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AFLSE Scholarship Update

The awards for the coming year's scholarship program have been decided after careful review by the AFLSE Committee. Three full tuition scholarships will be made to American (or permanent U.S. resident) graduate students who will have their first experience at the LSE for the academic year starting this fall. A record number of applications were received this year, a 40% increase over last year. With an eye to both academic excellence and financial need, the committee reviewed 206 files, replete with resumes, transcripts, personal statements, references, and financial information. The next issue of the AFLSE Newsletter (due out in the Fall) will report on the awardees themselves. As always, many thanks to members of the committee and particularly to Jane Plakias, who administers the program, for all their hard work to enable first class students to attend the LSE.

New Balkan Program at LSE Funded by Soros

The Open Society Institute, founded by LSE alumnus George Soros, is to grant \$1,000,000 to the LSE Foundation to establish a Faculty Development Program for Fellows from the Balkans at the LSE. The program will receive matching funds from the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office. The goal of the program is to improve the research and teaching capacities of Balkan universities. The project will

bring 30 junior and mid-level academic staff to LSE for successive periods of three months, over a three-year period, to participate in a research program and to improve teaching methods and curricula.

Book Ends

Jay Winik, M.Sc. graduate from the LSE, is author of *April 1865: The Month That Saved America*. A telling of the last crucial month of the Civil War, Winik argues that the United States "did not arise naturally ... but was made, almost abstractly, out of ink and paper, crafted by lawyers and statesmen." As of early June, *April 1865* was number 19 on the New York Times Paperback Bestsellers List.

Coralie Bryant, 1963 Ph.D., with Marc Lindenberg, has written *Going Global: Transforming Relief and Development NGOs*. The authors explore how organizations are responding to the changes globalization demands, how infrastructures are being organized on a worldwide basis, and the challenges of accountability, evaluation, and organizational learning. John Clark of the Centre for Civil Society at the LSE has called *Going Global* "an essential tool for leaders and staff of NGOs."

Elizabeth M. Schneider, 1969 M.Sc. graduate and Rose C. Hoffer Professor of Law at Brooklyn Law School, has just published *Battered Women and Feminist Lawmaking* (Yale, 2000). The book received the 2000 Professional/Scholarly Publishing Award of the Association of American Publishers in Law.

In Memoriam

Lord Peter Thomas Bauer, who served for 23 years as Professor of Economics at the LSE, recently died at the age of 86. Lord Bauer was known most notably for leading the intellectual assault on foreign aid, which he came to stigmatize more precisely as "government-to-government transfers." Prior to his death, Lord Bauer was to have flown to Washington, DC to receive from the free market Cato Institute its inaugural Milton Friedman prize—\$500,000—for advancing liberty. Elevated to the House of Lords by Margaret Thatcher in 1982, he devoted his maiden speech to denouncing the damage and dependency caused by the post-war welfare state in Britain. His contributions to economics and economic theory were immense.

Eleanor Timberg, writer, researcher, editor, and activist for the disabled, died at her home in Washington, DC on May 23rd at the age of 89. An active attendee of many AFLSE functions in DC, Timberg did graduate work at the LSE and studied under Harold Laski before he became the Labour Party's chair. She was also a 1934 graduate of Smith College. She is survived by her husband of 61 years and four children.

The AFLSE sends its most heartfelt condolences to the families, friends and loved ones of both Lord Bauer and Ms. Timberg.

AFLSE CHAPTER REPORTS

See mailing page for Chapter Leader contact numbers and e-mail addresses.

New York

Past Events

Wine Tasting

On March 8th alumnus Mark Stone gave us a grand tour of the wines of Germany & Austria. Sixty-five alumni and friends gathered in the O'Dwyer Room at the Playwright Tavern in midtown Manhattan and tasted many grapes of the region. Thanks again to Mark for a wonderful evening.

Pub Quiz

We held our annual Pub Quiz Challenge on Wednesday, May 8th. This time we invited the Oxford University Alumni Association of NY to join us. Ninety people grouped into seventeen teams to answer a wide range of trivia questions. Many thanks to Donal Casey for being a fantastic Quizmaster. (PS- The highest finish for Oxford was 3rd!)

Lecture by Dr. Susan Scott, LSE

On May 7th, the LSE Foundation and Centennial Fund & the AFLSE NY Chapter sponsored a lecture by Dr. Susan Scott of LSE on "The Role of Information and Communication Technologies in Financial Services." Thanks to Dr. Scott for her time and to Simpson Thacher & Bartlett for hosting this event.

Future Events

LSE 7 o'clock Club (networking)

On the first Monday of every month we meet informally over cocktails (cash bar) at the Playwright Tavern in midtown Manhattan on the SECOND floor. New members and recent grads are always welcome! So come meet new friends, network or just hang out at the Playwright Tavern, located at 202 West 49th Street, between Broadway and 7th Avenue. The September meeting will take place on Monday, September 9th, due to the Labor Day Holiday.

Central Park with the New York Philharmonic

Come join us for our annual evening in Central Park (The Great Lawn) with the New York Philharmonic on Wednesday, July 24th. The concert begins at 8 p.m. but we need to arrive early to secure a good spot! You can

meet us at 7 p.m. at the *Romeo and Juliet* statue in front of the Delacorte Theater at the southwest corner of the Great Lawn (enter Central Park at W. 81st St. & Central Park West or at E. 79th & Fifth Avenue and walk towards the Great Lawn). If you come earlier or later, just look carefully for the 15 purple, black and gold balloons on the field. Bring food/beverages to share! The event is free and, as always, friends and spouses always welcome! For more general information on the event, go to <http://www.newyorkphilharmonic.org>. In case of rain, feel free to meet up at The Dead Poet, 450 Amsterdam Ave., (between 81st & 82nd Streets- see <http://newyork.citysearch.com/profile/11351761>).

