Mr. Geoffrey Lockwood, the university’s new Registrar is a member of the staff football team. He takes up his duties as Registrar next month when Mr. A.E. Shields leaves for Australia in the next month.

Mr. Geoffrey Lockwood, who came to the university in 1961 as assistant registrar, is to succeed Mr. A.E. Shields. He will take up his new duties when Mr. Shields leaves for Australia.

Geoff Lockwood, was assistant registrar from 1961 to 63, then he had two years as deputy registrar. He has been planning officer since 1963, he was at school in Yorkshire and Dorsethead and studied at the London School of Economics. His first university post was in the registrar’s department at Manchester University, in reporting Mr. Lockwood’s Mancunian appointment the “Times Higher Education Supplement” said: “A Yorkshireman in the small group of administrators at Manchester University which already has provided registrars of the universities of Sheffield, Swansea and Sabedd, in addition to several other distinguished posts, Mr. Lockwood is in a breed of university administrators who have combined the professional civil service role with an academic approach to the subject of administration.

His written output will culminate in Inquiry evidence

The Committee of Inquiry has invited verbal and written evidence relating to its terms of reference from any members of the university. Mr. David Anderson-Evans, who is providing administrative support for the committee, said that the committee reserves the following rights:

(1) To quote in its final report, in whole or in part, any of the evidence received through written references to its author or authors, unless this was felt desirable and their express permission obtained.

(2) To make available in the University Library throughout its inquiries, all written evidence received, unless the body or person submitting the evidence expressly asks for it to be treated as confidential.

(3) To treat as confidential all oral hearings of the Committee and the notes of its meetings.

(4) To Bhat, in its final report, all the names of those who had given both oral and written evidence.

RENT STRIKE BACKED BY UNION

A rent strike by all University Tenants (excluding contractors) will begin today according to Mr. Vince Morris, a Grants Committee spokesman. There will be a boycott tomorrow at one of the eating places on campus, he said. The place will be chosen from the Sack Bar, Refectory, Salad Bar and Father House Bar. This will be the first of a series of lightning boycotts this term, Mr. Morris said. The aim of the strike is to disrupt the Governments financial system on a nationwide scale in support of the N.U.S. campaign for a £100 increase and full-time grants for all full-time students

The organizers want to avoid a drain on the academic, clerical or manual workers’ who work in this system. The action is to be nationwide, but organized in individual universities and colleges.

Regional and national marches are to be organized, he said. Sussex University’s Student Union backed the national claim last term. A committee was elected. It was, in terms of a union, to rely "on the initiative of the staff of the grass-roots organisations of students in action, who think these are most suited to their own areas and through the numbers and extent of such actions ensuring that the campaign is protracted."

A Union General Meeting at 12.30pm, Thursday is to consider detailed planning of the campaign.

Mike Wolf has resigned as union secretary. He has left the university and is working in the Open University in Brighton. Four members of the union executive resigned with Mike Wolf. But term begins with six vacant executive posts. The treasurer, Nick Sherwood, who spent Christmas having to mail out resignations, said, that the end of last week.

Elections to fill the union vacancies will be held as soon as possible. But there could be difficulties in getting in a substantial post for the secretary’s position at this time in the session. Mrs. Sue Pullen has left the union office after two years’ work there. Mr. Michael Byrd, administrative officer, started work at the end of last term.

EUROPE SHOW

To mark Britain’s entry to the Economic Community, an exhibition was mounted in the display cases just inside the entrance to the library. The library is an official documentation Centre for publications of the European Communities.

The administration of the creative arts programme will be based within the Arts Centre. A steering Committee will determine the budget for the creative arts and will receive annual reports about the activities. Day-to-day responsibility for ensuring the efficient management and administration of the Centre’s activities will rest with the appropriate Community Services officer.

