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DIARY OF EVENTS

Information given in this Diary about Student Society meetings is correct at the time of going to press. Times and places of meetings should be checked with Secretaries of Societies.

AUTUMN TERM - 1963

Monday
11th November
Anglican Society - 8.00 p.m. GOD THE SON by the Rev. John Cotton at 12 Hanover Crescent, Brighton.

Tuesday
12th November
Union General meeting - 7.30 p.m. Refectory (see page 10).

Howard Society 
THE PUBLIC IMAGE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH - discussion group led by Elizabeth Haslam (details by letter to members).

Student Christian Movement CHRISTIANITY AND MUSIC by Ian Mackenzie (Editor of Breakthrough) in the series 'Christianity and the Arts'.

Wednesday
13th November
Bookshop Management Committee - 11.30 a.m. Arts 130
Planning Committee - 1.00 p.m. Small Private Dining Room
Senate Meeting - 3.15 p.m. Large Private Dining Room
Faculty Guest Night - 6.45 p.m.

Thursday
14th November

Musical Society - 8.00 p.m. Debating Chamber. Record Recital.

Friday
15th November

Saturday
16th November
Film Society: Contemporary Britain Film Season (in association with the School of Social Studies) SATURDAY NIGHT AND SUNDAY MORNING (Karel Reisz: 1960).

Sunday
17th November
11.30 a.m. Debating Chamber. Service for members of the University at which the Chaplain will preach on SEX AND THE INTELLECTUAL LIFE.
3.00 p.m. Tenpin Bowling League v. Verity Mirrors at Hove Bowl.

Monday
18th November
Buildings Committee - 10.15 a.m. - Physics 212.

Anglican Society - 7.30 p.m. Talk by Canon Mortlock

Thomas Woodhouse Society (Baptist) - 8.00 p.m. THE PATTERN OF THE CHURCH by the Rev. Alec Gilmore (co-author of a book of the same name) in Steyning Basement, Teacher Training College, Marine Parade.
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<td>Christian Union - 7.30 p.m. Physics 238. MISSIONARY WORK IN INDONESIA by Leslie Lyall of the China Inland Mission (illustrated with slides).</td>
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<td>Student Christian Movement CHRISTIANITY AND DRAMA by Frank Glendinning (Warden of Student Movement House and President of the Religious Drama Society) in the series 'Christianity and the Arts!</td>
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<td>21st November</td>
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<td>Howard Society - 7.45 p.m. Room 103. BREAKDOWN OR BREAKTHROUGH - TRENDS OF MODERN CIVILISATION by Harmen Grisewood (Chief Assistant to the Director-General of the B.B.C.).</td>
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<td>SPECIAL UNIVERSITY LECTURE - 4.30 p.m. Room 102. FRED AND THE</td>
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<td>Film Society - 7.30 p.m. Room 102. &quot;Mouse and Cat,&quot; &quot;Less</td>
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<td>Eloquents&quot; and A GIRL IN BLACK (M. Casoyannis: Greece, 1955).</td>
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<td>Sunday</td>
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<td>of the University. Preacher: the Chaplain.</td>
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<td>John Cotton at 12 Hanover Crescent, Brighton.</td>
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<td>and Coffee Party at 12 Hanover Crescent, Brighton.</td>
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10th December
Geographical Society - 7.30 p.m. Room 237. ENGLISH SEASIDE TOWNS by Professor E.W. Gilbert (Professor of Geography in the University of Oxford).

Wednesday
11th December
Planning Committee - 1.00 p.m. Small Private Dining Room.
Senate meeting - 3.15 p.m. Large Private Dining Room.
Film Society - 7.30 p.m. Room 102. Mack Sennett, Harold Lloyd, and Buster Keaton programme: "Our Daredevil Chief," "Balloontastics," "Haunted Spooks" and "Flying Elephants."

Thursday
12th December
Christian Union - 7.30 p.m. Physics 238. Bible Study I CORINTHIANS IX 1-27.

Saturday
14th December
END OF TERM

CHRISTMAS WEEK - SUNDAY 22ND to SUNDAY 29TH DECEMBER

The Administrative Offices will be closed during Christmas week except for a skeleton staff who will be working on Monday, 23rd December, Tuesday, 24th December and Friday, 27th December. The Refectory will be closed during the whole week.

CHEMISTRY COLLOQUIA

The following Colloquia will take place on Mondays at 4.45 p.m.