New Student Bon Voyage Party

Thursday, August 15th from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Connolly's Restaurant, 121 West 45th Street, 2nd floor, between Broadway & 6th Ave. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres & soft drinks, cash bar. Nearest subway stop: Times Square/42nd St. All alumni, current students, new students and prospective students are invited! Please help us toast our future alumni as they prepare for their journey to Houghton Street and mix with the muggles of London.

San Diego

The San Diego chapter is currently holding monthly meetings, giving area alumni a fun and informal opportunity to become acquainted with one another. The next meeting will be Thursday, June 13th at 6:00 p.m. at Cafe W in Hillcrest, located at 3680 Sixth Avenue. For information on future meetings, or suggestions on potential chapter activities, please contact Sonal Desai at sonds@aol.com (Phone: 858-455-8424).

If you are new to San Diego, or have not updated your contact information with the AFLSE, this is the time to do so! Please contact Sonal or the AFLSE main office (info@aflse.org) so you can be invited to future activities.

For more updates on chapter activities in the months ahead, check out the AFLSE's website at www.aflse.org.

AFLSE is currently seeking chapter leaders to fill vacancies in Florida Central and New Orleans. If you have ideas about these posts, please contact AFLSE Chapters Coordinator Leslie Griffin at leslie100@lsealumni.com

Thanks to all of AFLSE's Supporters!

The AFLSE is the largest alumni association of the LSE outside the UK. Our organization is almost solely supported through volunteer time and member dues and special financial contributions. We would like to thank those members of our alumni association who have contributed in a significant and needed financial way. "Contributing members" have donated above and beyond the annual \$35 membership dues. "Life members" have paid \$600 for a lifetime membership in the AFLSE; these crucial funds are put in a special account whose interest contributes to AFLSE administrative expenses.

Thank you too all these individuals whose generosity has enabled the AFLSE to continue its work of keeping alumni in the States connected to the LSE. It could not be done without you!!!

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How Do You See LSE in Ten Years Time?

The LSE Council established the Futures Group to consider the LSE's long-term direction and to generate ideas for future options. Since September 2001, the Futures Group work has concentrated largely on the School's strategic thinking. More specifically, they have considered how the LSE's mission statement and its core objectives can be reworked to link more effectively the School's activities to its strategic goals.

To ensure recommendations relating to the LSE's aspirations and long-term goals reflect the views of alumni and the entire School community, the Futures Group is embarking upon a period of consultation about the School's aims and objectives. The period started in May and will conclude within the next few weeks. Alumni are encouraged to submit comments directly or as a group.

The current consultation planning document is available via the Planning Unit home page on the LSE Web site at <http://www.lse.ac.uk/admin/planning-unit/>. For more information, and to submit comments, contact the Futures Group at fgconsultation2002@lse.ac.uk.

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President's Report - April 2002

The past year has been another very busy one for the AFLSE, with many accomplishments and also continuing challenges.

First, let me mention accomplishments!

- Just over a year ago we learned that our office provider was moving out of the area. By early June, the decisions about new arrangements were made and the transition had been accomplished with amazingly little disruption. We are grateful to Cathy Fink for her good send-off, and for all the work she did from 1998 to 2001 to improve AFLSE's organization. And our new provider, RPL Office Services is certainly carrying on the good work.
- Thanks particularly to our energetic chapters expert, Leslie Griffin, volunteers have been enlisted to revive several chapters. Through her efforts, AFLSE's attention to chapter resources and potentials has surely increased.
- We have also made progress electronically, with ListServers established for five more areas, making available this resource for membership communication in a total of 7 chapters, for ready sharing of meeting information, career advisory information, and other news.
- Our Newsletter editor has valiantly produced three issues, covering many AFLSE and LSE fronts.
- We now have reason to hope that our membership decline has bottomed out – again thanks to the work of the many who have discussed, researched, drafted, and discussed again the many aspects of this foundation of our existence. Challenges have included obtaining information about new alumni and temptations to use easy electronic communications about activities with LSE graduates irrespective of AFLSE membership status.
- Notwithstanding lower investment income from our small endowment, the scholarship program continues at the level of three full tuition awards for graduate study at the LSE, thanks not only to the volunteers dealing with the applications and the devoted work of Jane Plakias, but also to the anonymous donor of a full scholarship for the current year and to the LSE Second Centennial Fund offer to round out available funds for the third scholarship for 2002-03.

Even so, challenges for the coming year abound. Among them are the necessity for increasing membership much more to cover our operating costs – and continuing effort to keep those costs as low as possible. Further refinements to our website may help with this. Developing effective working relations with LSE is another realm full of challenges, ranging from development of efficient transfer of database-related information (and particularly the information about leavers), to small amounts of financial assistance for specific activities, to help with improved publicity about our existence, activities, and resources. More networking for career development advice is also high on our agenda.

As always, the continuing shining positive that propels our many activities is the dedication of many volunteers who keep the organization going – chapter heads, committee members, committee chairs, and other officers. One piece of evidence for increasing involvement is that size of our ListServ for leaders had to be increased, to now include more than 60 people. Many thanks to all for their many contributions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Imlah Schneider

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