



**Prof. Fisher and Messrs. Alcock and Kidd at their first Union meeting. Their expressions hold little promise for better staff - student relations.**



**"Great academic institution", says Roberts, "but we have our problems. Useless to just blame each other - everyone must do something".**



# DIRECTOR REFUSES FREE YEAR FOR 'STEIN

BEAVER FRONT PAGE COMMENT

# YEAR FOR 'STEIN

## "May have to resign"

This term has shown better than most just what a big and tiring job the President's can be. It will be a shame if David Adelstein is not able to complete his year of office.

But any President, any year, must, if he is to be able to do his job properly, be allowed by the school to devote all his efforts for one year to being President. The Union has already voted the funds to make a sabbatical possible. Only the school's refusal stopped it from going ahead.

The School must come to realise that, whether or not they approve in detail of all the actions which a President takes, he has a role to fill; in acting on behalf of students, channelling their views to the School Administration, and in many other important fields.

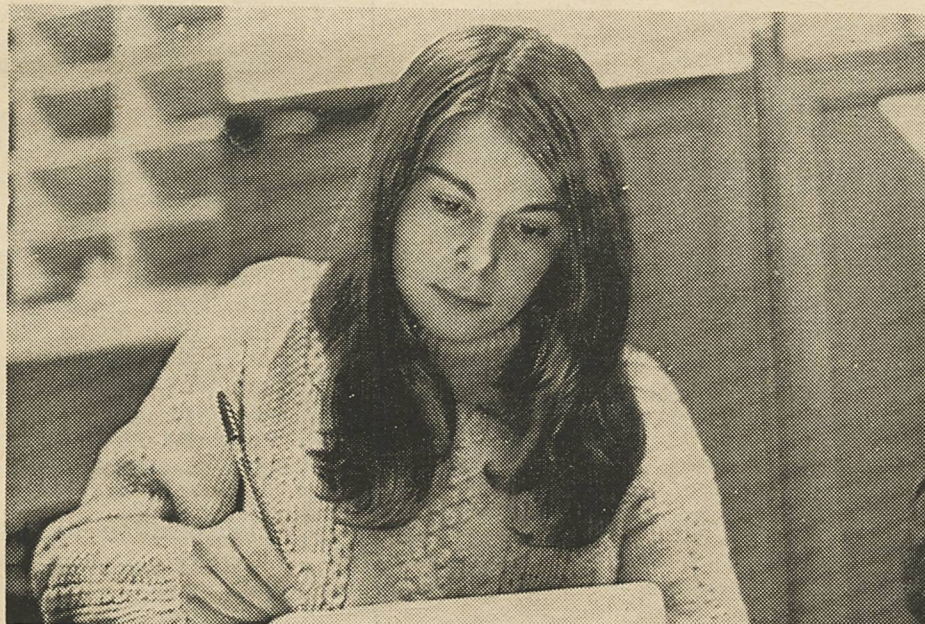
In the present case, we can hope that the Director will reconsider his decision. In the longer term, recognition must be given to the role of the President, to its importance, and to the amount of time and effort it consumes.

David Adelstein may have to resign as President. He has been told that he will not be allowed another year at the School in which to take his degree. The Director of LSE, Sir Sydney Caine, told David that there were three reasons why his request had been rejected. Firstly, on the basis of Tutors' reports,

he felt that David was quite capable of getting a degree this year, if he made every effort; secondly, he did not wish to concede the principle of a Sabbatical year; and thirdly, he did not approve of some of David's activities this term.

David Adelstein had applied for a free year which he was quite willing to finance himself, for several reasons. He changed from Statistics to Sociology after taking his Part One examination, which has involved a lot of extra work. He wishes, on leaving LSE, to follow an Academic career, and therefore feels that he must get the best degree he is capable of. At the moment, because of his work as President, he has completed only a small portion of the work he needs to do.

Towards the end of last year, he was told that, as it seemed unlikely that his application for a sabbatical would be granted, the Director might look favourably on an application for a free year. The Disciplinary action, and the delays associated with it were a severe strain.



New Welfare VP Pippa Jones hopes for "Improvements in accommodation and a nursery"

## LASKI'S WIDOW WRITES TO ADELSTEIN

David Adelstein received the following letter from Mrs. I. Laski, widow of Harold Laski, perhaps LSE's most famous Socialist.

Dear Mr. Adelstein,  
I feel I must write and congratulate you on your efforts. I have felt for some time that the L.S.E. is no longer the place where my husband worked so hard with his students and made them conscious of the world in which they were entering. Maybe now you people will have been given courage to protest when the powers above you do silly things. My husband would be proud of you all and I send my good wishes that maybe L.S.E. will become again a place where other things than Business efficiency is the subject of academic study.

Sincerely,  
I. Laski.

## New VPs support student participation

New VP's Pippa Jones, Hank Ross, Scott Moss, Shaun Robinson and John Gower are agreed that they all want student participation on the School committees. Over the Adams appointment they show a similar solidarity. A "stop gap alternative" said Shaun Robinson. Only John Gower remarked that "He was not too worried about Adams."

In her Welfare Department, Pippa (2nd year International Relations), will push for improvements in accommodation facilities. As Housing Officer, she worked on the housing survey, the results of which will be

sent to MPs, colleges and the NUS. She hopes also to set up a nursery for the three-hundred-odd children of students and teachers.

As academic VP, Scott Moss has made Union history by being the first occasional student to be elected to Union Council. Scott is studying for a certificate in International Economics. His first jobs will be to revitalise the impotent staff-Student Committee and try to extend library hours.

Hank Ross (1st year

sociology), new External VP, has spent most of his life travelling between this country, the African continent and the USA. He intends to set up a CARD Research Group which would utilise LSE's coloured student community. He will give full support to the newly formed Radical Student's Alliance.

2nd year Economics historian Shaun Robinson as Social VP, hopes to extend Bar Social hours to 11.30 and change their location to S101. Next year he will

organise rag in conjunction with other colleges in London and an All-Night dance in conjunction with UNSA.

New Admin. VP, John Gower (2nd year Government) hopes to get LSE's barber back. Also he would like to install a cigarette machine.

Will their studies be affected by working for Union? Shaun Robinson thought not; he was on committee last year yet he managed to get the School prize for Economic History. He added: "Anyway my tutor is Head of his Department and is loaded down with work. We'll be able to grumble together."

## Sabbatical Year "Under Discussion"

Interviewed by Beaver on Tuesday, the Director would not comment on his reasons for rejecting the application. He pointed out that such applications were usually not considered until just before the examinations. He did not feel it proper to comment on the general issue of a Sabbatical Year for the President while it was being discussed by the Ad-Hoc Staff-Student Committee. The free year for last year's President, Alan Evans, was not a precedent.

David put his case in writing to the Ad-Hoc Staff-Student Committee which met on Tuesday, and, if the decision not to allow him a free year cannot be reversed, then he will resign.



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## letters to the editor

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# DISLOYAL LAWYERS? DISGRACEFUL EXHIBITION

Dear Sir,  
OWING TO a report in 'Beaver' last week of a law student proclaiming to the Union that he was ashamed "at belonging to the self-interested Law Faculty" and a further report that six out of the ten members of the Committee of the Law Society "tried to introduce a motion condemning those members of the Society who saw fit not to support the boycott" (a report which, we have on good authority, is erroneous) we feel it incumbent upon ourselves to write to you with the following comments.

