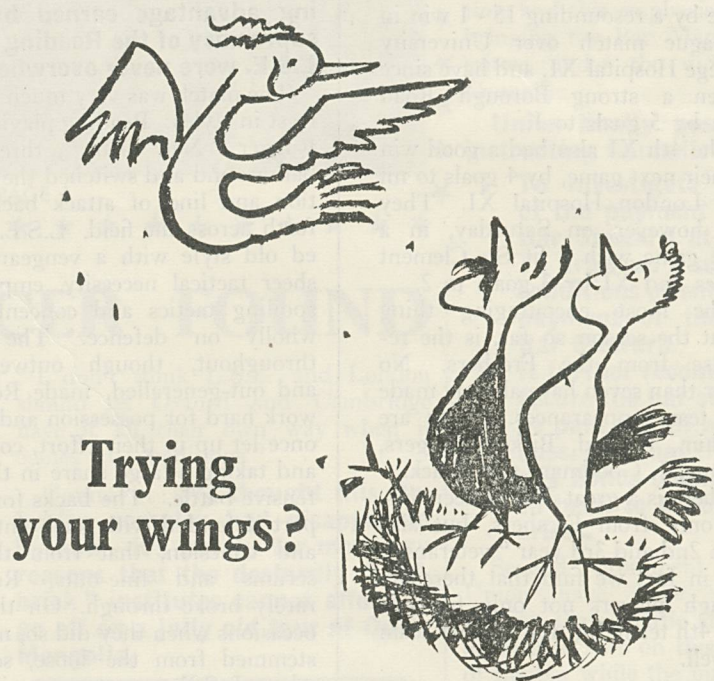
Rather belated thanks are overdue to Mr. Joseph Cooper for a very enjoyable piano concert on the first day of term. A delightful rendering of six Preludes (Lennox Berkeley) followed an admirable tussle with Schumann's Fantasia, and earlier still Haydn's Theme and Variations in F. One pleading reservation: please leave the noise effects to the piano, especially during the performance.

#### For the Future

This column, in many respects, labours under several handicaps when compared to its illustrious brothers on this page. It is all very well to recommend plays,

books, bands, films, art galleries and what have you; there is, however, no point in mentioning a concert performance, no matter how brilliant, if it is dead and buried by the time this paper is published. Every effort, therefore, will be made to tackle "choses extraordinaires": the new LP just out, better than anything before; an opera worth visiting; information regarding various facets of diverse music that the Music Society may indulge in; highlights to be noted in the Festival Hall programme for the ensuing month.

One thing is certain: this column will not have to argue as to what is music and what isn't: it will leave that to other factions.



Trying  
your wings?

If you're thinking it's time you began to look after your own affairs, you'll enjoy reading our booklet 'This Way to Independence'. It's a lively production that deals with a basic subject: money and how to look after it (and nothing can be more basic than that!). Lots of young people have found it helped enormously in their planning. If you'd like a copy (no charge, of course) just walk in and ask for one at any branch of...

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## Athletic Union

### TREASURER APPOINTED

John Sharp, who entered College this term, has been appointed Junior Treasurer in succession to Alan Torevell, the latter already having been promoted to the post of Senior Treasurer.

The appointment was recognised officially at a special meeting of the Athletic Union Standing Officers, convened at 1.30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 15th.

Before entering the L.S.E., Mr. Sharp spent two years in the Intelligence Corps, during which time he gained a National Service Commission.

He is studying for a Bachelor of Science Degree in Economics, but, nevertheless, intends to devote a large proportion of his time to Union affairs.

## Association

### Football

## HEAVY DEFEATS AND GLORIOUS VICTORIES

The first XI began well with a fine win over Tooting and Mitcham "A" by two goals to one, Thorne, a Fresher, scoring both goals. However, against Corinthian Casuals several experienced players were absent and hence a rather depleted side did well to hold their opponents to a one goal defeat.

The second team played vigorously to defeat Clapham College, a strong school side, by four goals to two. In the next match a hard game resulted finally in a draw with The Swiss Mercantile College, both sides scoring four goals each.

Both third and fourth teams suffered heavy defeats in their first games, from strong training college teams. The 3rd XI were defeated 7-0 to St. Mark & St. John and the 4th XI valiantly lost 8-2 to St. Mary's. The 3rd XI soon redeemed themselves in their next game by a resounding 15-1 win in a league match over University College Hospital XI, and have since beaten a strong Borough Road team by 5 goals to 1.

