UNIVERSITY DISCUSSION

A University Discussion on Tuesday, 29 May considered the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into University Organisation and of the Planning Review Body. About 70 members of the University attended the Discussion and the Provost-Chancellor, Professor M.W. Thompson, was in the chair. Summaries of the recommendations of both reports had appeared in the Bulletin on Friday 11 May. The full versions of the reports had been published widely throughout the University. Points made during the discussion included:

A group of faculty in the University had written a guest issue of Forum which was expected any day from the printers. The group of faculty involved hoped it would provide further information and perhaps a framework for the discussions on the two reports. Although the Inquiry Report had set the aims of the university they had little evidence of those aims being reflected in the final proposals. For example, a system of primary allegiance was not compatible with interdisciplinarity but hardly encouraged its development. There was no real correlation between development and innovation. To judge by the experience of other universities, the strengthening of schools would not necessarily affect the capacity for change and innovation. The major contribution to interdisciplinarity might be considered by some to have been made by the Area Committees rather than the Schools. Considerable doubt was expressed as to whether the proposed structure would fulfil the stated aims any better than the present structure. One member remarked that in the midst of changing organisational patterns his interdisciplinary teaching remained much the same. To that extent, the present structure was completely successful in that it had not inhibited or prejudiced the independent development of individuals skills and aspirations.

At a time when it was expected that the University would develop its relationship with the local community, and when it already enjoyed good relations with the local community, it was perhaps not surprising to find a group of people who had lost interest in the affairs of the University because its structures and processes were no longer acceptable. While acknowledging the imprecisions and weaknesses of the Report, it was important to recognize the value of "hot air" in generating discussions and interests throughout the University. The Committee of Inquiry had to be applauded for its restatement of the basic aims of the University which had led to present structures and methods in advance of the detailed implementation and interpretation of those aims. Although an important blue-print was being offered, the Report was clear regarding aims and involvements.

Senate - The Bulletin will carry an account of the meeting on 30 May in the near future. We also hope to have a special article on university development.

The train timetable says the last train from Brighton runs at weekends only. Take note - that means it leaves Brighton at 0945 a.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday night only. It does not run Monday - Thursday.

If there is enough interest it is proposed to form a small flying group in the University. Would holders of the Private Pilot's Licence and members of the university interested in learning to fly please contact Angus McAllister, Room 201 Sussex House (65-115).

A contract for the £39,000 disabled students unit has been placed with Field & Cox. The building, beside Kent House, should be occupied by January 1974. There will be two students at first and four later. The unit, designed by Mr Jim Thomas, university architect, has been completed with the help of a benefit from Miss E.L. Nicholls.

UNION PRESIDENT

Mr. Colin Matheson, a first year politics student, has been elected as Students' Union president. He succeeds Mr. David Votan at the end of the term. Mr. Matheson, 20, come to Sussex by the Special Entrance Scheme. He was born in Scotland. He was a mineworker for seven years and was in the pit rescue brigade. He was also a delegate (shop steward) for the local branch of the NUM. Before he came to the university he was a research assistant for ASWEM. He is chairman of the Tenants' Association and serves on the Transport Policy Working Party and Community Services Committee.

He told the Bulletin that his aim was to make the union an integral part of the university community and not just a non-event at half-time every second Thursday. He hopes to achieve this by opening up union politics.

"I want a militant officials column or page in Union notes to inform people of what is going on - if this is not possible in Union notes I will put out my own paper, even if I have to run it off myself." (The Bulletin will provide space for the President of the Union - Editor.)

Mr. Lindsey Thomas, 20, Engineering and Economics student, has been elected Secretary of the Union. He is treasurer of USSR and representative on the accommodation advisory and social services committees.