In the second year of the law faculty there was perhaps an attendance of over fifty per cent at lectures and classes.

Those who chose not to observe the boycott did so for a multiplicity of well considered and thought out reasons. We feel that when subject to a barrage of abuse from the floor of the Union and possibly some members of the Law Society Committee it is time to point out that those criticising us for not supporting the boycott are denying us those very same rights of freedom of speech and expression which they claim for themselves. Perhaps, when the mass hysteria dies down, those who sought to curtail our freedom and individuality will realise that they appear to us to be the victims of their own hypocrisy. John Bieber, Mario Addezio, D. J. Brown, G. K. Arran, H. Williams, I. J. Goldman, A. C. Lawton, D. J. Little, M. Goldmeier, B. Portner, Penelope Stewart, P. J. Wells, John H. Turnbull, Janette Barnes, Rosemary A. McEwen.

Sir,  
WE, THE UNDERSIGNED members of the committee of the LSE Law Society, wish publicly to express our indignation and deep regret at the attitude of the majority of lawyers in failing to support their fellow students in the boycott.

While it is true that staff-student relations in the Law Department give little cause for complaint, lawyers even more than others should be prepared to take a stand for justice in issues of this nature.

We cannot oppose too strongly the selfish behaviour of many lawyers in this matter, and in dissociating ourselves from their action (or lack thereof), can only express a hope that they will show a less negative attitude in the future.

We remain Sir,

Yours faithfully,

John Bishop, Neil Cameron,  
Mike Carreras, Jeff Forrest,  
Howard Godfrey, Tony  
Leifer.

Dear Sir,  
I WISH to complain, loudly and clearly, about the exhibition on the Vietnam war now on show in the St. Clement's Concourse. Let me say at the beginning that I am an American and a wishy-washy liberal.

I realize that one picture is worth a thousand words. The people who put on this exhibition produce some horrifying photos and then give them labels like "American Humanity in Action" in contrast to "NFL heroine: this young woman, with 12 bullets, killed 2 and wounded 10 of the government troops". To distinguish between freedom fighters and imperialist murderers is to obscure the real issue.

I, and millions more like me who actually vote in American elections, are reasonably sure that the US has a better case than the Viet cong, but we are inclined to suspect the humanity of people who glibly use political arguments to justify death.

Yours truly,  
Jonathan Neale.

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## LSE's ADMIN.

by School Secretary Mr H. Kidd

THE EDITOR OF BEAVER has kindly invited me to write an occasional piece. I have accepted the invitation, on the understanding that what I write will represent what I myself think, no more, and will not be regarded as committing the School. Which naturally leads on to my topic for this time: who is the School? Who decides what happens here? Who runs the place? Is it the Governors? Is it the academic staff? Is it the Director?

The legal position is clear enough. In the eyes of the law the Governors are the School; everything that is done here is done by them, or in their name. In practice, of course, it isn't like that. The Governors act as an important connecting-link between the School and the outside world and individual Governors help us in a variety of ways, often getting very little credit for it. Collectively, they do not (here or in any other university that I know of) take initiatives in the running of the School; such important decisions as they take are taken by approving proposals coming up to them. In real terms, the effective decisions are probably made by those who put the proposals forward.

### Consultation with staff

The Governors have regularly delegated the majority of their powers to the Director, subject to certain conditions and understandings. The most important of these is the understanding of consultation with the academic staff, or with sections of them, on decisions affecting—as most decisions do—the academic life of the School.

This highlights one of the significant differences between a University and other types of organisation. In the latter, people give orders and others obey them. In a University, people consult and persuade. A University is essentially a co-operative organisation of academic people. Those academic people are the School in a much more real sense than anyone else is.

### Revision is on the way

The task of the administrators (apart from the task of getting the money needed to keep the show going) is to find out what the academics—or the majority of them—want and to try to see to it that it happens. This is a large part of the Director's job, though not the whole of it. The rapid growth in the size of the School over the last decade or two has made it much more difficult. Some of the committees and other bodies which took important decisions when the School was smaller have now grown too large to be really effective.

A fairly complete revision of our machinery of government is due, if not overdue, and has already begun after a good deal of preparation. The task is too complex to be completed quickly. Meanwhile I have a good deal of sympathy with, for example, student bodies who want to find the ear of the School to tell it what they think, and its voice to tell them what can be done. I often feel the same need myself.



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# Militancy for the Negro?

**N**EGRO PASSIVITY has been a major feature of attempts since the end of the last war to radicalise the position of the Negro in American society. Until 1963 civil disobedience and peaceful marches aimed at gradual integration of the Negro have been the feature of the American Civil Rights movement.

The situation has now changed, in the minds and actions of a small but vocally powerful group of Negro leaders in America. One of these leaders is Mr. Courtland Cox, Field Secretary of SNCC, who at a private meeting of the Islington CARD group gave a long and detailed analysis of why now the Negro must use the methods of violence and intimidation, so long used against him.

Since 1963 SNCC has been reorientating towards an independent development of a black political organisation. Mr. Cox stated that there were no longer discussions about whether or not to take a gun when out working in southern areas... one just did as a matter of course.

SNCC has reinforced its new position with the election in 1964 of Stokely Carmichael as Chairman of the organisation. Carmichael, regarded by many as the spiritual heir of Malcolm X, is strongly in favour of a militant stand by the Negro.

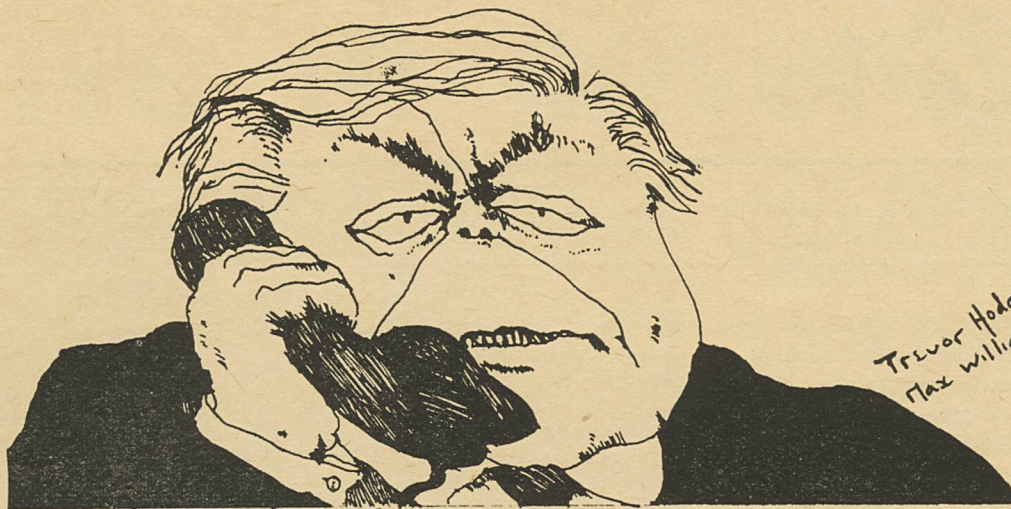
by

**Barbara Williams**

He was the only Negro leader who voiced strong support of the riots, which he saw as rebellions, in Watts and Chicago and 38 other urban areas in America this year.

The Negro in America is a colonised, exploited and degraded individual and had now no alternative but to voice his dissatisfaction through violent means.