18th November
SUBSTITUTION, ELIMINATION AND OLEFINIC REARRANGEMENT
Dr. M.C. Whiting (University of Oxford)
Room 103

2nd December
MAGNETIC RELAXATION
Dr. R.E. Richards (University of Oxford)
Room 103

16th December
SOME ALICYCLIC REARRANGEMENTS
Dr. A.J. Bellamy (Research Associate)
Room 103

MATHEMATICS COLLOQUIUM

The following Colloquium will take place at 4.15 p.m.

15th November
SPECIAL RELATIVITY
Professor H. Bondi, F.R.S. (University of London, King's College)
PHYSICS COLLOQUIA

The following Colloquia will take place on Fridays at 4.00 p.m.

22nd November
DEVELOPMENTS IN HIGH RESOLUTION OPTICAL SPECTROSCOPY
Professor D.A. Jackson, F.R.S. (Laboratoire A. Cotton, Bellevue)

6th December
SPECTROSCOPY AT EXTREME INFRA-RED WAVELENGTHS
(Professor G.O. Jones (Queen Mary College, London)

THEORETICAL PHYSICS SEMINARS

The following Seminars will take place on Tuesdays at 4.45 p.m.

12th November
THE BINDING ENERGIES OF HYPERNUCLEI
Dr. J.M. Soper (Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Harwell)

26th November
VIBRATIONS OF DISORDERED LATTICES
Dr. P. Dean (National Physical Laboratory)

SOCIETY NOTICES

Musical Society. Lunch Hour Record Recitals are being held in the Debating Hall every Wednesday at 1.00 p.m. (Recordings of Brahms symphonies are being played from 6th November). Reduced tickets are available for the Dome and Royal Pavilion Concerts to members of the Society and their attention is drawn to the Recital in the Royal Pavilion by the Melos Ensemble at 8.00 p.m. on 21st November. Programmes for University concerts are available at the porter's desk.

Student Christian Movement. All members of the University are welcome to attend the two meetings on 12th and 19th November (see Diary of Events). Details of further arrangements are obtainable from Geoff Shaw and Ruth Tebbutt.

Film Society
Contemporary Britain Film Season. Films will be shown in the Physics Lecture Theatre at 4.30 p.m. on Saturdays (see Diary of Events), and no charge for admission will be made to non-members.

Repeat performances of films shown on Friday evenings will take place at 2.30 p.m. on Saturdays in the Physics Lecture Theatre. A charge will be made to non-members wishing to attend these performances.

Light refreshments will be available.
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Closing date for copy for the Diary of Events
Friday, 22nd November

Closing date for copy for the Bulletin
Monday, 25th November
UNIVERSITY NEWS

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION BOARDS

The Preliminary Examination Boards for the session 1963-64 will be:

B.A. Preliminary Examination Board: Dr. Supple (Chairman),
Dr. Routh, Mr. Dommen, Dr. Ross, Mr. Mutter, Dr. Kearney,
Mr. Moran, Dr. Midditch, Mr. John and Dr. Thorlby.

B.Sc. Preliminary Examination Board: Dr. Ledermann
(Chairman), Dr. Barwell, Professor Blin-Stoyle, Professor
Eaborn, Dr. Elliott, Dr. Hamilton, Professor Scott,
Professor Smith and Mr. Trustrum.

APPOINTMENTS

Dr. J.A. Green, at present Reader in Mathematics at the University
of Manchester, has been appointed to a Readership in Mathematics from

Mr. M.G. Brown, at present Lecturer in the University of Leicester,
has been appointed as Lecturer in Chemistry with special responsibilities

Dr. Wilford will succeed Mr. Hutt as Senior Proctor for the session
1964-65.

UNIVERSITY LECTURES

The Planning Committee has approved a proposal that the period from
5.45 to 6.45 p.m. on Friday afternoons should be reserved for lectures by
eminent visitors to the University. It is hoped that no other teaching or
Union activities will be held at this time.

A Senate committee under the chairmanship of Dr. Thorlby will make
arrangements for these lectures, and would welcome suggestions as to who
might be invited from all members of the University. If any School or
Union Society is planning to bring a speaker who might deserve a large
audience, they are invited to make use of this time on Friday by proposing
the speaker to the committee through Dr. Thorlby.

BRIGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Union have been informed that Brighton Public Library is to allow
students up to six tickets instead of the usual four.
SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH

95% of those Freshers who were able to take part in the tests at the beginning of term actually did so. This is a very high proportion, and the Committee is most grateful to all those who came for their co-operation.

THE ISLE OF THORNS

The Council has agreed to rent from the Manor Charitable Trustees the new building at the Isle of Thorns for a period of five years from April 1964.

The Isle of Thorns is a large area some twenty miles from the University near East Grinstead and bordering on Ashdown Forest. It has been used as a summer camp and is equipped with playing fields, a swimming bath, a sports hall and other facilities. The new residential building will house forty residents and has feeding and common room facilities for eighty people. It will be used for study parties during vacations, field courses for geographers and biologists, conferences; and will perhaps provide accommodation for research students.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

It has been reported to the Senate that a pedestrian underpass between the Park and Falmer Station is now to be included in the improvement scheme for Lewes Road. The work on the scheme is due to start this month and should be finished by March 1964.

UNIVERSITY HEALTH SERVICE

Members of the University are reminded that the Health Centre, now situated in the Geography Terrapin building, is at present open only in the afternoons from 1.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Consideration is now being given to the question of whether or not these times should be extended.

The Health Service has arranged a Mass X-Ray visit to the University from 4th to 7th February, 1964. All members of the University are invited to take advantage of the visit. Further details will be posted on the noticeboards.

CATERING

Although members of the University have been asked to book waitress service lunches in the private dining room before 11.30 a.m., whenever possible meals will be served there even when such notice has not been given.
Miss Wilson's office is now in the Terrapin building west of Palmer House.

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DONATIONS AND GIFTS TO THE UNIVERSITY

£25,000 has been donated to the Appeal Fund by Sir Denys Lowson for the purpose of erecting a University sports pavilion.

The Brighton and Hove Higher Education Council presented a silver bowl to the University at an informal gathering in the Senior Common Room on 15th October.

The Royal Sussex Regiment has presented a silver bowl to the University. It is intended that it should be used as a sports trophy.

The Library has received gifts of books from Mr. R.B. Beckett, the Bournemouth Natural Science Society, the Brothers' Library in the University of Leeds, Dr. R.H. Garstang, the Hampstead Preparative Meeting, Mr. J.R. Lambert, the Royal Institute of International Affairs, the School of Oriental and African Studies, Miss C. Selby, Mr. E. Sykes and the United States Information Service.

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UNION NEWS

There will be an important Union General Meeting on Tuesday, 12th November in the Refectory. To be at all useful there must be a huge attendance from all members of the Union. The evening is the only possible time when such a meeting can take place; the lecture timetable is such that there is no other available time this term for such meetings. Some people think that by having an evening meeting we will have only a tiny attendance; this pessimistic view of interest in the Union we hope you will all disprove by coming next Tuesday.

The preliminary Agenda is as follows:-

1. Minutes of the previous two general meetings.
3. Result of elections and appointments.
4. Report from President on Union business this term.
5. The summer dance.
6. Freshers' Conference - this year and next year.
7. Limited Liability Company for publications.
8. Progress on the new Constitution
9. A proposal from the W.U.S. Committee
10. Any other business.

This agenda is fairly formidable but should provide ample opportunity for discussion, argument and debate upon matters that really do matter. There are no coincident Society meetings or lectures so there will be little excuse for absence. Please come - and if you hear of any apathetic wanderers planning to be absent, twist their arms and make them come.

Union Committee By-Elections

The following were elected to the Union Committee in the recent by-elections: Mr. Larry Adler, Miss Jane Coffey, Mr. Len Edwards, Mr. Hugh Guilford, Mr. Danus Skene, Miss Hazel Stretch, Mr. Tom Willis.
THE UNIVERSITY MAP COLLECTION

The opening of the new Geography Laboratory has made it possible to give adequate accommodation to the University collection of maps, which is now expanding rapidly. Up to the present, lack of space has limited the number of map sheets that could be held, and it has not been possible to make them easily available to members of the University. With the storage now available, it will be possible to extend the collection to include the principal topographic series of most European countries, and of limited areas beyond. Members of the University are now welcome to consult maps in the Geography Laboratory, which is reached by following a path that leaves the Great Court beneath the Arts Building cloisters.