Mr. Barry Dean, 18, Biology student, has been elected Treasurer of the Union.
Community Services

Dr. Brian Smith, chairman, reported that Planning Committee had agreed to allocate finance for a number of safety issues from the Major Allocations and Minor Works allocation for 1974 to improve the lighting in the Winter House pedestrian crossing and the junction by Sussex House. The bus and student parking areas were opened for the Winter House shopping area on 24 April. 12 Disclosures about the hire of additional equipment are in progress. The Chairman is a member of the Safety Committee, Professor J. C. West has been appointed to represent the north end of the south/north to south parking area. The report from the Working Party on Transport Policy was received. Miss Marriott reported that two meetings of the Working Party had been held. Representatives from AUT, AFTMS and NALGO have been co-opted as members. The working party was considering the following:

Measures of transport to the university:

- This included reports from the site management, the negotiations with British Rail and Southdown and discussions with the local authorities; a detailed survey by the Geography subject group on how people worked or travelled at the university and college of education; the presence of local government barriers.
- The working party was looking into the feasibility of controlling access to the site by networks of security barriers.

The working party recommended that any policy on parking provision in the future should be based on the following:

- That it is not desirable to continue unlimited free parking.
- That cars coming on to the site must be placed in a way that does not obstruct movement.
- That the cost of bringing cars onto the site should be recovered from car park users.

Sport and Recreation Development:

- The Director of Sport, Mr. Mike Banks reported that the extension to the Sports Pavilion was under construction and should be completed by November.
- An Air Hall was expected to be completed by October.

Accommodation

Dr. Smith reported that:

- a) proposals for the draft model tenancy agreement had now been received from the solicitors and had been circulated to members of the group considering this.
- b) Negotiations were continuing with the House committee and URTA on the number of rooms to be released; university residences that might be used as shared rooms in 1973.
- c) The URTA had recently raised the limit for schemes it was prepared to grant aid from £500 per unit to £500.
- Negotiations with a contractor to build the proposed Murray & Garrett scheme had arrived at a figure close to the estimated building starting in June and was completed in September 1974.
- d) Disclosures were continuing with representatives of the union and URTA on the relationship of rent income and costs. The relationship was being financed by the proposed Murray & Garrett development.

Counselling

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Dr. Black reported that a survey was being run on a sample of a half-year of the university's first and second year students into significant areas of their students experience at university.

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Postgraduate Liaison Committee

The committee, considering a paper from the Science Dean's Committee on the postgraduate association in the following areas - minor courses, general courses, course for arts students, admissions implications, and D.P.H.E. The working party's full report was not likely to be available until the Autumn term.

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Cars on campus — a better place to work?

Do you want to live, work or study in a car park? Which should have priority — the convenience of car users or the preservation of an outstanding university site? Over the last few years people in the country as a whole have started to question the sanity of our build- ing roads and providing facilities for the private car which has resulted simply in increasing traffic jams and accelerating the decline in public transportation. What should we do here at Sussex? Can we afford to continue to provide parking facilities to meet demand? The publication of the Site Development Project Discussion Paper last term focussed attention on the problem of the Plan B development and a group formed by Community Services is now looking into the means of transportation to and from the campus and its relation to the car-parking problem.

In recent weeks representatives of the university have been in contact with local authority planners, British Rail and Southdown, to discuss short-term improvements and long-term expansion of services. A detailed survey is being carried out to find out where staff and students use bus and underground services. In order to provide the facts and figures needed for further negotiations with local authority and public transport planners, and to identify gaps in existing routes, information is also being collected on the cost of the university’s own service in comparison with requirements that would govern any enterprise. If the university ran its own service, either itself or through a private contractor, then it could not charge users either directly or indirectly. Nor would the university gain from the government subsidy that would be used to cover the cost of the new bases that is available only to public transport licensed operators. To operate even a single route, for example, a half-hourly service both ways on the trip from Brighton to Falmer, Woodingdon, Falmouth, would require 8 buses and at least 16 drivers. It is estimated that staff costs alone would be £35,000 per year. The costs of running a four-wheeler would exceed £40,000, p.a. Where would the money come from? Other than the operating costs, there would also be the frequency of existing services are greatly improved, a sizable group of people will still remain who will need to commute by car. This group is likely to enlarge in future since in- flation in house prices and scarcity of student accommodation is likely to force people to seek accommodation over a much wider catchment area than at the present time. It is possible to provide cars to those who need them. The transport proposals that are now being considered therefore assume that the university must continue to provide some car parking facilities on the site, but recognises that:

(a) it is not possible to provide unrestricted postal service;
(b) cars coming on to the site must be parked in places where they do not detract from the environment;
(c) the cost of environmentally acceptable schemes for car parks must be recovered from users.

