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LSE alum appointed to head Voice of America

New challenge for broadcaster, writer, and academic

Sanford Unger, latterly Dean of Communications at American University, is now Director of the Voice of America (VOA). This is a new challenge for one who, since graduating from the LSE in 1967, with an MSc in International History, has had a prolific and distinguished career in print and broadcast journalism.

He has been a staff writer for the *Washington Post*, editor of *The Atlantic*, contributor to *The Economist*, managing editor of *Foreign Policy*, correspondent for *UPI* in Paris, and also for *Newsweek* in Nairobi. In addition, he has authored respected works on topics which include: the people and politics of Africa; the history of the FBI and, most recently, a study of immigrant groups in the US entitled *Fresh Blood: The New American Immigrants*.

Sandy looks back on his graduate year at the LSE as "fabulous" in terms of academic exposure and the development of his writing skills. In return, he has been a loyal member of the AFLSE, and served on the Scholarship Committee. In the early 80s, while hosting *All Things Considered*, the award-winning National Public Radio program, he interviewed Anne Bohm, who had assisted him as Secretary of the Graduate School.

Sandy will be charged with negotiating a change of status for the VOA. On October 1, its parent, the US Information Agency, will be absorbed into the State Department and the VOA will become an independent entity with, potentially, greater editorial freedom. Sandy Unger is clearly more than qualified to negotiate this change.

AFLSE Plans 30th Anniversary Celebration

Come fly away to London to revisit the School and its history!

The AFLSE, founded in 1970, is both the oldest and largest organization of the LSE's overseas alumni. Now, with the approach of its 30th Anniversary, a week-long grand tour to London is being planned for September 2000 to celebrate the occasion.

First class accommodation will be provided close to the LSE, and the focus of the trip will be on revisiting old haunts, renewing relationships and discovering new, exciting developments both in London and at the School.

A reception and briefing tour is planned at the Houses of Parliament. There will be visits to the new British Library, the Globe Theatre, the new Tate Gallery, and other places of interest, with a dinner at the School as the finale.

Side trips are also planned to sites that may be new to alums. One will be to Ayot St Lawrence in Hertfordshire to visit the home of George Bernard Shaw, and his wife Charlotte Payne Townsend who, like GBS, was a friend of Sidney and Beatrice Webb, and was an early benefactor of the School before her marriage. A visit to Cambridge Colleges will focus on Peterhouse, home to the LSE during World War II.

Current and former AFLSE Presidents, Ann Imlah Schneider and Elizabeth Smith Brownstein have worked with Academic Travel Abroad, to develop a tour that promises to be both interesting and fun, and worthy of the occasion.

Mark your calendars now and reserve the week of September 17 through 24 to add to your celebration of the millenium year.

New World venture for the LSE

Director of Development moves from London to New York

In mid-town Manhattan, a non-profit organization is being set up on behalf of the LSE. It will have two objectives: fund-raising from individuals, corporations, and foundations, and the establishment of collaborative ventures with US universities. Fiona Hodgson, Director of Development and Alumni Relations, has moved from London to spearhead the new initiative, and will work closely with the AFLSE.

The huge success of fundraising for renovation of the Lionel Robbins Library - over £24 million to date - encouraged the LSE to launch its New York operation. With well over 10,000 alumni in the US, it is felt that there is great, untapped potential for the School.

Fiona plans to establish a volunteer committee, which in consultation with the LSE will establish priorities for a planned campaign on behalf of the School. The broad categories to be funded are: student scholarships, endowed faculty chairs, and capital projects, including a student center to be created in the Old Building.

LSE Director, Tony Giddens, will be in New York at the end of October to address the Council on Foreign Relations. He will also help launch the new entity and its national fund-raising efforts, meeting with George Soros and other noted alums, as well as key foundation leaders. During his stay, a dinner will be hosted by Stephen Rattner ('82) and his wife Maureen White.

The New York visit will follow upon a trip to Los Angeles. This is to celebrate the introduction of a joint LSE/University
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of Southern California graduate program in Global Media. Other joint academic programs are also in the development stage.

The new organization is located at Suite 2902, 909 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10022, donated by Citigroup, through the generosity of alumnus Alan MacDonald, (MSc '68) Executive Vice-President, Global Relationship Bank. Fiona can be reached at 212-486-2771; fax:212-486-1931. Her e-mail remains the same: F.Hodgson@lse.ac.uk

She looks forward to meeting alumni from around the country and welcomes ideas, not to mention donations to the LSE!