The collection has recently been considerably enriched by a gift from Professor L. Dudley Stamp of some 800 sheets of the Land Utilization Survey of Great Britain. Many of the sheets had for years been out of print, and they provide a most valuable record of the state of English agriculture in the 1930s. Of particular interest to members of the School of Social Studies is the Ordnance Survey's ten mile Planning Series, maps showing the distribution of population, industry, land utilization and other items of social and economic interest in Great Britain. A series of archaeological and historical maps covers the development of Britain from the Palaeolithic to the Middle Ages.

A collection of general wall maps is also being built up; this is in addition to the collection of historical maps housed in the Arts building. Members of the University wishing to have the use of a wall map to illustrate a lecture or seminar should contact the Technician in the Geography Laboratory. Suggestions from members of Faculty as to areas or subjects that should be covered either by wall maps or by sheet maps will always be gladly received.

Air photographs of the local region are also available and this collection is being progressively expanded. Equipment is provided so that these can be studied, for example, by members of the University interested in archaeology.

It is not proposed to build up collections of atlases or of old maps, since these fall within the scope of the University Library.

T.H.E.

RECORDING LIBRARY ISSUES

ON PUNCHED CARDS

'Why don't you use the Public Library system?' This question is often heard when new readers meet our system of recording library issues. One reason is that borrowers have to present a ticket for each book borrowed, and the numbers of tickets involved would be inconveniently large. Another, and most important, reason is that a University Library tries to be able to tell any reader almost immediately who has borrowed a particular book, and Public Library issue methods do not permit this.

'Why don't you use something else?' was an almost invariable supplementary question when the carboned double slips used last year were encountered. To this the only answer was that no other practicable scheme was known. However, when the decision was taken to install Punch Card equipment to use with the ICT 1301 computer, a major factor was the ease the Library could make of such equipment. The only existing scheme for recording library issues on punched cards, that at Holborn Public Library, does not permit 'who has what?' enquiries to be answered at all, so it was clear that
we would have to think out an entirely new scheme. This we did. Bearing in mind what is, so far as we know, the entire novelty of the scheme, we were prepared for more teething troubles than in fact have emerged: the problem residue is about % of the day's issues, and most of this would be eliminated by completely legible and accurate transcription of book numbers. The ready co-operation of borrowers in learning how to complete the new issue-slips has been much appreciated.

How the present scheme works, how the Data Processing Office helps us, will now be described. 'Dual purpose' punched cards are used, the information supplied by the borrower on the right hand side of the card being punched by the punch operator on the left hand side. Accuracy here is essential, and the clearer borrowers write numerals the better - high punching speeds can then be obtained without loss of accuracy. The cards next pass through a second machine, a Verifier, and a senior operator reads the information and depresses the appropriate keys. This time no punching takes place, but the existing holes are scanned electronically to check that they correspond to the second set of instructions.

Punched and verified, the cards now pass through the Counter-Sorter, which counts them and arranges them in book number order. Finally, the Collator merges this sequence of cards with the existing record of issue, which is usually kept in book number order. Thus all manual sorting of the day's issue, and manual interfilming with previous issues, is eliminated.

Further routines are available to provide other information. Each day, the collator selects all cards for books three and ten days overdue, and these provide the basis for the written reminders sent out from the Library. At intervals the whole file is resorted into borrower order: where the same number occurs eight or more times (i.e. where an undergraduate is exceeding the limit on borrowing) the cards are ejected and the appropriate reminder can be sent. The machine then sorts the cards back into book number order for regular use.

Cancelling the record of issue, 'discharging', is simply a matter of withdrawing the card with the appropriate book number. It is then stamped 'Returned', and joins the complete file of records of returns which is available for several sorts of research enquiry. Discharging by this system can be postponed to a quiet moment, and queues will usually only occur when fines have to be paid. As borrowers will know, reservations can be accepted under this system as under any other.

It is difficult to give detailed figures about time saved by this method of recording issues, but an approximate statement would be that rather more than twice last year's daily issue is being dealt with in rather less than the same time, while time spent discharging is more than halved. The capital cost of the machines is too high, and the time spent using them by the Library alone too little, for the scheme to be used economically in all circumstances, but it seems to fit in with Sussex facilities, and to meet all our requirements.

A.P.
The Editors hope to include in the Bulletin from time to time reports from the other new universities on their present development and their plans for the future. The first article has been sent to us by the Registrar of the University of York.

THE UNIVERSITY OF YORK

The University of York opened in October this year with about 230 students, the largest initial intake so far to enter a British university. Its present plans are for expansion to 3,000 students by 1972. If resources are made available following the Robbins Report it may be possible for this rate of growth to be accelerated.

