

## FOR THE RECORD

AFLSE officers, long based in Washington, are moving to other parts of the country, and taking their duties with them. Jane Emerson ('81), vice president in charge of membership, has moved to Charlottesville, where she is a first-year law student at the University of Virginia Law School. John Dolan ('81), AFLSE treasurer, is in Philadelphia studying for an M.B.A. in international finance at the Wharton School. Both Jane and John earned LSE M.Sc. degrees.

After an energetic stint as New York's program chairman, Steven Glick ('80) has joined the London office of his law firm. Dana Benson, as noted elsewhere in our newsletter, is now piloting New York's active program.

Randall W. Scott has been named to the newly created position of executive director and chief operating officer of the Bar Association of the District of Columbia. Randall is a graduate of LSE and the Harvard Law and Wharton Graduate Schools with 15 years of association and legal experience. . . . Morris Miller ('48), a former executive director of the World Bank, is the author of a new book, *Coping Is Not Enough! The International Debt Crisis and the Roles of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund* (Dow Jones). . . . Dr. Paul Nash ('49) is now vice president for academic affairs at the Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, R.I. . . . John M. Carfora ('81) has become professor of international economics at the School for International Training, the academic side of the Experiment in International Living. . . . Aryeh Botwinick ('66), associate professor of political science, Temple University, has written two new books: *Democracy and Scarcity: A Study in*

*Their Historical and Theoretical Pattern of Interconnection* (Wyndham Hall Press) and *Participation and Tacit Knowledge in Plato, Machiavelli and Hobbes* (University Press of America).

Gabor Brachna ('64), chairman of the OHIO chapter, reports that Professor Miles Kennedy of Case Western Reserve University is midway through an ambitious project at his computing laboratory. Professor Kennedy chaired a seminar at the recent International Conference on Information Systems and has an article on task support systems in *MIS Quarterly*. . . . Paul Sears ('72) had a business case study published by the Midwest Case Writers Publishing Association. . . . Kenee Switzer-Rakos ('82) had an article published in the November *Midstream* magazine. . . . Wilton Sogg ('60) completed yet another successful year with his radio program "Business and the Law." . . . Among the busy Ohioans, Gabor himself also received an honor, induction in the Knightly Order of St. John of the Hospital of Jerusalem.

## BOOKS AND MORE BOOKS

The Economists' Bookshop publishes a "Social Science Selection Guide" on a bimonthly basis. It lists the rich outpouring of new publications, mainly Anglo-American, in our academic fields. Copies of the guide are available from Wendy Weinberg c/o the AFLSE office. Or they may be obtained directly from The Economists' Bookshop Ltd, Clare Market, Portugal St., London WC2A 2AB.



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## NEWSLETTER

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## ROBB PROBES U.S. SOCIAL POLICY AT AFLSE DINNER

U.S. social policy was the focus of former Virginia governor Charles S. Robb's address at the third annual AFLSE dinner on June 3. Governor Robb praised LSE for its tradition of engagement and activism in social and economic life as he discussed social policy and the future of the Democratic party.

About a hundred LSE alumni and their guests attended the event in the Potomac Ballroom of the Key Bridge Marriott Hotel just outside the capital. David Sahr, vice president of AFLSE, and the Washington, D.C. chapter helped to organize the dinner. Introducing the speaker, AFLSE President Wendy Weinberg remarked that Governor Robb was very much in "our mode," combining idealism and activism in his practical approach to social problems and policy.

Governor Robb, who is credited with laying the groundwork for the recent election of a woman and a black to high state office in Virginia, noted that he has been involved in the current debate within the Democratic party over the reasons for its failure to maintain political leadership.

Democrats and the nation as a whole had watched the ideals of progressive liberalism ossify. Robb said that an ambivalence in foreign policy and the perception of a responsiveness only to special pressure groups at home had plagued recent Democratic administrations. "We need to recapture the bedrock issues on which our successes over the past half-century have been built" by returning to first principles instead of pandering to special interests.