Scholarship Report

Neil Ericsson reports that for the 1999-2000 academic year, the AFLSE Scholarship Committee reviewed 166 applicants. This marked an increase over the past two years. After narrowing this highly competitive field to 20 candidates on the basis of academic qualifications, financial need, and career plans, the committee then ranked these applicants. The following three have been awarded an AFLSE scholarship, which provides each recipient with full tuition.

Kian Gohar

Kian graduated from Northwestern University in 1998 with a BA in History and Political Science and will be studying for the MSc in International Relations. He has been an intern for both the Consulate General of France and the Los Angeles World Affairs Council. He is currently working as a country analyst for Marvin Zonis and Associates in Chicago. While at Northwestern, Kian founded and directed an all-male *a cappella* ensemble which, in addition to performing several full-length shows, recorded a CD and went on tour in the Midwest.

He was designated to be the E. Franklin Robbins Scholar for the coming year.

Nicole Demestihis

Nicole graduated from Smith College in 1995 with majors in both Anthropology and Psychology. She

will be studying for the MSc in Development Studies. After college, she worked for two years as a research assistant at Montgomery Securities, working on the analysis of equity performance. She then worked for Global Service Corps in Kenya, where she launched, coordinated, and developed an HIV/AIDS awareness education project. Her interests in development programs focus on women and Kenya.

Martin Kindl

Martin graduated from New York University this year with a BA in Politics and Africana Studies. At the LSE he will be studying for the M.Sc. in Environment and Development, a new MSc sponsored jointly by the Department of Geography and Environment, and the Development Studies Institute. Martin has worked at the Museum for African Art has aided in a violence prevention program under AmeriCorps, and has assisted organizations working with refugees and exiles. His senior thesis at N.Y.U. was on "The Nok Terracottas of Nigeria".

New Publications

Elizabeth Smith Brownstein, (MSc International Relations, '67) is a writer, researcher and producer of TV documentaries (not to mention being a former President of the AFLSE, who has been active in the organization since its earliest days). Now she has produced a book, to be published this month, entitled *If This House Could Talk ..Historic Homes, Extraordinary Americans*, Simon and Schuster, October, 1999.

The book, although beautifully illustrated, with more than 200 color and black and white photographs, most in color is no mere "coffee table conversation piece". Rather it is an exploration of the changing lives and personalities of the American people, as exemplified by 28 homes, ranging from a 12th century sandstone pueblo, to a Lower East Side tenement. However, the rich and famous are not ignored, and houses once lived in by Abraham Lincoln, Robert Frost and William Randolph Hearst are also featured and discussed.

Advance reviews by the distinguished biographer David

McCullough, and by the President of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, pronounce the book as "exceptional", "enlightening" and "thoroughly enjoyable".

Current AFLSE President Ann Imlah Schneider, (PhD History, '63) and Barbara B. Burn, PhD, have produced a report entitled: *Federal Funding for International Studies: Does it Help? Does it Matter?* It is based on a survey of institutions which have received grants for international program development under Title VI of the Higher Education Act. Copies available from: The International Programs Office, University of Massachusetts, Amherst MA 01003-3280.

The LSE in the News

There are zero British students starting PhD courses at the LSE this year. The writer of a recent article on higher education in the UK, attributed this to declining government support for higher education, and low academic salaries *The Times* (June 24, 1999).

LSE academics Richard Layard, Linda Colley, Howard Glennerster, Anne Power, John Hills, and Director Tony Giddens were all mentioned in a recent article on the relationship between the current UK Government and academia *The Economist* (September 4, 1999)

A new theory by distinguished economist William Baumol, (PhD '49) was featured in the *New York Times*, June 5 1999. He argues that innovation, rather than competition and price cutting, is the key to growth, and that innovation is often achieved by collaboration between rivals.

Board Member Alert!

The next Board Meeting will be held in New York City on Saturday, November 6. Time and place to be announced.

The next issue of the Newsletter is scheduled for January. Please have your submissions to the Newsletter editor by December 15.

Reports from AFLSE Chapters

ARIZONA

The Arizona Chapter held its inaugural "get together" breakfast on August 28, at the Buttes Resort in Tempe, near Phoenix. Chapter leader **Arvind Singh** reports that members came from as far away as Tucson and Flagstaff. Prospective LSE students also joined the group. Arvind asks that all who are interested contact him with suggestions for further meetings and events.

BOSTON

On July 19, the Boston Chapter welcomed **Reggie Simpson**, Director of Alumni Programmes and Services, and **Paul Summerfield**, Assistant Director of Development at the LSE. They joined an enthusiastic group of local alums for cocktails and dinner at Legal Seafoods in Park Square. **Marti Harrington**, Philadelphia chapter co-chair, who was in Bean Town for a conference, also came to the event.