York hopes to provide an integrated pattern of life for its students; to avoid the division of time between study and relaxation; the separation of place between living and working; the partition of students and staff into watertight faculties or departments; and the lack of association of staff and students except on official business. The University will consist of a group of colleges, other buildings with specialised functions and associated housing on a unified site.

The University's architects, Messrs. Robert Matthew, Johnson-Marshall and Partners published in May 1962 a development plan covering the University's first ten years. The plan provides for the phased construction in that period of eight colleges, three groups of science laboratories, a central library, an assembly hall, a sports centre, a theatre and a concert hall. There will also be associated housing on the site for staff and graduate students.

During the first two years of the University all student facilities other than residence will be accommodated in Haslington Hall (on site) and King's Manor (in the centre of York). But from October, 1965 the first two colleges will be in operation. The colleges will not be financially autonomous and will not be responsible for admissions. Every student and every member of staff will be attached to a college and have the opportunity of sharing its amenities. Each college will have about 300 undergraduate members, with residential accommodation for at least half of the undergraduates and for some academic staff. The colleges will be mixed: that is to say, each block of study-bedrooms in a college will be single sex, but the common rooms, dining rooms, etc. will be shared by both sexes. It is hoped that students who must live in lodgings will spend most of their time on the University site. To avoid a 'nine to five' atmosphere our programme of teaching is carried out from 9 - 1 in the morning and 5 - 7 in the evenings, and most students will take their evening meal in college.

The colleges will contain departmental accommodation in subjects other than the Natural Sciences. Much of the teaching will therefore be carried out within the colleges rather than in separate blocks of lecture rooms. Lectures and seminars for subjects other than the Natural Sciences will be time-tabled centrally to enable the maximum use to be made of the accommodation. Neither teaching carried out in a college nor the members of it will be associated with a particular group of subjects. It is hoped in this way to provide facilities for natural and unforced association between students and staff in all subjects and for the easy formation of groups through a wide variety of work and leisure activities; a university should be a meeting place for many different aptitudes and specialisations and each should be enriched by the greatest possible contact with others.

A student will be able to choose between two types of course for the BA degree: he may either specialize in one subject for a single-subject degree or take two related subjects to obtain a combined-subject degree. In its first year the University is offering single-degree courses in English, History, Mathematics and Social Sciences. The last named is a group of
subjects on which the University will place particular emphasis: half the initial intake were students of Economics and Politics. In addition, Philosophy and Education may be taken as subsidiary subjects within a combined-subject degree. In 1964 Linguistics will be available, and in 1965, when the first laboratories will have been completed, the teaching of Chemistry, Physics and Biology will begin. Then the first students graduate in 1966 it is proposed to offer a course on the practical aspects of Social Administration for those who wish to make this their career.

The Education course which is designed both for intending teachers and for others who may be interested, may at present be taken as a subsidiary subject with English, History or Mathematics, and from 1965 with one of the Science subjects. The course will continue throughout a student’s three undergraduate years and provides an alternative method for professional training, with the teaching practice element taken after graduation.

Although the University does not at present plan to have orthodox language departments (except for Russian, for which teaching will begin in 1965) a Department of Language will be established in 1964. The Department will exist to advance understanding of linguistic structures and processes and to promote the efficient teaching of languages. It will pay particular attention in its research courses to the problems of emergent countries and the Commonwealth. The Department will be responsible for the provision and organisation of service courses in foreign languages (European, African and Asiatic), making use of language laboratories. The service courses are intended to assist students in following their degree subjects.

Teaching in Arts subjects and as far as possible in the Natural and Social Sciences, will be based on the tutorial rather than on numerous lectures. In order to avoid intense specialisation the University will not be divided into faculties, and a student will be able to broaden his field of interest in two ways. First he may study within a combined-subject degree two subjects which, though related, may enable him to cross conventional subject boundaries. For example, in 1964 it will be possible to combine a course in the Social Sciences with either English or History and it will soon be possible to combine Music with English or Mathematics. Secondly, a student may have the opportunity of following open courses on topics that interest him for their own sake or that illuminate his major subject of study. In the current session courses are being give on 'Art and Ideology' and 'Civilisation and Industry in the 19th Century'.