The former Virginia governor said he had last year become part of a newly formed group composed of elected Democrats from all over the country. This group, the Democratic Leadership Council which Governor Robb now chairs, had established priorities to redirect the Democratic Party back to its heritage.

Among these priorities was that of "breaking the cycle of poverty and dependency." While noting that progress had been made over the past twenty years in the fight against discrimination and in the growth of the black middle class, Governor Robb deplored the "rise of a dependent, demoralized, and self-perpetuating underclass in our cities." He said that sound economic policies unfortunately do not always generate sound social policies, and he called for a "fundamental restructuring" of our welfare system. "If we don't break the cycle of joblessness and dependency, the social ills which fester

in our cities will eventually infest those who ignore them in comfort today."

Although he describes himself as a fiscal conservative, Governor Robb said he would be willing to spend even more than was now being spent if doing so would help cure these ills. A social policy should reward hard work and initiative, encourage the family to stay together and not be above making judgments on questions of personal conduct. He warned that by doing nothing about the increasing break-up of the black family, the high degree of schooling and training necessary to be successful in the economy, and the rise in teenage pregnancy, "the federal government has created a *de facto* social policy of welfare dependency for women and prison for men."

Governor Robb's prescriptions include a reduction in the federal deficit, which would free federal initiatives for new social programs to accomplish a range of social goals. Such programs would impart basic skills, inculcate basic values and discipline; make inner-city schools safe and prevent children from dropping out of the system; encourage public-private cooperation to create more jobs for disadvantaged young people; and grant "special status to two-parent families" rather than withholding public assistance from them. "I don't think it would be unreasonable to ask that young mothers, as a condition of receiving welfare, choose between allowing visiting teachers to come to their homes periodically. . . . or attending child-parent centers where teachers can work with their children and teach them basic child-rearing skills."

After the speech, Governor Robb was presented with a School scarf, which he donned to the applause of the audience.

Jane Siegel ('82 M.Sc. European Studies)

## OUR 1986-87 SCHOLARS

Two journalists, one lawyer, four recent graduates, and a doctoral candidate from Poland make up the group of AFLSE scholars this year. For those of you who are still keeping track, the male-female ratio has again reversed itself (last year all nine awardees were men); this year there are six women and two men.



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Melissa Baumann, of Cambridge, Mass., earned her B.A. from Stanford in 1975 and her M.S.J. from the Columbia School of Journalism in 1976. Last year she taught in the Mass Communications Department of the American University in Cairo, Egypt. She is studying for a Diploma in International Relations at LSE.

Sara Jill Cooper, of La Palma, Calif., earned her B.A. at California State Polytechnic University in 1986. She is enrolled in the M.Sc. in Industrial Relations course at LSE.

Catherine A. Epstein, of Andover, Mass., received her B.A. from Brown University in 1985 and attended Free University of West Berlin last year as a Fulbright scholar. She is studying for the M.Sc. in Government at LSE.

Ruth E. Gordon, of Washington, D.C., received her B.A. from New York University in 1977 and her J.D. from the School of Law at NYU in 1980. She is enrolled in the LL.M. course at LSE.

Pawel J. Kotwica, who left his native Poland after earning his bachelor's degree in 1981, earned his M.A. at Notre Dame in 1984. He expects to receive his Ph.D. from Notre Dame in 1987, following a year of research in the International History Department at LSE.

Sean McAvoy, of Los Angeles, is a 1986 graduate of Williams College. He is enrolled in the M.Sc. Economic History course at LSE.

Elise-Noel McMahon, who earned her B.A. at Boston College in 1982, has been a reporter for a local newspaper in Newton, Mass. She is studying for the M.Sc. in Government at LSE.

Leigh Rivenbark, of Rocky Mount, N.C., is a 1986 graduate of Northwestern. She also is studying for the M.Sc. in Government at LSE.