Many thanks to all who attended, and especially to Reggie and Paul, who provided us with news of recent developments at the School.

Be sure to join us on the second Thursday of each month at the Grafton Street Pub and Grille, 1280 Mass Ave, Cambridge (just outside Harvard Square). These evenings are informal networking nights for alums, but also offer prospective students an opportunity to ask the group about their experiences of the LSE and of living in London. RSVPs to **Liz Wall**, chapter leader, are greatly appreciated.

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CHICAGO

The Chicago Chapter welcomed **Eileen Barker**, Professor of Sociology at the LSE to their summer event, a buffet dinner held at the Exchequer Restaurant and Pub. Professor Barker spoke about her study of religion, highlighting her work on eastern faiths, and also with cults. This was of particular interest in view of the recent renewed focus on the happenings in Waco, Texas.

More than 20 alumni and friends attended, and enjoyed this fascinating event, at which chapter leader **Blair Nelson-Sanford** also gave an update on happenings at the LSE. This was based on her attendance at British Embassy event in Washington in April, where Tony Giddens and Cherie Booth Blair were guests of honor (see *Summer Newsletter*).

Dan Weil will be coordinating the next meeting. This will be a members-only event at the British Consulate later this fall.

As always, helpers are needed on the third Sunday of every month to join in preparing and serving food to the needy in the Humbolt Park neighborhood. **Blair** will be happy to provide further information about this important community effort.

FLORIDA CENTRAL

To encourage Proximity Among Members (PAM) there is a need to establish a Central Florida Chapter. The boundary will begin at Cedar Key, and encompass Saint John's County, Palm Beach County, and Sarasota.

If there is a Central Florida Chapter, there must also be a leader to develop and coordinate activities in the interests of fostering PAM. So if you live in Orlando, Gainesville, Tampa or environs, and are willing to volunteer for the position, please contact **Natalie Hanson**, AFLSE VP for Membership and Chapters.

FLORIDA SOUTH

Khalid Murgian (MSc, Politics of the World Economy, 1998) has taken over the leadership of the Florida South Chapter. The AFLSE welcomes Khalid, who lives in Coral Gables, and thanks him for taking over from **Katharine Scott**. We also thank Katharine for doing a great job in getting the new chapter off the ground. Katharine is moving from Miami to take up a new position in Washington, D.C., and we hope to see her soon at DC Chapter events.

MAINE

Congratulations to **David Rudnick** and his wife on the birth of a healthy son on July 7. In spite of new demands on his time, David is actively looking for volunteers in areas of northern New England where there are a number of alums, including parts of Vermont, New Hampshire, and Southern and Northern Maine, to host meetings or organize gatherings at a local pub or other similar location. If you are willing to be a local coordinator, please contact David.

Having spoken with AFLSE President **Ann Schneider**, who was visiting Maine, he is also hoping to increase membership among New England alums. He would welcome offers of help in telephoning a list of potential AFLSE members.

NEW YORK

Our annual PHILHARMONIC IN CENTRAL PARK event was on July 20, attended by 35 alums and friends, and good weather! The wine and conversation flowed, and the food was pretty decent. Unlike previous years, our black, gold and purple balloons did not fly away so most folks located us in the crowd.

On October 4 we are hosting a networking seminar at our monthly meeting at the Playwright Tavern. This is to assist the many alumni currently pounding the pavements of New York in search of a career. **Gina Resnick**, Director, Columbia Business (continued on next page)

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Business School's Career Resource Center, assesses the job market in various fields and gives pointers on successful networking to find that dream job.

MARK YOUR DIARIES WITH THE FOLLOWING FUTURE EVENTS!

Wednesday, December 8, 1999, is the date of our holiday party – friends and spouses welcome. The event starts at 6:30 pm at The Parlour Restaurant, 250 West 86th Street (at Broadway) in the downstairs bar, which was a big hit for our pub quiz. Hors d'oeuvres will be served, and there will be a cash bar. No RSVP required, just a \$20 donation at the door. We look forward to having a great time.

Entitled "Wines of the Southern Hemisphere" our annual wine tasting will take place on Friday, March 10, 2000. **Mark Stone** will be our host, sharing his infinite knowledge, and inviting us to sample the wines of Chile, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. The venue is the Playwright Tavern, 3rd Floor, 202 West 49th Street (between Broadway and 7th Avenue).

