

been teaching a course on the English legal system at the Rutgers School of Law in Camden.

The PHILADELPHIA chapter also arranged a meeting in PITTSBURGH March 23 to accommodate Friends in western Pennsylvania. Professor Susan Strange from the LSE International Relations Department met informally with area alumni at the University of Pittsburgh. Elizabeth Costello ('76) organized the session.

The OHIO chapter heard Tim Schellhardt, Cleveland bureau chief of the *Wall Street Journal*, discuss the future of smokestack America. The meeting was held at the home of Gabor S. Brachna in Fairview Park on Dec. 12.

Dr. Anne Bohm's successful 1985 U.S. visit included receptions at Southern Methodist University given by the DALLAS chapter Oct. 7 and by the LOS ANGELES chapter on Nov. 9 at the home of Richard and Maryellen Fine in Malibu.

CHICAGO chapter members were invited to a reception by British Consul General and Mrs. Roger Carrick on Feb. 12.

The WASHINGTON chapter held a successful Christmas party Dec. 12. Many members saw the National Gallery's "Treasure Houses of Britain" show as a group on Feb. 4. Assistant Secretary of Defense Richard N. Perle, who attended LSE in 1961, spoke to the chapter about the U.S. arms control policy on Feb 19. Secretary Perle had recently debated former U.K. Defense Secretary Denis Healey at LSE, a discussion broadcast by the BBC World Service.

Another Washington chapter speaker was Elliot Abrams, assistant secretary of state for inter-American affairs,

who spoke on U.S. Latin American policy at a luncheon meeting on March 10. Mr. Abrams earned an M.Sc. in economics at LSE in 1970. And Dr. Richard Rahn spoke on tax reform on March 26. Dr. Rahn is vice president and chief economist of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

The British Embassy Players have generously donated a block of tickets for their popular annual music hall to the AFLSE scholarship fund. The tickets, for the June 11 performance at 8 p.m., are being sold to Washington area chapter members and the proceeds will help meet our 1986 goal for scholarships.

FOR THE RECORD

Sanford J. Ungar ('66) has been named dean of American University's School of Communications. Sandy had been a senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, a National Public Radio broadcaster and a *Washington Post* reporter . . . Former Senator John Tower ('53) has resigned as U.S. negotiator at the Geneva nuclear arms talks with the Soviet Union to lecture on political science at Southern Methodist University . . . Senator Daniel P. Moynihan ('53) has a new book, *Family and Nation* (Harcourt Brace Javanovich), which has been the subject of warm reviews . . .

Edna Fuerth Lemle has published a pamphlet "Global Land Authority for the Development of Peace Zones" . . . Andre Sharon ('57) managing director of Simms Capital Partners of New York, was the guest of PBS's "Wall Street Week" on March 7. . . . Washington business consultant Guy Feliz Erb wrote an article on U.S.-Mexican relations for the *Los Angeles Times* on the occasion of the meeting of President Reagan and Miguel de la Madrid in January. Guy is chairman of the U.S.-Mexican Policy Committee sponsored by the overseas Development Council. . . .



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NEWSLETTER

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CHOOSING NEW SCHOLARS

The AFLSE scholarship committee reviewed more than 125 applications this March and April, a considerable increase over last year. The eight new scholars, who will receive \$2,500 awards for 1986-87, will be announced in our next newsletter.

Scholarship Chairwoman Priscilla S. Taylor reports that among this year's applicants were an unusual number of naturalized citizens and foreigners who are permanent U.S. residents, including some from Argentina, Poland and the Soviet Union.

Among the 1985 scholars, Moira Ann McNamara and Bjorn Aune, both M.Sc. students in the Department of Sea Use, Law, Economics and Policy, have completed their course. Ms. McNamara, now Mrs. Schoen, gained a distinction. Bjorn Aune has reregistered for the M.Phil. degree in sea use topics. Wendy Coleman has also completed her M.Sc. in industrial relations. Other of our scholars are still in process of earning their degrees.

SCHOLARS IN ACTION

Some of our nine 1986 scholars have written letters to the committee, providing vivid cameos of current student life. Writing at the end of his first term, Andrew Regan, enrolled in the West European politics and government course, reported:

"The LSE has more than fulfilled my expectations with regard to academic resources, quality of the instructors and student population, and general milieu . . . The diversity of background of my fellow graduate students (English, Irish, Scottish, Greek, German, Swiss, Italian, Canadian, and even a Maltesian) has proved refreshing and eye-opening. Our workload is not onerous, leaving time for more unstructured exploration of specific topics. In my case, the process of Italian financial deregulation has proved intriguing and will serve as the topic of

my M.Sc. dissertation. All in all, the amount of information I have assimilated about European politics, government and economics within three months is staggering . . ."