## AFTER LSE

Most of the 1985-86 AFLSE scholars did not have definite plans for the autumn when they made their summer reports to the Scholarship Committee, but those who had firm plans included the following:

Daniel Chung was returning to Chicago to finish his M.B.A. at the University of Chicago.

David R. Cooper was planning to take a job with a law firm in Albuquerque as of January 1, 1987. He wrote, "There is no way that I can fully express my gratitude to the AFLSE Scholarship Committee for helping me to finance the year of study in London. It has been the best academic experience of my life. I was one of twenty-four students from fifteen countries pursuing an M.Sc. in Regional and Urban Planning Studies. Throughout the year, I learned as much from my coursemates as I did from the generally excellent lecturers and, when I leave London in October, will count among my friends members of the course from nearly every continent and a wide range of cultural backgrounds. In these times of misunderstanding and resentment among people of different nationalities, the fact that the twenty-four of us spent almost every day of an academic year together and finished the course respecting and enjoying each other -- and promising to remain in contact with each other -- leaves me hopeful."

Thomas P. Maloney planned to work in Parliament until Christmas and then to begin work on his Ph.D. in History at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

Andrew D. Regan planned to begin a four-year combined J.D./M.B.A. program at the Harvard Business and Law Schools in September.

David Van Cleve spent the summer working in Washington, D.C. and entered Harvard Law School in the fall.

## NEWS FROM LONDON

A new quarterly, plans for another student dormitory and ideas for the School's 1995 centenary celebrations -- these are some of the items in Director I.G. Patel's letter to alumni in the School's summer mailing. All of us should have received it directly from LSE by now. (Anyone who has not can contact John McLoughlin at the LSE Alumnus Office, Houghton St., London, WC2A 2AE.)

But in case you overlooked the news, the new *LSE Quarterly* will be an interdisciplinary journal reporting on innovative research carried on at the School. (U.S. subscriptions are available at \$25 for LSE alumni, \$30 for other individuals, from Journals Department, Basil Blackwell, Box 1320, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.)

The dormitory, which is expected to accommodate 200 students, is to be built at Butler's Wharf on the Thames just below Tower Bridge, a site chosen after a long search.

And the Director invites suggestions about how the 1995 centenary can best highlight progress in the economic and social sciences as we move into the 21st century.

Next year, LSE's annual alumni reception, scheduled for June 10, will be open to students who left the School between 1947 and 1953. Alumni of those years living outside the U.K. are invited to contact the conference officer at the School early next year for details -- and Director Patel asks participants to let him know whether they prefer to come for an all-day reunion or just for an evening social reception.

## THE AFLSE CHRONICLE

President Wendy Weinberg ('56) has chronicled AFLSE history in the June *LSE Magazine*, which AFLSE sends to all its members. If you are not a current member and would like a copy of the article, you may request one from the AFLSE office. Better yet, ask for a membership application and receive both the spring and fall issues of *LSE Magazine* and all the advantages of AFLSE membership. That means invitations to the annual dinner and to special chapter events for members only and, on request, reduced-price subscription forms for *The Economist* and *Foreign Policy*. Then, too, when you visit London, we'll give you a letter of introduction giving access to the Library, the Senior Common Room and the LSE Dining Room. Wendy's article, by the way should fire your enthusiasm; she deftly summarizes how we got to where we are and all the good things we've been doing.

## NEWS OF THE CHAPTERS

The NEW YORK chapter is preparing for Election Day with a meeting to be addressed by NYU Professor Edwin Diamond on "Campaign '86: An Analysis." The session, at 6 p.m. on Oct. 15, will be at the Columbia Club. Professor Diamond has written three books on the media and political behavior as a result of the work of a news study group he formed at MIT, where he continues to be a visiting professor.

The NEW YORK chapter is holding its annual Christmas party at the Columbia Club at 6 p.m. on Dec. 11. And members are also getting discount tickets to Handel's *Messiah* performed by the Musica Sacra Orchestra and Chorus at Avery Fisher Hall, Lincoln Center, on Dec. 15.