Uncoordinated methods of hiring cars without the on-site sure that local authorities would be able to process cars £500 a space. A more practical proposal is to provide a car park near to the university site and be controlled by the university with a charge of about £200 a year for the first 500 spaces. This would encourage anyone coming to the university for more than 3 times a week, 30 weeks a year, to buy a season ticket. It is envisaged that more realistic charges might be set, so these would encourage the formation of the pool and would deter those with alternative means of transport from using it. It looks as if such a scheme is inevitable in the near future. Other universities have already faced up to their parking problem and have accepted the need to control car parks. Sussex is ready to accept a level of charges sufficient to ensure that cars on site do not waste land or detract from the environment. Or do we feel we have an unsustainable right to occupy 150 sq. ft. of the university site during the working day with our particular heap of metal? Your comments are invited. If you have any points to make to the Transportation Working Party, please write to:

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 Provision of Further Shops

The university hopes to have more shops on the campus. Before decisions are taken, further meetings are required on the preference of students for additional facilities. A brief questionnaire has been prepared and widely distributed throughout the campus in order to assess students’ views on completing it and returning it in its entirety. The results will be made available to staff, Sussex House, at your earliest opportunity will be appreciated.
**COMING EVENTS**

**Sunday 3**
Sunday Morning Service: Preacher — Father Sergei Hucel, (Russian Orthodox Liturgy) 11.30 a.m. in the Meeting House Chapel.

"To start you talking" — discussion at the Chaplaincy centre. "Russie from the outside world" (some former students review Russia and their change of life) 8.15 p.m.

**Monday 4**
Operational Research Seminar (Doctoral Series)
D. Butler "The Evaluation of Change Factors in Production Systems" — 2.15 p.m. 2A3 Mantel Building.

Film series on theme of Children in Films "U/Enfant Sauvage" (selected) Roger Marcel will introduce the last (5.00 p.m. in EDB.

**Tuesday 5**
**Low Temperature and Solid State**, Dr. G.J. Adkins (Cambridge) "Electron Transport in Amorphous Carbon", 2.15 p.m. 4A2 Physics Building.

Materials Science Colloquia Series
Professor T.R. Anantharaman (Saraswati Hindu University) "Mediation as a Monotonic Reaction", 4.15 p.m. in ASL Lecture Theatre.

Social Development Psychology Colloquia
Dr. Christopher Spencer, Sheffield University "Physical environment and human behaviour" 6.30 p.m. in EDB 123.

**Wednesday 6**
**Mathematics Division**, Dr. R. Noble (University of Wisconsin & Oxford) Problems and solutions in variational principles — 4.30 p.m. Room C10 Physics Building.

A Symposium organised by the Science, Human Values, and Religion Society — Martin Rees (Professor of Astronomy, University of Sussex) "The secrets of the universe: can there be religion without god?" 4.30 p.m. In the Orange Room North, Refectory.

Stephen Maidlow (Lecturer in English Studies in University of Sussex) "Commitment and subjectivity in religion: the desirability of a dogmatic creed" 4.30 p.m. in the Orange Room North, Refectory.

Roy Edgley, (Professor of Philosophy University of Sussex) "Why have there at all? The need for praxiology" 4.30 p.m. in the Orange Room North Refectory.

**Thursday 7**
E.E.G. Group Postgraduate Research Seminar
G. Gabrieles "Computer control of cranial" 2.15 p.m. in ASL.

Theoretical Physics Seminar F. Pirani (King's College) "Local Indistinguishability Mechanisms" 4.15 p.m. in PB 1A6 Physics Building.

**Friday 8**
Science Policy Research Unit, F.P. Clarke (Director, Group Marketing Unit, UKAEA Harwell) "Harwell and industrial innovation" 2.15 p.m. 2A3 Mantel Building.

Astronomy Centre Seminar R.G.O., Professor F.D. Kahn (Manchester) "Massive objects in Q.G.O. 7", 4.14 p.m. Room PBIAT Physics Building.

Meeting House: Quiet day with Metropolitan Anthony of Sourou in advance to Barbara Barber, The Meeting House. 10.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

**Sunday 10**
Meeting House Chapel, Whit-Sunday Service.
Professor W. Russell Hindmarsh (Professor of Atomic Physics, University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne) 11.30 a.m.