But the Negro is a minority in America and one feels that further riots and militant vocalising can only serve to deepen the alienation of the Negro in America. It is more likely that the attitude that Negroes are not "respectable" and much more prone to violence and delinquency will receive stronger support and there will be continuing appearances of the "white backlash" effect. After all Mr Reagan got his Governorship on what was subtly an anti-Negro platform.



*"Look Ian, offer Billy Butlin a package deal of free holidays in Rhodesia for all those car workers, and I'm sure we can smooth this thing out."*

## Oh foolish, foolish Britain

**S**O YET another deadlock has been forced on the Rhodesian situation. But the final deadlock? Selective mandatory sanctions now seem likely to be imposed to the full by the United Nations. Whether or not these will prove to be as effective as our own, now in ineffective operation for almost a year is a question of fact.

The implication of policy behind this move, however, are not so easily decided. Wilson is taking such a step with Commonwealth

support and as a result of the failure of his last minute talks with the "unrecognized" Mr. Smith last week.

In the light of the proposed entry into the Common Market, this attempt to revive such a stale political institution by a country frozen into impotence can only make the EEC zone wonder at the role we should wish to play in united Europe. That we have spent a year attempting to solve this problem makes the whole world wonder at our ability to sustain any role.

And, to quote South

Africa's Mr. Schoeman, Minister of Transport, such British inspired sanctions "could be fatal to the British economy", were they to be extended to South Africa (a necessary step to make them worthwhile). Present annual exports of £370 to South Africa would doubtless be severely cut.

The course is clear to Mr. Wilson. Either he may leave Rhodesia to the Rhodesians and ZAPU to handle or, with force if necessary, he terminates her independence as directly and as quickly as possible.

## Political Club Report

**O**NE MAY not agree with either the methods or the ideals of the Socialist Society: one cannot, however, fail to respect them for they are undoubtedly the most active and sincere society in this college.

They, after all, started the "Adams" ball rolling with their Agitator Pamphlet — by their action they helped to stir up the whole Union — post pamphlet Union meetings have increased five-fold.

Recently, four members Andre Nagliati, Laurie Flynn, Steve Jeffreys and Martin Shaw put their names forward for VP elections. Two days later they mysteriously withdrew. They stood for two reasons: that students should share control over LSE with the staff, and that the role of Union Council should be "administrative matters and not the manipulation of students."

### Capture

Why then did they withdraw? They stress that they ran for election to stimulate discussion about their ideas not to seek individual election. Having seen other nominations they believed that one or two of them might win. Thus, they stood down. An additional factor was the accusation of attempting to "capture the Union".

Primarily, the Socialist Society want to educate us to think about politics and to understand the political system with which we live — and to reject that system. Their recent display of atrocities from the Vietnam war drew attention to that war — it also precipitated serious argument over a whole range of political issues.

### Concern

Leading "ideas man" is Steve Jeffreys, who with others has already planned next terms meetings. Other than their much publicised activities they hold seminars and discussion groups — their most recent concern was the "State and Revolution". A rather fitting subject in view of the label stuck on some members of SOCSOC by a recent Sunday Times article — "an attractive but destructive group", they wrote.

by John Ross

## testament of an Anglo-Irish rebel

**I**T IS no habit of mine to be disrespectful of tradition or irreverent to the heroes of society, but I must confess that the present controversy arouses a side of my personality I would never have believed existed. I am, to my disgust, in rebellion against my immediate surroundings.

I am in rebellion against immature, bloody-minded, studentdom, cocooned against the realities of a hard world by state grants. I am in rebellion against those adolescent neurotics who are kept by the tax-payers in the hope that their stay at University will make them more valuable to society than they would otherwise be, and who, distracting and confusing themselves with peripheral issues, do their best to frustrate that hope. Divorced from responsibility, removed from reality, so that their minds might develop, they instead devote themselves to the labyrinthine convolutions of pigmy politics.

### Wild

What a classic example of such asininity this current argument at LSE has been. Amid scenes of wild and continual disorder, Union has passed a resolution on Dr. Adams it was not competent to make or in any way to implement, directed its president to break a clear rule of the School when it was in no position to rescue him from the consequences of his action, and passed on the second attempt, the infamous motion to boycott. Its policy all along, and the attendant publicity seems to have been designed to cause the maximum provocation to the School authorities to act unwisely.

### Pagan

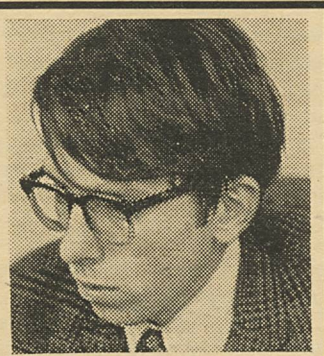
The Union demands "natural justice" for Adelstein. Yet in the disorder of its meeting it denies "natural justice" to its own members. The Union demands representation in the running of the School and is unable to run its own affairs responsibly. In an atmosphere akin to a pagan festival, resolutions are heroically passed by those in need of a barricade to die on, to prove their sincerity and courage. With what result? Any notion of student participation in the running of the School is rejected, and when, in the Easter and Summer terms exams threaten, the Union reverts to its usual moribund apathetic and useless state.

by Francis Dobbyn

## political brief

Edited by

ALASTAIR DUNN



### Tommy Bower writes:

Statistics, readers, are very misleading, especially in the context of rationalising a country's emotions. It was only a 33% vote that brought Hitler to power. One must also bear in mind that victory has come when German Chancellor is a former Nazi, and Strauss, an apartheid supporter, a leading member in the new Government, has said that "those with blood on their fingers should now be forgiven." He has given full support to a revival of German Nationalism.

I would remind readers that German students have come out in large numbers to demonstrate against this Nazi revival. Finally, lest it be forgotten, there were 2,000 people at Sepp Dietrich's (Hitler's personal bodyguard) funeral, singing "Deutschland Uber Alles".

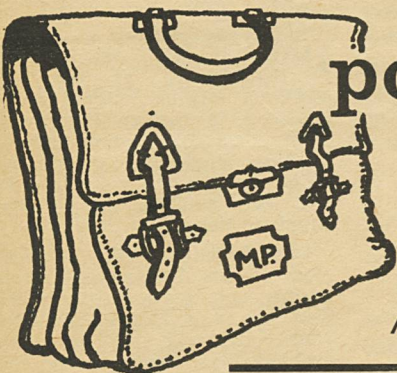
ness; when we see more purposive government in Bonn we shall witness the demise of nationalism in any realistic, that is politically realistic, quantity in the Bundesrepublik. The NSDAP concept will always appeal to a certain type and drifting and mentally bankrupt few... one might list Jordan and Rockwell. But I would submit, this is not the underlying strength of the NDP success in Hessen (and possibly Bavaria). Minorities can of course do much harm—or good

## political letters

as the case may be, but this gives no licence to a general attack on the German people based on half-truths and irresponsible banter. Mr. Bauer (sorry Bower) should read his "Spiegel" more carefully if he presumes to hold forth on the German character.

Yours faithfully

JOHN TOWERS ADDISON



## German Nationalism

Dear Sir,

It is regrettable that such an article as "The Rebirth of Nationalist Germany" should have appeared in Beaver, an article distinguished only by its emotive approach and conspicuous lack of sensible judgment.

The motivating factor was presumably the success of NDP in Hessen. After a brief resume of Von Thadden's crass remark the article got down to its main purpose, an attack on Germany and the Germans... The Germans only used the Jews as a scapegoat, their real aim was and is domination of Europe".