Enrolled in LSE's economic history program, Tom Maloney is enthusiastic about the opportunity to engage in "the exegeses of historical texts." In addition to taking four courses, he has been working at the Public Records Office in Chancery Lane comparing beef and other commodity prices for a study of the victualing office of the Royal Navy in the eighteenth century. "My tutor," he writes, "is the affable Dudley Baines. We have very good conversations on far-ranging political and economic subjects, both past and present. One can't help leaving the office feeling refreshed. . . . There are many ethnic, political, religious and social societies active at LSE. It's a great way to meet your fellow students, take in an occasional lecture or trip to the countryside, see films and plays. You name it, it can be done—on a student budget, no less. . . . I've joined eight societies myself, half semi-academic and half purely social. . . ."

He and others comment on the high price of student digs, in some cases 60 to 80 pounds a week (\$90 to \$120, in the event you are out of touch with the current exchange rate). Daniel Chung says, "You cannot afford to be fussy about housing. It's expensive and scarce. I lived at International Hall. The food is horrid, the architecture is stoic and the noise level is tolerable." He has advice for new scholars: "I applied in late June to LSE and London University Housing. I got rejected by all dorms and then in late September got admitted to some dorms. The trick is to try early and keep trying because as the dorms receive cancellations, they make new offers to previously rejected candidates. . . ."

Writing in February, David H. L. Van Cleve reported: "Despite all the warnings I got from friends who had lived here, I was appalled to learn what a remarkably expensive place London is. . . . Let me say, therefore, that your scholarship has been even more important

than I had initially anticipated and I share with past scholars in my gratitude for your generosity. I did hesitate for some time to write you, however, because initially I was not particularly enamored of London or of the LSE. . . ."

David says he arrived at LSE with "high expectations," primarily because his former boss, who had received his master's from LSE, had spoken in "fantastically glowing terms of his alma mater." David was "therefore somewhat taken aback by some of the starker realities of the LSE—its physical decrepitude, the frustrating limitations of its library, and especially the reserve of many of the professors." He has now come to appreciate his tutor who, he writes, "gives a great amount of attention to my work." David also reports he has moved from a dormitory to share a flat with two English roommates and has found a good place to work—the British Museum library: "It is the one place you can be assured of finding your books, since they can't be checked out." He is also taking a course in Finnish at the School of Slavonic Studies.

A RAVE REVIEW FOR LSE

What's LSE like today? The April issue of the magazine *Town and Country* gives us still another answer—and it's one well worth the magazine's purchase price. Reporter Patricia Linden calls LSE the "school of hard thoughts." Despite its "dismal, congested . . . buildings in the heart of soot-gray London," she says it is one of "the most distinguished international centers of research and learning in the world," like "an intellectual in ragamuffin dress."

"The fact is," she goes on, "LSE's crammed urban location is a stupendous asset. Not only is the school convenient to Heathrow Airport—important because LSE professors habitually fly round the world as unpaid consultants to governments—it also borders on that square mile of London known as the City: the political, legal and financial nerve center of Europe and the United Kingdom. The situation is academic dynamite. Within minutes, teacher-consultants can whisk to the board rooms, courtrooms and counting houses of London, where they are involved with the very subjects they teach. As a result, the information that cascades from most departments is as up-to-the-minute as newsprint."

Reporter Linden quotes Geography Professor Emeritus Michael Wise as saying that even his subject is "slanted to the latest thing. Whereas in the States geography is usually a matter of fifth-graders memorizing pink and blue maps, Wise says that at LSE the lens is on regional economies, ecologies and cultural mores. The point is to apply geography to problems such as city planning, land use, droughts and famine. Wise emphasizes, "The application of all our disciplines to public policy issues is a hallmark of the LSE. That is how our school differs from others."

In sum, *Town and Country's* account is balanced, rich in anecdotes and studded with names right, left and center—including some of our own Friends. Indeed, the creation of the American Friends of LSE is credited with being the breakthrough that not only gave the library drive impetus but helped shatter conventions to introduce full-scale university fund raising in Britain.

Says Reporter Linden, "Fund raising never ends . . . The place still needs plenty of everything. The astonishing thing is, in spite of the fact that it's weary and bare, LSE works—rather like a no-frills flight that gets people to their destinations and doesn't ease the way with champagne and reclining seats."

SIR HUW WHELDON DIES

Sir Huw Wheldon, O.B.E., M.C., died on March 14. He was chairman of LSE's Court of Governors from 1975 to 1985 and an Honorary Fellow since 1971. He received his B.Sc. (Econ.) in 1938. His many accomplishments included a distinguished career at the BBC.

A man of infectious enthusiasms, Sir Huw was especially enthusiastic about the American Friends of LSE. His visits to Washington and New York are warmly remembered by those who dealt with him. His chairmanship of the Court of Governors embraced strengthened relations with alumni, the library campaign, efforts to compensate for the hike in overseas students' fees and the successful launching of the 1980s fund.

Tributes have been pouring in and a thanksgiving service for his life of good works is scheduled for Westminster Abbey on May 7.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Membership Chairman Jane Emerson ('81) reports that dues from members are coming in slightly ahead—about 6 percent—of results last year. Eight new life members have contributed \$500 or pledged \$100 a year for five years. They represent a big plus for our financial and organizational strength.