The plan is that the Gardner Centre will continue to be a focal point for people operating at the heart of the creative arts programme. It will not be merely a theatre. Activities devised by the Gardner Committee should spill out into the rest of the campus and local community. These should include joint projects such as exhibitions arranged in conjunction with the Polytechnic and a Schools Drama programme organised in co-operation with the Education Area and the local authorities.

Decisions on central services such as publicity, box office and technical services will be made by a management committee who will have authority for such services at reduced cost. Possibilities of using existing facilities within the university to provide some of these services will be examined.

It is hoped that savings could go towards new activities by the directorates.

EMERGENCY DRILL

During working hours when the University switchboard is staffed. Dial Physics 100 on any internal telephone and give the detailed location of the incident. If there is one in the building concerned and also, if the case warrants, dial 999 on any night-line or outbox GPO telephone (the lines are not required). If any of the emergency services have any indication of the nature of the case, e.g. severe bleeding, collapse, electric shock, etc., details will be given. Send a person to the building main entrance to meet the emergency team and guide them to the incident.

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Outside working hours when the emergency number is in operation. Immediately inform the duty porter. If there is one in the building concerned and also, if the case warrants, dial 999 on any night-line or outbox GPO telephone (the lines are not required). If any of the emergency services have any indication of the nature of the case, e.g. severe bleeding, collapse, electric shock, etc., details will be given. Send a person to the building main entrance to meet the emergency team and guide them to the incident.

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NEW FACES IN UNIVERSITY'S KEY JOBS

Professor John Scott began work as Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Science) on 1 January. He served as Pro-Vice-Chancellor from October 1971 - December 1972. He was chairman of Mathematics for three years before that. Professor Scott says his new job is administrative, but he hopes to continue teaching "to keep in touch with the subject." The Bulletin did not question Professor Scott's credentials, but asked whether he knew details of the U.G.C.'s quinquennial settlement are awaited. But before the department has been announced Professor Scott is looking ahead to problems which face academic and non-academic colleagues. He says they would be ready to tackle problems as the former Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Science), Professor Colin Enborne, had created a united and efficient administration. Professor Scott said the low numbers of applications for places in filling these in some subjects were common to all universities. He continued: "We have got to look at our courses in science very carefully indeed to assess their relevance to the needs of modern science students. We must look at new patterns for courses to attract the maximum number of applicants and to persuade more students with high A-levels to study on the science side of the university." Professor Scott has already set up a working party to look at problems of curricula in science. The party will produce recommendations for new and changed courses. A problem on the financing of science students was stated to "be governed by student numbers or by other factors." Some subjects could be squeezed by a change in government policy for support of postgraduate students. He said, "We have built up a tremendous record of research in the sciences and our science schools are highly regarded nationally and internationally. We have had tremendous success in attracting research students. My aspiration is to keep Sussex in the forefront."...TREASURER CALLS FOR CASH CHANGES

The quinquennial system of financing universities was criticised by the Treasurer of the university Mr. R. E. Edwards Jones, when he presented the annual financial report to Court on 15 December. He said: "For the first time, we are now facing a "straight jacket" difficult to reconcile with sound long-term planning, particularly in an inflationary era." He proposed a "rolling" five-year programme for each year for the ensuing five years. During the last quinquennium the number of students at Sussex was, on average, 360 a year more than the number for which £4m had been provided, he said. The university operated at unit costs in real terms about ten percent below those on which the grants were originally based. Sussex was not the only university that had taken students without getting increased cash. Mr. Edwards Jones went on: "Universities are subject to a good deal of public criticism, it is a pity that this sort of effort and achievement receives so little publicity." He was concerned about the White Paper which he said, "manages to discuss the costs of universities without any mention of research at all, the implication being presumably research can be ignored and that it is, therefore, reasonable to aim for a common staff-student ratio for different types of institutions regardless of research outputs." The implied attitude to research was of particular concern to Sussex. The university receives over £1m a year in research grants from outside bodies. This is 23 percent of total income and is roughly twice the national average. He continued: "This is a continuing tribute by organisations outside the University to the quality of work done here but the greater the amount of research grants the greater the problem we face in finding the money for accommodation and for administering research stemming from these grants. In the current year research grants have been supplemented by voluntary contributions which come from Government financed bodies, such as the Medical Research Council and the Science Research Council. The Government should provide that grants made by such bodies cover the entire cost of these projects to the university." As an alternative the U.G.C. should increase its grant to cover these costs.