To examine nationalism in today's Germany rationally: The NDP has won its 8% because of protest; against the cynical back stabbing politics of Barzel, and the vacillating Government in Bonn. The NDP's strength then is Bonn's weak-



# Magnus Carter

## TOP RESPONSIBILITY AN OBJECT EJECTION WAITING FOR WILLIAM

### HARLOT BITES HARLOT

**SIR DOUGLAS LOGAN, M.A. D. Phil., LL.D., D.C.L.**, has been Principal of London University since 1948. With the kind of foresight that puts university administrators where they are, he devoted a part of his annual report this year to a condemnation of student participation in college affairs.

"It would be fatal to concede some of the demands currently made for student control of the facilities they are fortunate to enjoy," he says, because "power of this kind cannot be divorced from responsibility but those who put forward such demands studiously avoid advocating that any deficit incurred as a result of student control should be made good by a levy either on the students concerned or on students generally."

Last week, Mr. Niall MacDermot, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, told MPs that the Commons public accounts committee would be making a thorough investigation into London University's use of a million-pound Exchequer loan in 1953. Granted to help in the development of property for the university in Bloomsbury, over half the sum was in fact used for various other funds.

Obviously, the University has considerable borrowing power, power which ought not to be divorced from responsibility. Yet it is answerable in its financial dealing only to the UGC, an independent body which decides where the annual government grant of £200,000 should go. It is not subject to any of the major financial controls operative on other sectors of public spending.

According to one MP, just getting them to reveal their accounts is regarded as the act of a totalitarian state.

Yet those who control this money—including, presumably, Sir Douglas Logan—have studiously avoided any suggestion that any deficit they incur be made good by a levy on those administrators concerned, or even by a levy on administrators generally. Baldwin once wrote of power without responsibility that it was "the prerogative of the harlot through the ages." This seems to me to be the case where perhaps Madame should get her own house in order before picking on her staff.

Sir Douglas ends this section of his report with the stern warning that "students have enough to do, without dabbling

in business administration on the side." Perhaps the same might be said of Sir Douglas himself, Vice-Chairman of the Association of Universities of the British Commonwealth, President of the British Universities Sports Federation, Trustee of the City Parochial Foundation, Vice-Chairman of the Athlone Fellowship Committee, Governor of the Old Vic, Member of the Commonwealth Scholarship Committee and the Marshall Scholarship Committee, member of the National Theatre Board, etc., etc., . . . ?

**OVERHEARD: Dave Adelstein talking to John Hands, President of ULU: "Even Jesus had to be crucified."**

**UNION** Treasurer George Ellington suggested to Council last week that a separate supplementary budget should be brought in to cover the expenses incurred during the recent Adelstein affair.

The costs, estimated at something over eighty pounds, will be presented under the heading of "Disciplinary Action."

A suggestion that the bill should be submitted to the School on the grounds that costs should be awarded against them was quietly dismissed.



Sir Douglas Logan, Kt., M.A., D.Phil., LL.D., D.C.L.—Principal of London University. "Fatal to concede student control" he says as Parliament investigates million-pound loan.—See lead story.

### THE PRICE OF PROGRESS

**A**NOTHER milestone in the history of LSE Union. Nobody has ever had to be forcibly ejected before, so far as I know, but all great traditions must end somewhere. This particular one met its demise a fortnight ago when Guy Littler ("not drunk exactly, I'd just had a few") rose charismatically in the balcony and was persistent enough to merit his ejection by Slim Malik. Shortly afterwards he announced his intention of suing Mr. Malik for treating him so badly.

Guy apologised afterwards, and has appealed to me to extend his apology to everyone else present at the meeting. DP Alan Gillie shrugged it off as one of the most enlivening episodes of the year. I think it's a pity that these old traditions have to die, though. There aren't many left.

**SOME** prominent Union Council members were sitting quietly at their poker game in the Council room last Tuesday when Iris, indefatigable dog-body of the Union, interrupted their stealthy deliberations.

"What's on the Agenda for the next Meeting?" she asked. "A motion asking the School to revise the regulations on gambling," came the nonchalant reply from one who will remain anonymous.

### I'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE

**I**T IS generally understood that the relationship between the professors and students of our university is distant. Because this undesirable phenomenon is decisively detrimental to the progress of our school, it should

be improved and solved once and for all.

"Our honorable professors are sincerely requested to bear in mind that students are resentful toward their indifferent by-stander-type attitude. We hope that our teachers will kindle the students with fire and enthusiasm so that we can grow up soundly with a great vision."

Familiar? It's an excerpt from the latest editorial of the Argus, newspaper of the Hankuk University, Seoul, Korea.

### THE STAR SLIPS UP

**B**ILL—sorry, William Hanley the star of Sennet and bane of Fleet Street, was called to the phone at Passfield late one night during the Adelstein row.

"This is the Sketch here," a voice at the other end announced. "We want an interview with you about this disciplinary affair." Flushed with excitement, William said he'd no objection to being interviewed, then or at any time, and he'd happily await the reporter's arrival at Endsleigh Street.

Rushing back with the glad tidings, he put on his best suit, a clean shirt, brushed his hair and settled down in the Passfield Lounge with a vast pile of notes at his feet. The hours went by . . .

At last it was broken to him that in fact his reporter wasn't going to turn up for the simple reason that the phone call was a hoax. It took a long time to convince poor William that his services, as so often, were not required.

**H**EA DLIN E in Gown, newspaper of Queen's College, Belfast: "More erections in Queen's". The story is about

new buildings in the town. Joyce, where art thou now?

### MOSS GATHERS THE VOTES

**H**OW TO WIN an Election Department: as the VP elections opened, Scott Moss confided to his rival for the Academic Affairs post Jenny Phillips, that he, personally, didn't believe the rumour that she was standing on a Dave Kershaw ticket.

Scared stiff by the implications of this, Jenny spent much of the campaign assuring voters that she wasn't a Kershawite, thus convincing most of them that she was. Consequently, she lost.

Scott denies all knowledge of the rumour's origin, and assures me that his mention of it to Jenny was motivated solely by goodwill. Whoever started it—if ever existed, that is—deserves some kind of award for his dedication to the principles of PR. Preferably awarded posthumously.

Once on to Council, of course, Scott and the rest of the clique are wasting very little time. Last Saturday, for instance, they decided that plotting needs joint accommodation. Jimmy Beck, Chris Brown, Pippa Jones and our American cousin all moved into the same house in Kensington.

A Christmas Tale: An American wandered thoughtfully round last week's Concourse area exhibition of photos showing U.S. atrocities in Vietnam, and then stopped at the Collection Box.

"Does this money go to both sides in the war?" he asked. M.C. Laurie Flynn told him (untruthfully) that it did. The American dropped his cash into the box and departed.

When Laurie next opened the box it contained exactly a penny halfpenny.

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## LSE STUDENTS JOIN CHILD ACTION GROUP

"YOU CAN organize demonstrations, sit-downs and teach-ins. Go marching at Christmas; this is the time to really appeal to people's consciences." The speaker at the recent Labsoc meeting was Mr. Tony Lynes, Secretary of the Child Poverty Action Group and an ex-member of the LSE teaching staff. He was discussing the role which students at LSE could play in helping to alleviate some of the suffering which is still very common among children of poor families.

"There are two million people in this country living below the level of National Assistance. Two thirds of these are children."