A total of 840 members have paid their 1986 dues and Jane hopes the total will be substantially above the 1,000 recorded at midyear in 1985. She reminds all members to send in their own changes of address promptly—it saves us money. And she asks for help when we know the whereabouts of others so that we can correct the 900 inaccurate or questionable addresses now in our files.

THE FUND APPEAL

This newsletter includes a fund appeal envelope, a reminder that your continued financial support is needed if we are going to maintain our scholarship assistance at the current level. Fund Appeal Chairman Jeffrey Weinberg notes that contributions earmarked for the LSE

library are also welcome. All contributions are tax deductible.

DATA-GATHERING FOR OUR DIRECTORY

Nina Corin ('82) reports that questionnaires have now been sent to more than 5,000 American Friends of LSE—all those on our roster—so that a comprehensive directory can be published by the end of the year. Those who did not answer the first questionnaire have been sent a second one to insure that the volume will be as accurate as possible. Anyone who has not received a questionnaire should notify Nina Corin, care of the AFLSE office.

The publisher, Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company of White Plains, N.Y., will follow up the mailings with telephone interviews in June and July. We hope all American Friends will cooperate, correcting any outdated addresses or other misstatements. If they do not want to be listed, they should inform the publisher to that effect. Those who wish to purchase the new directory will be able to reserve copies during the Harris telephone survey.

1986 REUNION

LSE's reunion for those who left the School in the years 1974, 1975 and 1976 will be held on June 4, 1986. Those interested in attending can get details from the Alumni Office, LSE, Houghton St., Aldwych, London WC2A 2AE.

ECONOMISTS IN THE REAL WORLD

The school is observing the 20th anniversary of its teaching program leading to an M.Sc. in economics with a special reunion conference August 27-29. The theme of the meeting, "Economists in the Real World," reflects an effort to tap the experience of those who participated in the first 15 years of the program.

There are now about 2,000 students from 80 countries who have received the degree. Many of them are in government, banking, commerce, industry and education. At the conference, workshop-seminars will cover fiscal and monetary policy, the international economy, development, labor economics and companies and their control.

Reservations have been requested by May 30. Inquiries should be directed to the Alumni Office, LSE, Houghton St., Aldwych, London WC2A 2AE.

MORE NEWS FROM THE RANKS

Newsletter Editor William Wade ('48) invites readers to contribute news items, especially School-related infor-

mation, to help make the newsletter newsier. Send your contribution to our national office, at the address on the masthead on page 1.

NEWS OF THE CHAPTERS

Members of the NEW YORK chapter attended, *en bloc*, an off-Broadway performance of "The Country Doctor" staged by the City Stage Company April 17. The play, based on a Franz Kafka short story, is by award-winner Len Jenkin. The AFLSE contingent joined in a postproduction discussion and were guests at a wine-and-cheese reception.

Professor Elizabeth Durbin of New York University's Graduate School of Public Administration was both host and speaker at a chapter meeting held at her Westside apartment on March 24. She discussed her book, *New Jerusalems: The Labour Party and the Economics of Democratic Socialism*. The book, published last year, is a study of the influence of Hugh Gaitskell and other young economists on the Labor party during the 1930s. Professor Durbin's father, Evan Durbin, a lecturer in economics at LSE for nearly 20 years, was part of that group. Professor Durbin's book won glowing reviews in Britain; *The Economist* called it "not only an admirable history but a document of contemporary value." The author holds degrees from Oxford and Columbia and was a research assistant at LSE in 1960-61 and an academic visitor there in 1977.

The New York chapter also scheduled a reception for Dr. Anne Bohm for May 8. Dr. Bohm, former head of the graduate school and now LSE's peripatetic external relations consultant, is again in the U.S. after her extensive tour last fall when she concentrated on southern, midwestern and western areas less frequently visited by LSE representatives.

In addition, the New York chapter has new co-chairmen—Candice E. Foss (an AFLSE scholar in '83) and L. Mark Stone—the result of an election Nov. 19 at a general meeting at Steve Scheuer's Central Park West home. They succeed John J. Kerr, Jr., who was chapter chairman for two years. He and Program Chairman Steve Glick deserve kudos for the group's lively schedule of activities—among them the chapter's Christmas cocktail party at the Williams Club on Dec. 17.

The PHILADELPHIA chapter heard an expert discussion of health care in the U.S. and U.K. at a Dec. 10 meeting. The expert was Dr. William Kissick, professor of public health at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School. Mark S. Stewart, who has succeeded Janice Bellace as Philadelphia chapter chairman, is seeking more LSE alumni to add to the network in the Philadelphia area. On March 26, chapter members heard Professor Joe Jacob talk on computers and the social sciences at the Camden, N.J., campus of Rutgers University. Professor Jacob, lecturer in law at LSE, has