It is proposed that students who obtain a good class in their first degree should be offered the opportunity of a fourth year leading to a higher degree. In addition the University will, of course, award the more traditional MA and PhD degrees. Particular importance is attached to the University’s graduate school and thirteen of the students admitted in its first year are graduates, who will work in Social Sciences, in History and in Architecture.

Although the University does not intend to offer undergraduate courses in Architecture in the early years, one of the institutes which formed the nucleus of the University - the Institute of Advanced Architectural Studies - offers residential courses for qualified members of the architectural and allied professions. The Institute intends to develop a programme of courses and research of particular interest to teachers of architecture, and it also offers facilities for study and research which may lead to the degree of PhD.

The Institute of Social and Economic Research set up in 1963 works in close association with the social sciences departments in the promotion of research and graduate study. At present, studies are in progress in the fields of the economics of social policy and of public finance, the results of which are being published in a Reprints Series. In due course it is expected that its activities will be extended to include research in political science, sociology and other subjects in the field of economics.
The University has no fixed long-term plans. The general framework was suggested by its Academic Planning Board (under the chairmanship of Lord Robbins) and it is, for example, unlikely that the University will, in the foreseeable future, offer training in classics, technological subjects or general medicine. Already we are having second thoughts about some of the fields which originally we thought we would not enter. We intend to adopt a flexible approach to future developments, framing our ideas in the light of the demands for particular kinds of training and the particular interests of our staff and students. We expect, in the near future, to introduce at least subsidiary courses in sociology, psychology, law and music. Other fields suggested by York and its surroundings are psychiatry, theology and agriculture. Much must depend on Government policy and University expansion following the Robbins Report.

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STOP PRESS

GLADSTONE MEMORIAL ESSAY PRIZE 1964

The prize is of the value of £30, and is offered for competition annually by the University from funds made available by the Gladstone Memorial Trust.

The prize will be awarded for the best essay written on one of the following subjects in the fields of History, Political Science and Economics: The Problems of Aid to Under-developed Countries; Co-existence; The Moral Basis of Gladstone's Foreign Policy.

The prize will be open to all registered undergraduates of the University and will be awarded by the Academic Board on the recommendation of the adjudicators.

Essays must be sent to the Registrar on or before 1st May, 1964. They must be of at least 10,000 words and not more than 15,000 words.

The prize must be spent on books, which will bear a bookplate designed for the purpose. A list of the books purchased must be submitted to the Gladstone Memorial Trustees for their information.

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THE BOOKING OF ROOMS

A new procedure for the booking of rooms in the University has been drawn up and circulated to those people likely to be interested. Copies are also being posted on all notice boards.

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VISITORS

Visitors to the University have included:

H.R.H. The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, and the Earl of Snowdon;

Professor W.D. Chesterman (Professor of Physics, University of Hong Kong);

Mr. Kenneth Adam (Director of B.B.C. Television): Mr. Stewart Hood, Mr. Michael Peacock and Mr. J. Scoupham (also from the B.B.C.);

Dr. Gyula Bora (Karl Marx University of Economic Sciences, Budapest);

Mr. Roy Tjiathengan (Proprietor and Editor of Jakarta Daily Mail, Indonesia);

Mr. M. Ilahi (Secretary for Education in the Government of West Pakistan);

Mr. L. Ellul (Chief Registry Clerk, Royal University of Malta);

Dr. H. Ambler (Scientific Adviser, British High Commission, Delhi);

Mr. W.D. Hogarth (Secretary of the Athlone Press, University of London);

Dr. Howard R. Bowen (President, Grinnell College, Iowa);

Mr. L. Trautmann (Editor of School Broadcasts in French and English, Bavarian Radio);

Mr. Charles Wilmot (British Council), Mr. I.A.E. Savidge and Mr. J. Potter (Central Office of Information).

Groups of Visitors have included:

Members of the Regency Society of Brighton and Hove;

Twenty members of the Foreign Press Association;

Representatives of the Middlesex County Council Architects' Department.

The following Conference was held in the University:

The British Society of Gastroenterology.

Future Visitors:

Mr. R.L. Bowra (Senior Lecturer in Accountancy, University of New South Wales) on Thursday, 14th November;

Dr. D.M. Sullivan (Lecturer in Asian Art, S.O.A.S.) and Mrs. Sullivan on Tuesday, 19th November;

The Hon. Harry M. Nkumbula (Minister of Education for Northern Rhodesia) on Friday, 6th December.