The 4th XI also had a good win in their next game, by 4 goals to nil over London Hospital XI. They lost, however, on Saturday, in a close game with a fit St. Clement Danes 2nd XI by 3 goals to 2.

The most encouraging thing about the season so far, is the response from the Freshers. No fewer than seven have already made first team appearances. These are Hashim, Donald, Birkett, Rogers, Thome, J. Goodman, and Crack.

There is a great deal of keenness, not only from Freshers, but also from 2nd and 3rd year "veterans", and in fact we find that there are enough players not only for our new 4th team, but for another team as well.

#### Football Results

1st XI v. Tooting and Mitcham "A"	Won 2-1
v. Corinthian Casuals	Lost 0-1
v. St. Clement Danes	Won 2-1
2nd XI v. Clapham College	Won 4-2
v. Swiss Mercantile College	Drew 4-4
3rd XI v. St. Mark & St. John	Lost 0-7
v. St. Clement Danes	Won 8-0
v. University College	Won 15-1
4th XI v. St. Mary's Hospital	Lost 2-8
v. London Hospital	Won 4-0
v. St. Clement Danes	Lost 2-3

## NEW CLUBS

By the time "Beaver" goes to press, four important meetings will have taken place in the Athletic Union. Two of these are concerned with the formation of new clubs, as a result of enquiries from Freshers for a Ski Club and a Gliding Club. If the enthusiasm shown by the signatures on the Athletic Union notices are any indication, and if facilities can be provided, these clubs will be among the most successful in the Union.

The other two meetings are concerned with the Rifle Club, which is attempting to reform itself as a club of the Athletic Union, and the amalgamation of the Athletic Club with the Cross Country Club. This is a long overdue step which should improve efficiency and increase the facilities available to both clubs.

Remember, if there is a sport for which no club at present exists, the officers of the Athletic Union will always be willing to consider forming a new club. But no club can be formed, far less continued successfully, without an enthusiastic membership and responsibility among its officers. G.K.R.

The following represented L.S.E. 1st XI: Haskin, Beaumont, Donald, Tackley, Nuttall (capt.), Rogers, Roberts, Crack, Thorne, J. Goodman, Cranmore.

## Rugby Football

### POOR SHOWING BY FIRST XV

**L.S.E., taking the field for the first time this season, immediately found themselves involved in a rearguard action against a very strong and forthright Reading XV. It is all to the credit of the whole side that, despite the tremendous attacking advantage earned by the supremacy of the Reading pack, L.S.E. were never overwhelmed.**

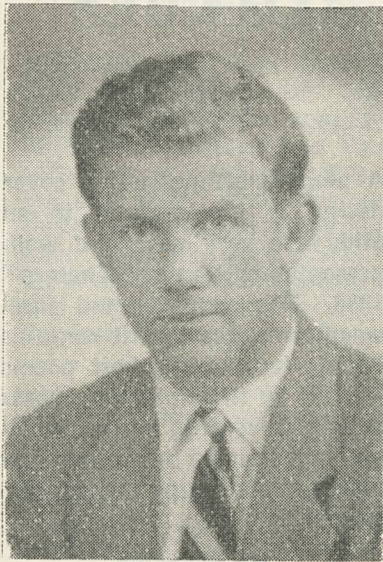
The match was very much a contrast in styles: Reading playing the Rucker "New Look", threw the ball around and switched the direction and line of attack back and forth across the field. L.S.E. played old style with a vengeance by sheer tactical necessity, employing spoiling tactics and concentrating wholly on defence. The pack throughout, though outweighed and out-generalled, made Reading work hard for possession and never once let up in their effort, covering and taking a large share in the defensive battle. The backs for their part defied with such intensity and cohesion, that from the set scrums and line-outs, Reading rarely broke through. On the few occasions when they did so, menace stemmed from the loose, scrums, where L.S.E. were temporarily disorganised, and Reading's backing up carried them through.

Although Reading appeared superior in most aspects, L.S.E. were able to limit their score to two penalty goals and one try; L.S.E. left the field finally a tired and relieved side but by no means discredited.

#### Too Much Individualism

**Against the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, the impression was one of an uncoordinated pack endeavouring to contain their more organised opponents. The potential in the**

## ★ THE NEW ★ SPORTS EDITOR



Mike Cuming

My ambition is to produce a Sports Page to which you will turn on purpose and not one that you notice because it is attached to the front page.

