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NEWSLETTER

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BUTLERS WHARF ABUILDING

Work began at Butlers Wharf, site of a new LSE student residence, last November and there is hope occupancy can take place in 1989. Former AFLSE President Wendy Weinberg, who viewed the project in March and again in July, reports the LSE building is now four stories high and swathed in scaffolding and netting, while construction goes on apace there and at other parts of the 7 1/2-acre complex just south and east of Tower Bridge. She says the former docklands area is being regenerated into an impressive modern neighborhood of residential, commercial and cultural facilities. It is one more step toward dressing up the historic South Bank of the Thames.

The LSE student accommodation, just one building in the project, will be more than a dormitory. It will consist of a system of "homes," or self-contained flats. Each flat will have six individual study-bedrooms, a shared kitchen-living room area for self-catering, and bathrooms. The six-story residence will boost the School's student accommodations by 37 percent. LSE hopes to get possession next spring.

The School is raising £1.5 million from private sources to help meet the £6 million cost of the building and the AFLSE executive committee has agreed on goal of \$50,000 for a national fund-raising campaign to begin shortly. If we can boost our contributions to £50,000 (about 70 percent higher than the dollar figure at the current rate of exchange), the School will name one of the building's flats in our honor.

Geoffrey Bell ('61) in New York and Wendy Weinberg in Washington are the new co-chairmen for the AFLSE fund appeal. Geoffrey is president of his own investment advisory firm and chairman of the Guinness Mahon Bank. Contributions to the fund have already begun to come in; but AFLSE President David Sahr advises that it will take a serious effort by all of the School's American Friends if its goals are to be reached, while we sustain our continuing yearly scholarship program. He points out that the number of our contributors has been falling in recent years and urges wider participation throughout the ranks of members and well-wishers, old and new. Contributions should be made out to the AFLSE Fund Appeal/Butlers Wharf and sent to AFLSE, 6803 Whittier Ave., McLean, VA 22101.

NEW HEADQUARTERS FOR AFLSE

AFLSE has a new headquarters address, the result of a new contract with Associations International, Inc., to provide us with vital management services. These include maintaining our computerized membership lists and updating them promptly, mailing our newsletter and other communications, receiving dues and fund contributions and keeping our accounts. The new address is:

American Friends of LSE
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Our new telephone number is: (703) 442-8781.

With the management agreement in place, Vice President Nina Corin ('82) urges all members who have not paid this year's dues to come back into the fold and all those who have delayed joining up to do so now. She says we need to increase our paid-up membership, not allow it to falter. And she points out that our membership fees have not increased for some time and AFLSE membership now brings a number of privileges, including discounts on subscriptions to four publications: *The Financial Times*, *The Economist*, *Foreign Policy* and *The SAIS Review* (published by Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies).

W. WEINBERG AN LSE GOVERNOR

Former AFLSE President Wendy Weinberg has been named to the School's Court of Governors, the first U.S. resident to be so honored. She has attended her first two governors' meetings, one in March and the second in July, and expects to attend again in December to make all three sessions on the court's yearly schedule.

The court has as many as 100 members. It has a number of functional committees, plus staff, to prepare the governors for their decision-making, which sets the course of School activities. It has a new chairman, Sir Peter Parker, who has studied at Cornell and Harvard as well as in Britain.

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SCHOLARS REPORT

The AFLSE Scholarship Committee, headed by Priscilla Taylor, reports that the Scholarship Office received more than 250 requests for application for the 1988-89 scholarship program. They came from 33 states and 8 countries overseas and resulted in 135 applications. The eight winning candidates, each of whom will receive \$3,400, will be named in the autumn newsletter.

The Scholarship Committee welcomed two new members this year: Robin Broadway, a 1978 D.P.M., who is a personnel officer with the International Monetary Fund; and Mrs. Moira McNamara Schoen, a 1985 M.Sc., who gained a distinction in sea-use law, economics, and policy as an AFLSE Scholar and now works in Washington, D.C., for the Environmental Protection Agency.

At present there are six women and two men at LSE on AFLSE scholarships, and several have sent reports of their activities.

Susan Giaimo has enjoyed living in Lillian Penson Hall, which is open to all postgraduates at the University of London; she

reports the range in age is 22 to 40 years. She says its "unbeatable" location—two blocks from Hyde Park/Kensington Gardens—has kept her from being claustrophobic, as she applied too late to get a single room. About her studies she wrote:

Studying at LSE has been quite an experience. It took some time to adjust to the system, as the student is given a fair amount of independence in one's studies. I am studying for a master's degree in the Politics and Government of Western Europe. The students in my program are from all over Western Europe, and this has presented me a unique first-hand opportunity to hear their opinions, some of which may be critical of American policy. The international character of my course, and of the school in general, enhances what I learn from my readings. The people in my course, as well as those I've met in my residence hall, are very friendly and we get together socially on a regular basis. The people from all parts of the world whom I can count as my friends constitute one of the highlights of my study at LSE. One practical note about LSE: the school has computers available to students for typing papers and also offers instruction on how to use

them, so one does not need to bring a typewriter from home.