"The typical family is one with a relatively low wage and a relatively large family. Year after year the National Food Survey has produced tables showing that families with three or more children and an income of below £20 have on the average been living on a totally inadequate diet. Furthermore the education reports of Newsom, Crowther and Robbins showed that children from these homes have absolutely no chance of obtaining higher education."

Mr. Lynes was disappointed with the government's efforts to alleviate this poverty. He outlined what they could do:

"The Child Poverty Action Group is concerned primarily with the financial problems of these families. We want the government to increase family allowances and of course incomes must be raised. Family allowances in this country are lower than in any other country in Northern Europe. £650 million is spent on allowances for children, but the money is not going to the right families, it must be directed to where it is most needed."

Mr. Lynes appealed for help from students to drive the poverty problem both into the public eye and into the government eye. The government, he said, were becoming steadily more embarrassed — but they needed continuous pushing. Students could help in many ways. They can help a research group in Wapping who are trying to build up a picture of poverty. Or else work alongside Professor Abel-

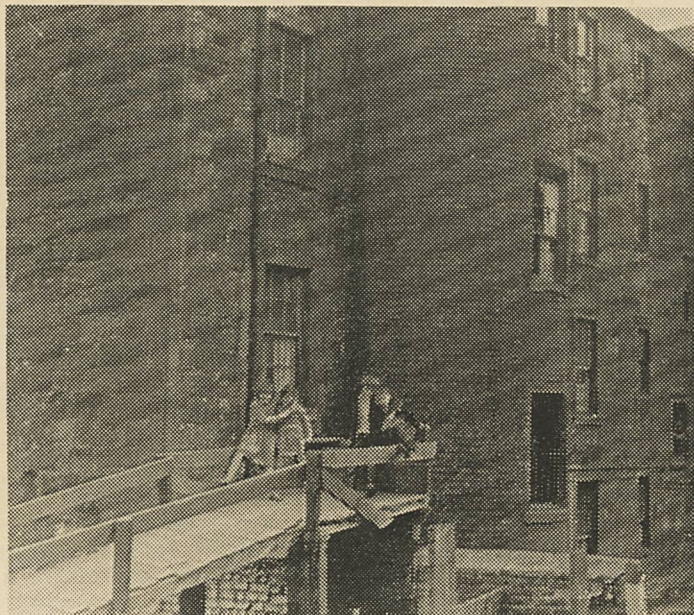


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Smith in obtaining statistics of budgets of large poor families. Most important was publicity:

"Write to the Press, give us your telephone numbers and we'll tell you what to write and when. Write to

your MPs. This is particularly useful, if MPs are flooded with letters about poverty — they usually hand them on to the ministries concerned. This is excellent — this is where they will receive the most attention."

## THEFTS AT LSE

Last week, thieves struck twice in LSE. On these occasions, however, neither books nor briefcases were their object. The Pentax SV serial no. 9308547 together with a fitted 135 mm telephoto lens, which were taken from the Beaver offices between Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning, represent capital of approximately

£135. Later on, during Wednesday afternoon, a total of £140 in watches, wallets and cash was stolen from the changing rooms at New Malden during the Hockey and Rugger games with Imperial College. A fine ending to the afternoon for the visitors. One person in particular from the Royal School of Mines lost £40.

## WANTED: Students

A YOUTH Council is once more active in LSE. After a meeting at ULU, and then one at LSE which the full time Youth Council Secretary, Chris Green, addressed, enough interest was shown for the project to get started.

The Youth Council's aim is to channel students into London Youth Clubs as volunteer helpers for one night each week. The type of club varies tremendously; each has its own demands and problems, its own activities and kinds of members.

The Youth Council gives an opportunity to work closely with young people. The work makes considerable demands, but its rewards far outweigh the amount of effort put in. There is a great need for help in most clubs—often urgently. The Youth Council is trying to fill the need as best it can.

### INTERESTED

How far the council can do this depends on the active support of LSE's students. If you feel like helping, or are at all interested, get in touch with Jim Jones through the pigeon-holes and watch the noticeboards for the next meeting.

## Graduate Association Column

Student membership on college committees may seem a less immediate issue than the need to be able to get a hold of assigned books in the library. I believe, however, that one reason improvements have been slow in the daily problems of students at LSE—graduates and undergraduates, is that the relationship between these two kinds of issues has not been acknowledged.

One can make entreaty after entreaty for better library conditions, but as long as students have no role in making decisions about LSE policies, they find themselves last in the queue for improvements.

Innumerable committees have listened to student opinion but because students have not participated in the final decisions, the policies have disappointed them time after time.

### Responsibilities

It is their sense of ineffectuality and irrelevance that results from the powerlessness of students which makes it difficult to form a vital graduate community. I would like to see a Graduate Student Association that provides an active social and cultural life in a pleasantly decorated Commons Room. But why has it not been possible in recent years to enlist active graduate support for a full programme? The answer is not just lack of time: Even if graduate students did not frequently have the added responsibilities of families, teaching or writing theses, they would not want to participate in an association which could not deal meaningfully with their grievances as students at LSE.

In alliance with the Student Union, it may be possible for graduate students to achieve the more far-reaching goals which will provide the context for both the small but important ameliorations in life at LSE and for a closely-knit student community.

## RIFT OVER GRANTS TO SOCIETIES

A SERIOUS rift looks like developing over the methods Union should adopt in giving grants to Political, Religious and National Societies.

The School's policy on this issue is 'no grants to partisan societies'. Union policy opposes this. Some members of Council, notably Alan Gillie, suggest that we ignore this, and simply go ahead and give them a grant and see what the School does about it.

At the other extreme was Dave Kershaw's suggestion that we should proceed, like the Far East Society, by submitting individual claims for each society. If the School accepts their case for a grant, then all well and good. At the same time, he felt, we should negotiate with the School to get a change in their attitude on this particular issue.

The meeting ended with a modicum of agreement, more through confusion than any real consensus on the issues involved.

## AUT Meeting

At the last meeting of the LSE branch of the A.U.T. on Tuesday, December 6th a motion was put rejecting suggestions which have appeared in the Press and elsewhere about the reaction to Dr. Walter Adams' appointment. Concern over the appointment, the motion said, has not been confined to an irresponsible section of the student body. It further regrets that unsubstantiated allegations of racial bias have been made against Dr. Adams during the course of the "row".

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## One Act Play Competition At ULU Arts Festival

AN EXCITING feature of the University Arts Festival of 1967 will be a One-Act Play Competition, for which students are invited to submit original scripts on a theme of their own choosing. The successful playwright will receive a cash prize of £25 donated by Guinness, who are also sponsoring the whole Festival. In addition, the winning play will be staged at the New Arts Theatre by the QUIPU Theatre Company, whose lunch-time one-acters are already well-attended by students.

Associated with the QUIPU venture are playwright David Halliwell — whose play "Little

Malcolm and His Struggle Against the Eunuchs" is to be filmed early in the New Year — and actor-director David Calderisi, who recently gained critical acclaim for his production of "The Audition."

The closing date for entries is Wednesday, 15th February, and typewritten scripts should be sent to the following address: U.L.U. One-Act Play Competition, 63 Cromwell Road, LONDON, S.W.7.

The decision of the adjudicating panel will be final, and the winner will be notified by post towards the end of March.