In place of uninteresting Match reports, I want constructive criticisms of the game concerned—and, if necessary, downright condemnations! If the Officials of the Club concerned consider the team to have played atrociously, I hope they will say so and not endeavour to excuse.

I welcome criticism and trust that more readers will follow Miss Ebben's example and help to maintain the existence of the "What You Think" column.

In brief, it is my sincere hope that this page will become both interesting and informative.

SPORTS EDITOR.

## Cross Country

### UNIVERSITY RELAY SUCCESS

## Fresher Joins the Ranks

The Cross Country Club started the season extremely well by finishing in second place in the University College Relay at Hampstead on Saturday, October 11th. The only team in front of L.S.E. were the holders, Loughborough College, whose superior fitness gave them victory by just over one minute. Mike Ryan ran the first leg in very fast time to put us sixth when he handed over. Geoff. Roberts and Pete Walker both gained a place on their stages, so that when Mike Batty took over we were in fourth position and with three of our strongest runners to come. Batty ran the third fastest leg of the race and handed over to Shillito in second position. In spite of a courageous effort by Shillito to close the gap, the Loughborough team kept their lead and a fresher, Brian Cakebread, held off a challenge by Imperial College to finish in second place.

The result was encouraging in that it shows that L.S.E. have a strong side again this year, and should be a match for the other London Colleges throughout the season. And, after all, I do not suppose that Loughborough are much good at Economics! G.K.R.

#### Result:

1. Loughborough College.
2. London School of Economics.
3. University College.

L.S.E. Team: Ryan, Roberts, Walker, Batty, Shillito, Cakebread.

## GENTLEMEN'S BOAT CLUB

There has been an unusually large influx of experienced Oars into the club this year, which fortunately should compensate for the loss of last year's stalwarts. For the first time in many years, it has been possible to boat three eights and still retain a pool of members from which to draw substitutes.

Training has commenced, and with the aid of Mr. Tunstall (our President), and the additional services of Mr. Mike Brewer (a former captain), and Mr. Harry Pickett (St. Molesley 1st VII, 1957), the club is basking in the experience and enthusiasm which they are imparting to its members.

This year's prospects are very favourable, as the 1st VIII contains members who have rowed Senior, and the 2nd crew remains intact from last year. The club therefore possesses a large core of experienced oarsmen, which will be of great benefit to this year's novices and any new members who may still wish to join us. J.A.D.

## WHAT YOU THINK

Dear Sir,

May I protest most strongly about the selection of club reports on the back page of the first and hence most important edition of "Beaver".

While realising it is impossible to include reports from every club, I fail to see why only the most flourishing clubs should have their reports published in this edition. The Y.H.A. and Sailing Club are the largest and most active groups in the whole of the A.U. The Rugby Club comes only a short way behind. Surely it is the smaller clubs who are in need of the publicity which the back page of "Beaver" offers? Membership of the larger clubs does not require further boosting.

Secondly, since space is limited, why is it necessary to include a large photo in the Mountaineering Report? Its positioning does not lend balance to the page, and two more reports could have been included in its place.

Thirdly, why out of six reports are four men's clubs publicized and not one women's club mentioned? (The Mountaineering Club is in practice if not in theory, exclusively for men.)

I am not writing this in a fit of enthusiasm for my own sport but in a mood of despondency because the club I represent is threatened with closure due to insufficient members

to even form one team and because one effective means of publicity is apparently denied to us, but given to clubs which run three or four teams or boast a membership over fifty.

I would be interested to hear your reply to the points raised.

Yours truly,

J. EBBEN (Capt. Netball Club)

Although it may seem that only the more flourishing clubs are allowed space on this page, may I point out that it is these clubs who submit a constant stream of reports and comments. I welcome any material from the minor clubs and trust that this will encourage them to submit. In the same context I am sure you will appreciate that the sports page must cater proportionately for the several college clubs.

In reply to your second point, I must flatly disagree with you. Photographs in general enliven any page of a newspaper and the particular one you mentioned balances the page admirably.

The answer to your third point is simply to point out that there is a majority of men's clubs in the College. However, I am only too willing to publish any articles submitted by the ladies' clubs.

I trust that the publicity gained will save your club from extinction.—SPORTS EDITOR.