Susan also reported that seeing Prime Minister Thatcher in action at the House of Commons was "something that should not be missed. The session I saw was highly charged, raucous and humorous. One can also visit those parliamentary committees which are open to the public." She expressed thanks for the "generous scholarship. Without it my study here would have remained an unrealized dream."

Takemi Ueno highly recommended living at Passfield Hall, which she described as within walking distance of the British Museum and Covent Garden, and a "20-25 minutes' brisk walk from LSE."

She also commented that she was glad that she had arrived early enough to see something of England before term begins. "I really enjoyed sightseeing, and I'm glad I did it then, while the weather was warmer and while I still had free time."

A number of the 1986-87 AFLSE Scholars have completed their work at LSE, with the following results:

- Catherine Epstein gained a distinction in the M.Sc. in politics and government of Russia. She is now working for the German Historical Institute in Washington, D.C., and has agreed to serve on the AFLSE Fund-Raising Committee.
- Sara Jill Cooper earned the M.Sc. in industrial relations and returned to California to job-hunt.
- Ruth Gordon earned the LL.M. degree and planned to remain in London for a year or so and find work with a U.S. firm.
- Elise Noel McMahon earned the M.Sc. in the history of political thought.
- Leigh Rivenbark earned the M.Sc. in comparative government.
- Pawel Kotwica spent a successful year at the School researching "The Catholic Church in Polish Politics, 1956-79." He has now returned to Notre Dame to prepare for his doctoral candidacy examination.

In addition, Melissa Baumann was invited to switch from the Diploma to the M.Phil. in international relations and, after spending some months in India, planned to return to LSE to continue her studies in the fall of 1988.

FOREIGN STUDENTS AT LSE

What have been the effects of 1980's sharp rise in LSE fees on foreign attendance? Is the U.S. contingent at the School seriously reduced?

The Alumnus Office has provided us with figures that show there is still a rich mix of foreign and U.K. students at LSE. The School had a student body of 3,500 in 1977-78 of which more than 1,300 came from overseas, including 221 from the U.S. In 1986-87 the student body was 4,300 of which 2,100 were from overseas, including 548 from the U.S.

The biggest change has been a sustained increase in U.S. undergraduate students, jumping from 79 to 222 between 1980 and 1981, with a peak of 370 in 1986. U.S. graduate students have been averaging about 200 a year. The U.S. total climbed to 643 in 1985-86 and dropped to 488 for 1987-88.

The effect of fee changes on all this is hard to discern. Another factor that can't be overlooked: the strong dollar of 1985 turned anemic in 1987, buying far fewer pounds not only for fees but for living expenses. That tide has only begun to turn this year.

PURPLE & GOLD SOUVENIRS

Want an old School tie? Or an old School scarf? Or an LSE sweat shirt, cufflinks, tankard, credit card case, tea towel or car decal?

The Student Union Shop (LSE East Building, Houghton Street, London, WC2A 2AE) has all of these, and a few more items, on sale. Examples: Polyester and cotton T-shirts (small, medium, large or extra large in navy, black, royal blue, red, green, yellow, white, grey or maroon) are £3.45 with a large or small badge-size crest, postage £2.70 air mail, 90 p surface mail. A School scarf is £9.13, with air mail postage of £4.50, surface £1.55.

Make checks or money orders out to the Union Shop, preferably in pounds. If in dollars or other currencies, add the equivalent of £4.60 for a bank translation fee.

The AFLSE office can furnish a limited number of copies of the Union Shop's price list.

NEWS OF THE CHAPTERS

The NEW YORK chapter has had a busy spring and summer schedule—a kind of Commonwealth festival of its own coinciding with New York City's International Festival of the Arts. An Australian wine tasting was held June 2 and a Malaysian dinner took place June 23, with the New York representative of the Singapore Economic Development Board talking to the group. Members watched two cricket matches, one on July 16 and another July 23, when the New York Cricket Club, oldest on the East Coast, met teams from British schools and the British consulate. And members were scheduled to attend a Mets-Montreal Expo baseball game in August, touching base with Canada. On August 6 they were also scheduled to hear an outdoor band performance of the Canadian Brass at Caramoor House in Katonah, N.Y. Then in September the chapter has reserved 100 tickets on two days to see the quarter finals of the U.S. Tennis Open, another international event that has been popular with chapter members in past years.