Previous events on the busy New York calendar included a talk by Economist Eliot Janeway ('34) on "The Economic Consequences of Our Current Fiscal Chaos" on Sept. 11. Chapter members were invited to observe World Gratitude Day at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine on Sept. 21. This annual thanksgiving service devoted to the ideal of global community was begun in 1965 by Edna Fuerth Lemle, a long standing member of the New York chapter. Ms. Lemle presented this year's award to the Very Reverend James Park Morton of the cathedral. Previous honorees include Margaret Thatcher and Norman Cousins.

New York's Program Chairman Dana A. Benson ('80) reminds members that the chapter's annual scholarship fund drive is getting under way and those interested in participating should contact Chapter Cochairmen L. Mark Stone ('83) (688-5544 after 5:30 p.m.) or Candice Foss ('83) (593-2641). Dana says Treasurer Kathy Shandling ('82) has been very helpful in organizing the fall program, with Membership Chairman Susan Gilbert ('82) adding her support.

The WASHINGTON chapter's program chairman, Michael Shea ('83), has scheduled events ahead as far as January. Catherine England, senior policy analyst at the Cato Institute, will speak on "Do We Need to Regulate the Banks?" on Oct. 21. LSE Sociology Professor Eileen Barker will talk to chapter members at a still unspecified date in November, and the chapter expects to have a meeting on arms control in December. John Bohn ('60), president of the Export-Import Bank and holder of an LSE M.Sc. (Econ.), has promised to address the chapter on Jan. 20. Further information on coming events can be obtained from Edith Boehler (daytime) 566-4716 or Michael Shea (evenings) 543-2126.

John Williamson ('58) B.Sc. (Econ.), senior research fellow at the Institute for International Economics, opened the Washington chapter's fall program with a talk on "Exchange Rate Target Zones and Policy Coordination" on Sept. 23 at the Institute's Washington office. After pointing out that an *ad hoc* approach to international economic management had replaced a "hands-off" style of the early Reagan years, he argued that the *ad hoc* management was inadequate. To restrain costly speculative bubbles in foreign exchange markets, Mr. Williamson proposed two alternatives: countries could either establish target zones for their currencies or they could agree on a list of economic indicators to be discussed in a policy-coordinating forum. These programs would not necessarily cause all countries to adopt balanced policies, he said, but they would create international pressures for reform and improve the information given to the markets.

The TEXAS chapter had a reception for President Wendy Weinberg on July 7 at the Houston home of Board Member Harry M. Reasoner ('64). Wendy spent the month of July in Texas and met informally with LSE alumni and friends in Austin and San Antonio.

Sander Rubin ('54), chairman of the DAVIS/SACRAMENTO chapter, writes that, according to word from London, Professor Susan Strange of LSE's department of international relations will be visiting the University of California at Davis for the Michaelmas term. Sander will be helping to arrange for her to meet with local alumni, as well as with students who might be interested in attending LSE. Interested alumni can contact Sander directly at the address listed below.

The SAN FRANCISCO chapter also expects to hear Professor Strange. Chairman Marion Ross says a tentative date has been set for Saturday, Nov. 8. Further information can be had from Marion, whose address and telephone number is listed below.

## HOW TO GET IN ON CHAPTER ACTIVITY

Interested in opening a new chapter? Or stirring things up in your area? Chapter activities depend on local initiative and interest. Anyone wishing to help arrange activities in an area where there is an existing chapter is encouraged to contact the chapter chairman. If there is no chapter in your area and you would like to see whether there are enough LSE alumni in the vicinity for you to arrange an occasional informal gathering, please get in touch with AFLSE President Wendy Weinberg.

And to help in making contacts, here is the current list of chapter chairmen or other responsible officers, their addresses and daytime telephone numbers ("H" indicates home phone):

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A program committee is now forming for the Boston chapter -- more anon.