# What the eye doesn't see . . .

or, what you've never had you sometimes miss

**I CAUGHT THE TRAIN** at ten to ten. Three hours after St. Pancras had receded to the south, I arrived in Sheffield. I had expected the worst. The scenery that I had seen from the train had reinforced all my prejudices against the north.

It had all been there: the small streams the colour of stale NAAFI tea, slagheaps, the excrement of industry, small stone buildings stained with soot.

My mental picture of the old civic universities was of rotting redbrick buildings overcrowded with disgruntled undergraduates. In the case of Sheffield nothing could be further from the truth. In terms of sheer physical facilities Sheffield makes LSE look like a Borstal canteen.

Most of it is brand new. The old nineteenth century buildings are still there, looking like lost wings of Hampton Court. They are in contrast to the new twenty-two storey Arts Tower. This creation has two Paternoster lifts—vertical necklaces of booths that you jump into as they pass your floor and jump out of when you get to the floor you're going to—and two high speed lifts, one to odd numbered floors and one to even numbered. Each arts department has its own accommodation on separate floors in the tower, with seminar rooms and some specialist library facilities so that competition for available library space does not seem to be so acute as at LSE.

The pure science students are in a separate building, and

## SO what's Sheffield got that we haven't?

**THEM**: two enormous main refectories and the Graves hall which is a cross between a coffee-bar and a refectory.

**US**: one overcrowded refectory and a smaller Robinson Room for the rich.

**THEM**: two coffee lounges which really are lounges.

**US**: nearest thing is the Shaw Library.

**THEM**: the longest Union bar in the country—a really palatial place.

**US**: the Three Tuns.

**THEM**: a Union building of five floors.

**US**: part of two floors of the St. Clements building.

Sheffield is also financially autonomous, which LSE is not, with a per capita grant of ten pounds per student, which it hopes to increase to fifteen pounds after the freeze.

Alright, so the road outside is devoid of crossings and murderously dangerous, much more so than Houghton Street. But still . . .

## A report from Sheffield by Max Williams

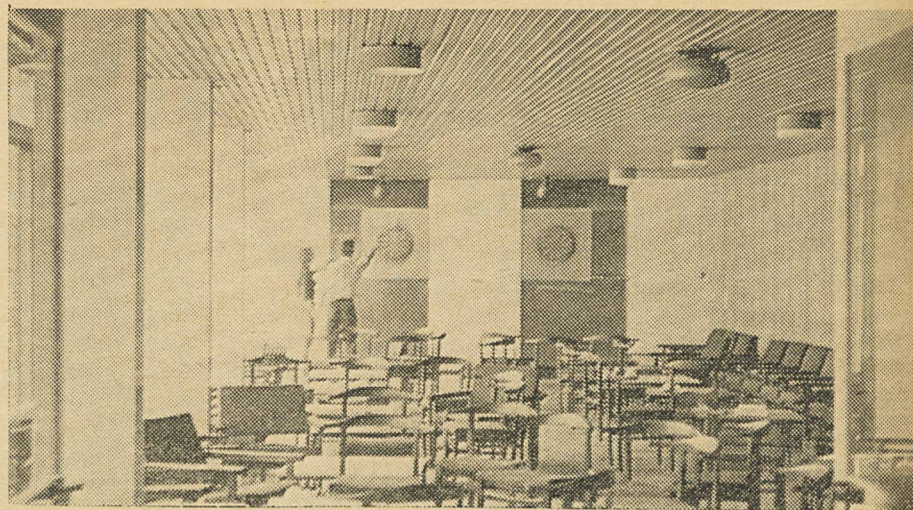
I was impressed by the tales of the good facilities that exist in them. It must be said, however, that the scientists seem to work very hard. I saw lights burning late into the night, and lectures being attended very early in the morning.

The Union, of course, has its own separate and very impressive accommodation. There are shops, bars, refectories and lounges. There is a splendid swimming pool, which, I am told, conforms to Olympic specifications. The gymnasium is excellent; the beer is good; the girls are pretty.

On the whole, Sheffield University strikes me as a very pleasant place to be. I am told that the town is bloody awful, but anyone there who thinks that should try London.

## HYPNOTIC BUILDINGS

The thing that left the deepest impression on me was the general aspect of the university, especially the striking views



Sheffield has the largest Union Bar in the country

obtainable from most of the buildings which the students, not unnaturally, take for granted but which hypnotised me. Anyone who has experienced the claustrophobic experience of the view down Houghton Street feels entitled to instruct the students of Sheffield to open their eyes.

Accommodation is cheap and plentiful, except that the University authorities ban flats for students under twenty one. Copulation will out, and if it happens in a Sheffield flat or as a result of a two pound three and three trip to swinging London, mother's angst will still take the form of a post pregnancy letter to a Vice Chancellor, so what the Hell?

Standards of communication are good at Sheffield. The Union building has a tannoy system—which drives some people nuts—that is used to call people to a central desk. Incoming phonecalls; society messages; people offering and accepting lifts all over the country and just simple "Albert where are you?" pleas are broadcast constantly.

Oddly enough, the students that I spoke to did not seem very keen on the place. Seen from the vantage point of Fulham Labour Exchange, or even from the Black Hole of Clare Market, this attitude is very odd indeed. I suppose it is human nature to see the advantages of the places you never went to at the expense of the place you end up in. No doubt this article reflects a similar prejudice.

