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2011, of the Development Committee membership list published on the School's website lists Dahdaleh as a current member. At the time of print, Dahdaleh's name has been removed.

The Victor Phillip Dahdaleh Foundation funded one scholarship for Palestinian students of £25,000 for the MSc Global Politics programme, co-ordinated by the now defunct LSE Global Governance. LSE Global Governance was the recipient of part of the £1.5 million donated to the LSE by the Gaddafi International Charity and De-

velopment Foundation (GICDF). The School had received £300,000 of this donation before events in Libya and following student pressure prompted the School to refuse the remainder and pledge the money received to scholarship funds.

Alex Peters-Day, LSE Students' Union General Secretary, commented that any campaign pertaining to Dahdaleh's donations to the School, in the vein of those related to the GICDF donations, was "undecided" at the current time, but added that the Students' Union would be keeping a "close eye on developments."

The LSE is part of the Alcoa Foundation's USD\$8.6 million Conservation and Sustainability Fellowship

programme, a six-year initiative supported by the Foundation designed to "advance the knowledge and support for exemplary work in the field of conservation and sustainability through fellowships to outstanding academics at select universities," and in so doing providing funding for the research of thirty academic fellows. Speaking to the Beaver in 2008, a spokesperson for the School denied that Dahdaleh had any role in the application process or on the programme as a whole.

Speaking to the Beaver a spokesperson for the LSE said, "LSE has carefully considered the position of Victor Dahdaleh as a governor of LSE following reports of his arrest by the Serious Fraud Office on 24 October," adding

that, "The School is mindful that Victor Dahdaleh faces serious allegations, however the case against him is ongoing and he has not been found guilty of any crime. Mr Dahdaleh has the right to be presumed innocent until proved guilty and so will remain a governor of the School while the case proceeds. The School will reconsider his position once a verdict has been reached."

The spokesperson also said, "Mr Dahdaleh is one of 80 lay members of LSE's Court of Governors, all of whom carry the honorific title of 'governor'. He is not a member of Council, which is the governing body of the School, or any of its sub-committees."

Students sleep out for the homeless

Harry Burdon

On Thursday 3rd November from 10pm, a substantial number of LSE students are set to be sleeping rough on Houghton Street. They will be raising money for Anchor House, a charity for the homeless. The rules are no tents and get at least £10 of sponsorship, either from others or from the participant him/herself. Until last Sunday, there were already 42 confirmed sleep-outers on the Facebook event.

Co-organiser of the event Dina Fahmy, a third year Law student, said the students were looking for a "grass roots project" - something "closer to home." There are an estimated 400,000 homeless in the UK. The organising group of students considered their options for helping the homeless, and felt that simply providing food may perpetuate the problem. The organisers were drawn to Anchor House because their approach was considered to be sustainable and have a range of long-term benefits. The organisers contest the view that homelessness can be passed off as self-inflicted.

Anchor House does more than

provide accommodation for the homeless and work on rehabilitation; they help them rejoin society and the workforce. They claim to work on the root cause of why the person is homeless. Anchor House provides accredited vocational training courses and job guidance, along with striving to improve the homeless' health and getting the homeless involved with volunteering. Dina Fahmy touts the transparency of the charity, with the use of money made public.

Organisers of the sleep out are hoping that the event will raise £1000. Sponsorship can be made online, or alternatively there will be a collection

bucket on the night. Those who find the thought of baring the November weather too much are encouraged to sponsor instead. The event will not be wholly without luxury: tea will be provided.

Beyond the sleep out, a "Citizens' Rally" is in the works in the coming months. The plan is for members of the government responsible for tackling the issue of homelessness to be speakers, and having homeless people in the audience. This could allow for a dialogue between the policy creators and those directly affected.

Packed ballot inspires students

John Armstrong

Students filled the Quad last Thursday for the results night of the LSE Students' Union's Michaelmas term elections. With thirteen positions up for grabs, 1,782 students voted online,

body's experience here at the LSE."

Still went on to say that the thirteen positions were filled by "the broadest range of candidates ever."

The evening was marked by a sense of excitement and unity among those running for positions. Some candidates noticed a striking difference between this year's elections and those held last year.

turnout, Alex Peters-Day, General Secretary of the Students' Union, commented, "It is a great sign that students feel engaged with the Students' Union and want to become more involved with representation and the decision-making bodies within the school."

Newly elected Postgraduate Officer Robin Burrett said, "The surprise of the night was the high turnout."

Academic Board.

Dan Roberts gained 59 per cent of the total votes to become General Course President, and aims to use his position to maximise the experience of General Course students.

Eden Dwek and Mohamed Harrath were elected as the LSE Delegates to the National Congress (NUS), a role which seeks to ensure "equality of op-

News in brief

CONVENTIONAL POLICING CHALLENGED

The Howard League for Penal Reform and the Mannheim Centre at the LSE, published its first of a series of pamphlets entitled "What If...?" The title of the pamphlet is "In praise of fire brigade policing: challenging the police role," which aims to challenge the traditional thinking on penal structures. The first seminar was held last Thursday. In the pamphlet, it is suggested that "what the police are really needed for is as the criminal emergency service for a host of troubles of which crime is only a small part."

UK NATIONAL SECURITY AT RISK

The LSE Professor Gwyn Prins warned that the UK can no longer engage in effective national strategy as it once did. To make the situation worse, the National Security Council (NSC) is not able to address the problem of future security threats, as it lacks the method and institutional framework to do so. The paper stated that "the failure to effect a reliable and credible introduction of grand and operational strategic insights into ministerial policy-making, has left the Ministry of Defence without secure guidelines..."

TRIUM SECOND BEST IN THE WORLD

The TRIUM Global Executive MBA programme, an alliance between the LSE, New York University Stern School of Business and HEC School of Management, Paris, has been ranked second by the Financial Times annual ranking of Executive MBA programs. Judith Rees, Interim Director of the School, said: "TRIUM is an international success because its participants learn to think internationally and to combine rigorous academic standards