The 3rd Floor of the Playwright Tavern is also the venue for our meetings, at 7 pm, on the first Monday of each month. New members and recent grads are always welcome! **Please note:** the meeting scheduled for December 6th will not be held because of the holiday party 2 days later.

Stay in touch with NY Chapter events by subscribing to our listserver. All you need is an email address. Interested in joining our on-line network? Contact **Mark Stone** at: LMStone@ibm.net

PHILADELPHIA

Rich Stein reports that the chapter continues to hold monthly gatherings around the city. Several times this summer, AFLSE members, friends and families met in the cozy surroundings of the Palladium, a cheerful venue on the campus of the University of Pennsylvania. In addition, chapter alums joined members of the Penn Club of Philadelphia for a 30th anniversary celebration of the first manned moon landing. The event included dining at

fresco at the Mann Music Center with a performance by the Philadelphia Orchestra of the *Planets Suite* by Gustav Holst, music from *Star Wars*, and a video narrated by Buzz Aldrin, the second astronaut to walk on the moon.

New faces were seen at each meeting and **Rich** looks forward to meeting more new alums at the autumn events. Sadly, however, the chapter bids a warm *adieu* to **Rob Keast**, (MSc, '98) one of its most loyal supporters in the past year. They wish him well as he begins a new job in Washington, DC, and hope he will not forget his old Philadelphia friends ... remember **Rob**, the door is always open!

SEATTLE

August is always a great month in Seattle, and this year was no exception. The weather was fine on August 28 for the summer BBQ, held on the houseboat of chapter member **Bob Davis**. Besides food, drink and conversation, a little sea kayaking was the order of the day as the sun set over the floating homes on Lake Union.

Also in August, chapter leader **Ted Hoffman** and his wife **Candace** hosted **Ann Schneider**, AFLSE president, for dinner. Among other things discussed, was the potential for starting a new chapter in Portland, Oregon.

For Seattle alums, October 20 is the date of the next informal gathering, to be held at the Irish pub, **Tir Na Nog**, on the corner of 1st and Columbia.

WASHINGTON, DC

Caroline Cooper reports that DC alums kicked off the summer with a trip to see the Washington area's soccer team, DC United, on June 26. On July 21, **Christopher Jackson**, Director General of the Hong Kong Trade Office, hosted the DC Chapter at a splendid reception and discussion on the transition from British colony to a Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China. The event was very well attended and provided members with up to date information on Hong Kong's current economic climate, and efforts to recover from the recent financial crisis. On September 3, **Dr. Razeen Sally**, of the International Relations Department of the LSE, met with chapter members at the **Brickskellar**, and updated them on the latest happenings at the School.

A packed fall program is now under way. On September 22, the DC Chapter was co-host with Women in International Trade for a discussion on the latest round of World Trade Organization negotiations. Featured speakers were US Trade Representative, and LSE alum, Ambassador **Donald Johnson**, and **Kristen Thatcher**, Director, Federal Government Affairs, AT&T.

Upcoming events include an October 5 talk by a senior executive from the investment firm **Lazard Freres**. He will discuss international financial markets. Then on November 1, chapter members will receive an update on the Federal Reserve from Governor **Laurence Meyer**.

In addition to organizing these events, the DC Chapter has recently launched a **LISTSERVE**, and chapter members are excited about the benefits to be gained from the new service. Chapter members will be able to disseminate information to others more easily, and it is hoped that this will increase program participation. Chapter co-chairs, **Matt Breitfelder** and **Michael O'Malley**, also meet with a planning committee at 6:30 on the first Tuesday of every month in the piano bar of the **Mayflower Hotel** in downtown DC. New participants, input and ideas are always welcome.

Interesting Snippets

Congressman **Ron Kind** (MSc '86) (D-Wisconsin) argues that federal dairy policy, which has been in place for the past 60 years, contains perverse incentives, akin to giving price guarantees for adding salt to Lake Michigan to develop lobster colonies *Washington Post*, September 22, 1999.

During her April visit to Washington, (see *Summer Newsletter*) **Cherie Booth Blair** (LIB '75), **Hilary Rodham Clinton**, and **Lady Meyer**, wife of the British Ambassador, launched the International Center for Missing and Exploited Children. **Lady Meyer's** own child custody problems were featured on ABC's 20/20 on May 7, 1999.

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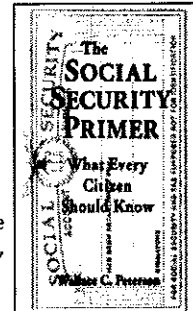
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