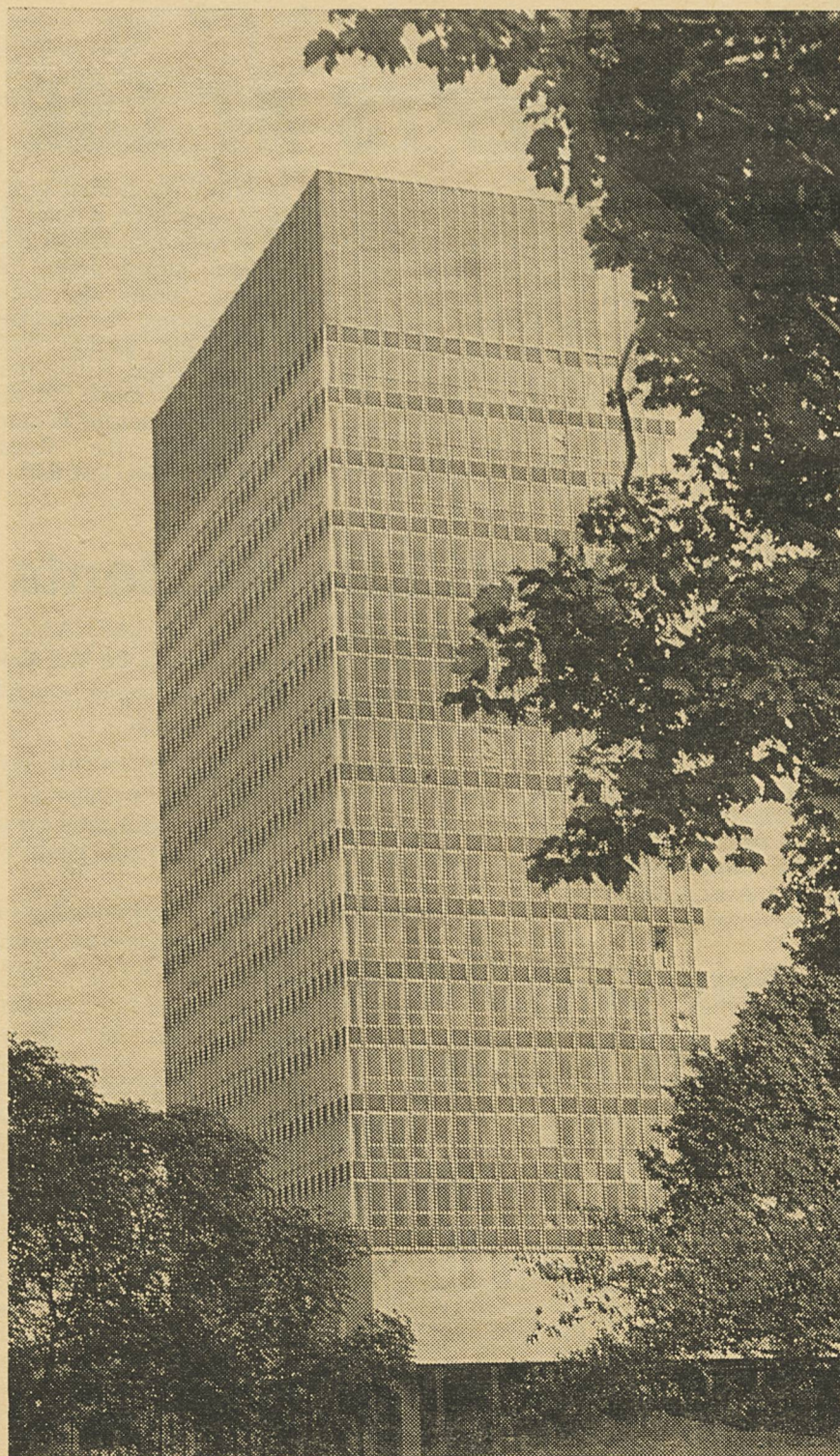
## STUDENT MALAISE

Everyone in LSE says that the facilities are bad. They are. People here are very disgruntled. Some attribute the latter to the former. Facilities in Sheffield are excellent, yet the attitude of the students seems very similar to those at LSE. I admit that in two days I could not meet very many students, but I base my remark upon reported speech. Everyone I met said that this was so.

If I am right, then what is the explanation? Is it that there really is a "student malaise"? Is it a natural condition of being between eighteen and twenty-two? I hope not, I am twenty-seven and I've never felt more fed-up in my life. Their beer is cheaper; their food is better, and much cheaper and they have far better working facilities. I went to a couple of lectures and a tutorial (not much of a sample, I admit) and they seem to get taught better than I was.

## HAND OVER HEART

I just dunno. Maybe the wrong people are coming to universities—and I say that with my hand on my heart? Or is it a question of the attitude of the folks at home "Get a good job son . . . work hard . . .". Unexceptional sentiments that completely lose the point of what universities are for—or at least, what they are not for. This factor, taken together with the fact that university is, for many people, little more than the latest teenage fashion, might explain the gloomy "why am I here?" attitude I have so often met. And there again, it might not. At least some people enjoy it, even if they do not "get a good degree, son"—I did. Let us, therefore rejoice.



22 storeys—and that's just the Arts Block



ANDREW STONE (24), a graduate (English) of the University College of South Wales, now teaching English language and literature at the White Nile Secondary School, El Dueim, 130 miles south of Khartoum.

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## SPORT IN SHORT

### Tennis

THE LSE FIRST TEAM has been less than successful this season, dropping a match to Regent Street Poly, a loss prevented from becoming a rout by King and Brownsword's salvage of their rubber to hold the score to 3-1. The match against IC was much better as King and Brownsword took two victories and Wing and Hearty held a strong No. 1 pair, for a final 3-3 draw. The second team, paced by Allan, Burden, and Hadley did considerably better in beating IC 2nds 4-1 and QMC 2nds 6-0.

### Table Tennis

THE SCHOOL TEAM warmed up for the season by annihilating the King's 2nds, with Emil Short of Sierra Leone winning one of his matches 21-2, 21-3. A revenge match against King's big boys was not so successful, but with Dave Cain, the University captain, and three first team veterans the team ought to do well, as BEAVER says so often and so hopefully. The 2nds, also playing the Univ. 1st division, is visibly out-classed and has lost its first three matches, but the 4ths under Brian Kettle has won all four matches this season.

### Hockey

THE MEN'S TEAM sprang back from a disappointing run to beat LBC 8-1 and to out-slog QMC 2-1 in a game that was more a mud bath than a hockey match. The team has run up an 8-6 record, led by Derek Fry with 7 goals, despite the total absence of a goalie for Wednesday matches.

### Rugby

THE RUGBY SECONDS are this year's outstanding success, with an 11-2 record, mostly won in close hard matches like their 5-3 win over West Ham seconds and their 3-0 edging out of Old Freeman's seconds. The seconds even seem to be gradually replacing the crippled first team.

Records up to November 23

	P	W	D	L	F	A
1st XV	14	7	1	6	126	94
2nd XV	13	11	0	2	163	62
3rd XV	11	5	1	5	146	113

# Donoghue PhD (Foot)

The revival in the fortunes of LSE 5th soccer team this season has been aided by a new recruit, inside man Bernard Donoghue — in real life a Lecturer in Politics.

The 32-year-old lecturer decided to come out of retirement this season. His only honours since Oxford being a wife (and child) and a picture-book in the best sellers. At first he found the going tough and lacked enough wind to last the whole game. He also suffered a muscle strain but emergency treatment by England's World Cup doctor ensured that evening students and those avoiding the day course did not miss their Part I lecture in Government.

Team captain Phil Goldstone says he is treated as one of the lads — "the only difference is he always has clean kit and better buffies." From the start he fitted in well, his only major weakness being an inability to head, (in one game he misjudged a centre which floored him).

Dr. Donoghue has a simple tolerant philosophy to sport which attracts him to the 5ths, who accept him despite his heading weakness. He strongly disapproves of taking sport too seriously, and that is why he gave up rugby, (and would never enjoy bridge). He says that all sport is basically ridiculous yet enjoyable. His attitudes are a reaction to Oxford where the poetry-writing, long-haired under-



graduate felt very schizophrenic in the scrum.

#### Goldstone

Playing for Goldstone's men is not the only connection Dr. Donoghue has with sport. He is a member of both the National Sports Council and the Commission of Inquiry into Football. The Sports Council is responsible for advising the Government on all aspects of amateur sport and recreation under the Minister of Sport, Denis Howell. This work includes supervision of finances for olympic and other foreign tours, building recreation centres and even the reclamation of canals for "pleasure uses". The Football Commission is inquiring into association football and hopes to draw up a plan guiding the development of British soccer. Dr. Donoghue's own idea is that clubs should develop on the "Real Madrid" pattern having instead of just a ground a multi-purpose and multi-

sport centre open all week. Thus the club would become the focal point of the community.

The Political Scientist in Dr. Donoghue comes out as he describes the Government machine which he can now view at first hand. These last two years in the Department of Education and Science have taught him more about administration than a host of academic textbooks. "The Full Flight of Inertia" is his description of the Civil Service and now understands how radical policies are held up. He also claims that sports development is almost the only successful part of Harold's New Britain — the only aspect of Labour Government that actually works.

## RUGBY WINS FOUR IN A ROW

LSE opened at a great pace against West Ham with Colin Brown scoring two quick tries and Bob Mercer one. Then the team relaxed with the backs losing possession, the forwards won for them and West Ham scored a try before the defence tightened up and Mike Williams scored the final try for a 12-3 win.