"To start you talking" — discussion at the Chaplaincy Centre, Brighton — "It's good to be home — is it?" 8.15 p.m.

**Monday 11**
**Nuclear Physics & Plasma Seminar**, Dr. A. L. Litherland (Oxford) "Theoretical aspects of the hydrodynamic equilibrium analysis of the EUROSTARS experiments on the maintenance of spherical plasma stability" 2.15 p.m. in PBIAT Physics Building.

**Tuesday 12**
Operational Research Seminar, (Doctoral Series)
A. Sheppard "Practical Decomposition Methods for large Models" 2.15 p.m. 2A3 Mantel Building.

Materials Science Colloquia Series, Dr. J. D. Smith "A Laboratory Kiln for Reduction of Iron-Over" 4.15 p.m. in ASL Lecture Theatre.

Social Development Psychology Colloquia
Professor Russell Wright (University of Kansas) "Ecological Psychology within and across cultures" 4.30 p.m. in EDB 123.

Mathematics Division Seminar, Professor J. Levine (Oxford) "A Cycle actions on spheres" 4.30 p.m. in 4C01 Physics Building.

**Wednesday 13**
A Symposium organised by the Science, Human Values and Religion Society — Professor J. Turriff (Professor of Comparative Literary University of Sussex) "Science and literature: some literary reflections on psychological effects of practising science" 4.30 p.m. In the Orange Room North, Refectory.

**Thursday 14**
E.E.C. Group Postgraduate Research Seminar, Dr. Pringle (Aspects of Computer aided design of Hydraulic Systems) 2.15 p.m. in ASL.

Atomic Laser & Plasma Seminar, David Andrews (Sussex) "Hydrodynamic structure of Hydrogen" 4.15 p.m. PBIAT Physics Building.

**Friday 15**
Meeting House Chapel, John Birds: Organ Recital — 1.15 p.m.

Science Policy Research Unit, Dr. J. Bray (Queen Mary College and now Consultant to Battersea Institute) "Forecasts View Policy Models: Realities of Human Choice", 2.15 p.m. 2A3 Mantel Building.

Astronomy Centre Seminar R.G.O., Dr. R. N. Hild Seam (Oxford & Sussex) "Numerical Studies in the Solar System" 4.15 p.m. Room PBIAT Physics Building.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Last session I had to complain of the Bulletin’s reporting of meetings. I must point out that controversial issues have in effect been censored from the Bulletin.

On this occasion I must object to the report on the March Senate meeting which failed to mention the proposal for an extra member of faculty for the History and Social Studies of Science group from the post-1945 period. This issue raised considerable discussion and feeling, which finally led to the setting up of a working party. I do not wish to present the pros and cons of this case, even though there are important implications which should be dealt with by the editor and/or his staff.

Instead I would like to make the point that if the Bulletin is to have any part in creating a more open and democratic university, then it must give more attention to the important issues of the university, and in fact generate a discussion of them. By simply reporting the decisions of Senate and other committees, the Bulletin is giving the impression to the majority of members of the university that the issues were not contentious. As a result they are not aware of counter arguments and counter proposals.

Dr. E. Leeke

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**YOUR VIEWS ON EMPLOYMENT**

Graduate employment has changed over the past two years.
In view of developments the Appointments Advisory Service has reviewed its role. The staff are trying to find opportunities for graduates in new fields.
Extensive studies have been carried out, for example, into opportunities in Local Government and in Industry.
Vacancy information has been improved, and a Computer Assisted Placement Service organized by the universities has begun this year.
A micro-film viewer using the Department of Employment's Professional and Executive Recruitment job bank containing thousands of vacancies has been installed at the Appointments Offices.
There is now a greater need for careful counselling at an earlier stage in a student's time at the university. The Service is seeking the views of Faculty and students on how it should be run.
Over two thousand questionnaires have been going out this term. The Centre for Social Research will carry out a series of interviews. The Appointments Service hopes that all concerned will be prepared to express their views.
Many people cannot be bothered to fill in questionnaires. This one may help determine how the Appointments Service should be organised in future. Its worth your time to give us a reply.