Chairman Kathy Shandling ('82) says there will also be a September cocktail party to begin the fall season. She is seeking a meeting place in midtown New York for a speakers program to tap LSE talent and the broad spectrum of international activities in the metropolitan area. She hopes to have a meeting focused on the November election and another with an AFLSE contingent attending one of Senator Moynihan's campaign appearances on Governor's Island. But she warns that, because of the new postal rates, notices of future events will be mailed only to dues-paying members—not to the full list of some 2,000 LSE alumni in the New York area.

PHILADELPHIA chapter members attended a meeting at the

University of Pennsylvania to hear former LSE Director Ralf Dahrendorf on April 18. Dr. Dahrendorf, now warden of St. Anthony College, Oxford, spoke on "Democracy without Opposition: In Search of Political Ideas."

The WASHINGTON chapter began the year with a successful holiday party at the rotunda of the British Embassy on January 8. On March 3 Dr. Robert Dunn, professor of international relations at George Washington University, discussed ways to ease Latin American debt, including exchanging equity for fixed-rate loans. The meeting was held at the Shaw, Pittman, Potts and Trowbridge law office. Dr. Edward Luttwak, senior fellow at the Center for Strategic International Studies and author of *Strategy: The Logic of War and Peace*, sparked a lively discussion when he spoke on "The Decline of American Empire" on April 19, again at the Shaw, Pittman, Potts and Trowbridge office.

Washington members attended two sold-out performances at the Folger Theatre—one of "Macbeth" on March 31 and the other of "Merchant of Venice" on June 16 with Kelly McGillis and Michael Langham. Another social event was a joint meeting with the English-Speaking Union at the Union's clubhouse on March 2; President David Sahr talked about our activities and ESU officers explained theirs in an informal exchange of notes. LSE History Professor Donald Watt, in Washington to do research, spoke at a gathering at the home of Dr. Sherrill Wells ('78) on April 11.

FOR THE RECORD

The newest associate justice on the U.S. Supreme Court is Anthony Kennedy (general course, '58), filling the vacancy left by Lewis Powell. After his year at LSE, Justice Kennedy got his LL.B at Harvard. . . . Paul Volcker ('52) has become a part-time professor of international economic policy at his alma mater, Princeton, as well as a partner in the investment banking firm of James D. Wolfensohn Inc. His choice of jobs, announced in March, ended months of suspense about what the former chairman of the Federal Reserve Board would do next. . . .

No suspense about what Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan ('53) is apt to do—publish a new book. His latest, *Came the Revolution: Argument in the Reagan Era* (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich), has been praised in *The New York Times Book Review* as "a pleasure to read . . . full of diverting asides."

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Reviewer Hendrik Hertzl says Moynihan is something of a political detective dissecting the Reagan administration and finding his own voice "as a powerful, increasingly unambiguous spokesman of the Democratic opposition" *The Times* has praised another AFLSE author, David Lewis ('62), professor of history at Rutgers, for his *The Race to Fashoda: European Colonialism and African Resistance in the Scramble for Africa* (Weidenfeld & Nicolson). Professor Lewis is credited with playing fair with material bringing together "a spirited and multinational set of adventurers, many of them not very likeable" Wayne Gantt ('82), our Atlanta chapter chairman and an economist at SunTrust Banks, has turned book reviewer to assess *Buying into America* by Susan and Martin Tolchin for *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*. He liked the Tolchins' fact-gathering about the surge of overseas investment in the United States but added that not all foreign investment "is as malevolent as is sometimes suggested by the authors." Foreign investment, he notes, has created U.S. jobs, while fluid investment patterns help both the U.S. and the world economy. . . .

Robert Weinberg ('55) has embarked on the quest for the congressional seat for the tenth district of Virginia. He defeated a rival in the Democratic primary on June 14 and faces a Republican incumbent in November. Bob is a Washington lawyer and the husband of former AFLSE president Wendy. . . . Another former AFLSE president, Elizabeth Brownstein ('67), shares in the television Emmy recently awarded to Smithsonian World Television as an outstanding informational series. Elizabeth was director of research from 1982-87 for the TV series. . . .

Rawle Farley ('56), professor of business administration and economics at the State University of New York at Brockport, has been receiving kudos not only for his own expertise about economic development in Latin America and the Caribbean but for the academic exploits of his family. His wife Ena, an associate professor, chairs Brockport's African and Afro-American studies; their youngest son Jonathan is studying at Harvard on a four-year Kodak-Urban League scholarship; son Anthony has a doctorate in jurisprudence from Harvard; son Filipe was a Harvard national fellow winning honors in biochemical sciences; son Christopher has been editor of the *Harvard Crimson* and the *Harvard Lampoon*. Professor Farley, who was born in British Guyana and received his Ph.D. in economics at LSE, says he still hopes one of his sons will take up further studies at the School. . . .

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