The team started slowly against Old Freeman's and were only up 5-0 at the half. But after the second half began with Jim Alban-Davies getting his nose broken, the side took severe umbrage and the remaining fourteen quickly ran the score to 24-0. Pete White scored two tries as did Phil Mayer, with Colin Brown also scoring a try and Dai Davies three conversions and a penalty kick.

This success was followed by a like massacre when LSE beat Sir John Cass College 22-3 to advance to the second round of the London University Cup. The forwards dominated the play



for LSE with Jeff Mayer controlling the line-out, John Cossins playing a fine game in the loose, and Mike Ost running and linking well with the backs. The backs were still not too good, but centre Colin Brown and Phil Mayer notched two tries each and Tim Hunt, on the wing scored another. Jeff Mayer joined in the mayhem for a try and Dai Davies got his usual two conversions.

The best win of the season was in a close match against the University of Aston, 14-10. Most of the team has been crippled during the season (after all, it is rugby), but seven reserves co-opted from the seconds did brilliantly. The defence was noticeably leaky during the first half and only a try by Watson enabled the home side to go in at the half only down 10-5. The squad jelled in the second half as Jeff Townsley scored a try and Mike Boyes and Alan Baldwin got drop goals. Once in the lead LSE played ball control and dominated the game.



## 'Can't even kick...'

"God — they cannot even kick a ball" was a comment from the spectator.

"We really should have won that one" was the player's lament.

So the bad patch continues. The firsts 5-2 down to QMC and 4-2 to King's. It's the King's match we really ought to have won. A cross by Wilkinson gave Clarkson the opportunity to equalise, after an early goal by King's, but the glory they deserved was not to be theirs.

Twice more King's broke away from a hard-working and energetic LSE side to score not altogether perfect goals. LSE kept up the pressure but they seemed to have a mental block when it came to actually netting the ball.

To be fair, the King's defence was good, and only once more did a defensive slip give Firth the chance to score a second. Player of this match was the goalkeeper Hallis, aptly nicknamed Houdini.

A friendly against Aston resulted in another defeat, with another goal by Firth being the only bright spot for LSE.

Of the other matches, the seconds' game against Aston deserves a mention. A valiant effort by the Beavers pulled up a half-time score of 4-0 to a 4 all draw. Evans played well, getting one goal.

Well one thing's clear at any rate — their luck can't get any worse.

# 'let's talk careers'

Representatives of the Esso Group of Companies will be visiting the University on

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## MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ADDITIONAL VACATION GRANTS** are available for students who get their tutor's permission and who will work regularly in the LSE library, or University library of their home town, during the vacation.

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**OXFAM REQUIRES HELPERS** over the Christmas period to help deliver collection appeals to people in the Holborn area. Those interested should contact David Hellard through the pigeon holes.

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# Director —Union Speaks listens



"The school has decided to set up an ad-hoc committee with equal student representation to undertake a complete review of the School Regulations." This was one of the main points of Sir Sydney Caine's speech to Union last Friday.

Seven hundred students and several members of the staff and the Administration heard him start by explaining that he intended to put forward his personal views. They could not, he said, be taken as indicators of School policy. He also made clear the limitations of his power, and the dominant position of the Academic Board and the Court of Governors.

Sir Sydney told Union of the existence of another committee, the committee on relations between students and staff, which was formed last summer and was looking into all the points on the Union meeting Agenda. However, he rejected the requests for student representation on this and other committees on the grounds that students had not a broad enough view of the situation.

In the short term they could serve, he felt, they would be unable to gain sufficient knowledge of the situation to play a useful role. "Committee members rarely say much in their first year," he said.

## No tea with Governors for Slim

THE Governors have requested the pleasure of Union Council's company at a tea party, on the last day of term. Slim Malik, who objects to being treated like their "lap-dog" is not prepared to endure another session of "beating his head against a sponge wall" and has declined the invitation. He described what normally happens.

"During the meal, 25

minutes are wasted discussing whether or not the meeting should be confidential, and polite trivialities are the inevitable result. The Admin staff admit incompetence in deciding any concrete proposals, but attempt to satisfy us with banalities. Nothing constructive ever happens,

except that they manage to keep us in ignorance about what's going on."

Slim supports these meetings in theory but wishes the Governors would discuss the issues with all the students so that a really fair hearing could take place. "Then student reps would not be abusing their positions by being polite instead of pushing our demands."

Sir Sydney denied the oft-quoted complete breakdown of staff-student relations, and blamed many of the current problems on the students. He said that various informal contacts between Union Presidents and himself had ceased in recent years. (It was later suggested from the floor that contacts between one student and one member of staff were hardly sufficient in a college of 3,000 students).

Finally, he questioned the Union's claim for autonomy, pointing out that membership was compulsory and that the Union was indirectly financed by public money. For this reason also, he justified the School's refusal to allow grants to political, national and religious societies.

Sir Sydney's speech was followed by one from Professor Roberts, who amplified Sir Sydney's comments on the various student problems connected with academic affairs.

## GSA ELECTIONS

MARSHALL BLOOM, running at the head of an "activist" slate of candidates, won the election for President of the Graduate Students' Association on November 18th. The major points of his platform included the establishment of a graduate student voice in important School decisions, and increased co-operation with the Student's Union on matters of common concern.

Rand Rosenblatt and Ben Brewster were also elected as

Treasurer and Secretary. L. O. Aremu, Vivienne Brown, Ivor Crewe, and Animesh Ghoshal won places on the GSA committee. With the exception of Mr. Aremu, all of the elected committee associated themselves with Mr. Bloom's platform. The purpose of a joint platform was to insure that the committee would be sufficiently united to make the GSA a more active organisation than it has been in the past.

## CONCERT SUCCEEDS

Mr. W. H. Payne would like to thank everyone from LSE who supported the concert given by the Music Society in St. Faith's church. He would also like to say that he was able to send off a cheque for nearly £50 to the Muscular Dystrophy fund.

Also the Music Society reminds members of the Oration Day concert at 6-15 in the Shaw Library today. The programme will consist of Mozart's overture to "The Impresario" and the Charpentier Christmas Mass. There will be a reception afterwards for members and their guests.

## Union debates accommodation

SHOULD it be Union policy to accept offers of accommodation which discriminate against coloured people?

The arguments against are moral ones, generally accepted by the Union. If it is Union policy not to accept such accommodation, we could pressurise ULU Lodgings Burea, NUS and CARD to effect the same policy.

The arguments for accepting such accommodation are practical. If the Union refuses the accommodation, it will have less to offer to non-coloured students, some of whom are prepared to live with discriminatory landlords. Also if our pressure forced discriminatory landlords to accept coloured tenants, how would they be treated?

A third possibility is for the Union to keep clearly labelled separate records of landlords practising discrimination, so that students who have scruples about accepting such accommodation can ignore this list.

This issue will be discussed at a Union Meeting in the Old Theatre at 4-15 on Friday.

## Responsibility

Adelstein thought that students, despite their brief stay at the School, could well participate in the running of the School. He felt that we ought to participate fully in decisions about matters concerning our future. He had seen the Director at least once a fortnight this term, refuting the point about decreasing contacts.

If the Director's argument about giving grants to political and religious societies were carried to its logical conclusion, they would not even be allowed rooms and facilities.

He concluded by saying that, if the School wanted us to act responsibly then first we must be given authority.

The meeting concluded with a question and answer session.

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