Mr. Reg Mutter began work as Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Arts and Social Studies) at the beginning of the month. He was dean of the School of English and American Studies from August 1969 to December 1972. He came to Sussex in 1962. Mr. Mutter had less time than he would have liked at the end of last term to take over from his predecessor, Professor Barry Supple. He could not be replaced as dean until he had taken up his new duties. Along with many other members of the university, he was involved in the detailed planning of the division of the quinquennial settlement. One task which has been handed in advance in the Arts area is the planning of Phase IV of the Arts building. Work on that development is going ahead. It will be more work for the area later as they re-allocate space.

Professor Barry Supple has been a strong supporter of the school - to come to the university at a time when the distinctive values of the university were being created. "I am looking forward to this time, but I approach it with trepidation," he said.

Mr. Michael Hawkins has started work as Dean of the School of English and American Studies in succession to Mr. Reg Mutter. He was born and educated in Oxford. He read History at Wadham College. He worked in Edinburgh University for four years and came to Sussex in 1963. He chaired the steering committee which introduced new finals assessment methods in Arts and Social Studies in 1969. He has worked on the social and political origins of the English Civil War. Mr. Hawkins lives in Lewes. He is married with three children aged five, seven and nine. His interests include walking, the Divine, music, chess, watching cricket, political debate, science fiction, food and drink, and country houses.

Professor Roger Eln-Royle has been thanked by the Vice-Chancellor for his support as Deputy Vice-Chancellor at Council last term. The Vice-Chancellor also thanked Professor Colin Eln-Royle for his Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Science), Professor Barry Supple, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Arts and Social Studies) and Professor John Scott, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, for their work. He thanked Professor John Murrell and Mr. Reg Mutter for their work as deans.

PROF FORD BACK

Professor Boris Ford resumes his duties as Chairman of Education this term. He has been on a year's leave of absence between 1972-73. Professor Eln-Royle who has been a sitting chairman will remain in contact with the area through his membership of the Education Subbloc Group.

PATH CLOSED

Building work has begun on the next stage of the Arts building, so the path from Arts C to the Refectory has had to be closed, the Arts Office says.

MR MUTTER

PROF THOMPSON TO AID U.C.

Professor M.W. Thompson of the chair of Experimental Physics has succeeded Professor John Scott as Pro-Vice-Chancellor. Professor Thompson studied physics at Liverpool University. For 12 years he worked at the Atomic Energy Research Establishment at Harwell. He came to his chair in 1965. He is chairman of the Atomic Collisions in Solids Group of the Institute of Physics. He is a member of the S.R.C.'s Ion Implantation Panel. In the university Professor Thompson has been busy as a leader of the Site Development Project Team whose report is expected any day now. He sees his new task as providing support for the Vice-Chancellor, probably is dealing with some of the work on establishment and external relations. He will continue to take an interest in site development. Professor Thompson will continue with his work on atomic collisions in solids. He is looking forward to research with the accelerator which is completing acceptance trials. He also has outside work as consultant and editorial adviser. His publications include research papers and a book, "Defects and radiation damage in metals". He was editor of the conference proceedings "Atomic Collisions in Solids" in 1970. Professor Thompson's outside interests include listening to music and going to the theatre. He enjoys performances at the Gardner Centre and the Theatre Royal.

His sport is sailing and he has a 22 ft. boat at Newhaven. He lives with his family at Ripe near Lewes. He has two sons of school age.