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RENT RISE CUT

Rents for university students are to go up by £1 a week next year. The move follows successful talks between student representatives and university officials. It had been feared earlier that rents would have to rise by £1.32p.

At the end of last session the university faced a £1.32p rent rise for students as a result of the financial policies of the University Grants Committee. The universities are required to balance their accommodation accounts. It was calculated that the figure needed to balance the account at Sussex amounted to a rent rise of £1.32p.

The project team looking at the accommodation accounts decided that the first interest charges could be added to the capital sum owed. That would give savings this year.

In a statement the project team said: "Our analysis means that student numbers were slightly below the level that the University Grants Committee expected, and that the university was able to balance its accommodation accounts without passing on any increase in rent to students through the system of student loans." The statement continued: "The increase in rent is a reflection of the changes in student numbers and the fact that the university is now operating on a smaller scale. The additional costs of running the university have been absorbed by the students through the system of student loans rather than being passed on through higher rents." The statement said that the university would continue to monitor the situation and would pass on any changes in the system of student loans to students in a timely manner.

REPAIRS TO HEATING

Urgent repairs to the university heating system have been under way throughout the summer. Progress has been better than first estimated and it is likely that heating will be restored to the south end of the university by the middle of the month.

A fault in the high pressure system was discovered towards the end of the last session. Wells was examined by a-ray and new pipes have been put in place.

The university is involved in talks with the University Grants Committee about the cost of repairs. Arrangements have been made to have electric heaters in secretaries' offices where necessary.

The largest platform to be suspended by electro-magnets in a British laboratory was shown to the press by Professor R.V. Jaywant at the end of August. The platform is a magnetic box which raises the length of the research laboratory in the School of Applied Sciences, Professor Jaywant and members of the team who worked night and day to have the vehicle ready were seen on national TV news. The bus is suspended above a metal track so there is no friction, no vibration and almost no noise. The vehicle is driven by a linear electric motor.Professor Jaywant's team is supported by a £100,000 grant from the Wellcome Foundation. The vehicle can be suspended without serious instability and could be driven at speeds up to 50 mph. Professor Jaywant made it plain that the team had developed a research vehicle on an experimental track. The first line for public use is still a few years away.

The Sussex research has tackled the problem of keeping the vehicle suspended by electro-magnets at the right distance from the track.

STUDENT FOR SPACELAB SIMULATION

Nick Wells, a postgraduate student in Physics, is the first scientist from Britain to take part in a spacelab simulation.

Nick is leaving the university for a year to work with the space physics group at Southampton University. During the year he will work in California on a project organized by the European Space Research Organisation ESRO and NASA.

He will spend one week in a Cessna 1880 aircraft to simulate space flight. The exercise will look at spacelab design and will study work by scientists in space.

One question the project should answer is: Can scientists handle their own experiments and different work in other business areas of science under spacial conditions?

The aircraft will be in the air six hours out of 24 for one week. The scientists will rest and sleep in a simulated space capsule which will be parked beside the airliner when it is on the ground.

Everyone is asking Nick Wells if this work in California means he could be one of the first British astronauts. He says it is too early to answer that question. But, at the moment, space flight is a possibility he could enjoy.

In the city centre a track could be suspended over roads. This would make for a better city environment and quicker travel. The track would be costly but maintenance would be cheap.

Who is this little old lady? She was made by a Chinese potter more than 2000 years ago. Turn to back page for more on Chinese pottery, jade and bronzes.
In Brief

Charles Busing is to give a classical piano recital at the Gordon Centre on Saturday 7th July. He has been described by Paul Hamberger, writer in the Listener, as "one of the most penetrating musical minds of our time", and he has recently been elected to the National Academy of Arts and Sciences in the United States, of which the only other performing musicians are Yehudi Menuhin and Rudolf Serkin.

There will be a one-man show of the work of Evan Ogilvie at the Gordon Centre Galleries from October 5th to 27th, 9am - 6pm, excluding Sundays. His subjects, apart from nudes which perhaps are the best-known among his works, include also portraits, landscapes, still lifes and flowers.

A student and faculty debate on courses and life on the campus will be held at the Isle of Thanet on October 18th and 20th. The motion will be: "What is the University for?". Student speakers will include Pete Currie, vice-president for Finance; Students' Union; Terry McCarthy, student member, Teaching and Learning Discussion Group and Tony Blandford, student member of the joint school committee, MAPS. Faculty speakers will include Brian Smith, Chairman of the Finance Committee; Robert Cahn, Dean of the College of Applied Sciences and Peter Daworth, Chairman of the Teaching and Learning Discussion Group.

The debate is organized by the Science Human Values and Religion Society along with the Students' Union and further details are available from the Students' Union Office (0-179) or by writing to Celia Fante, Administrative Secretary, S.H.V.R. Society, MAPS.

Applications are invited from students of the university or from those who intend to enter the university, for two Choral Scholarships to the value of £60 per annum available from October 1975. One Scholarship is for a Tenor and the other for an Alto. The Scholarships will be expected to take a full part in the Chapel Choir which sings each Sunday during term and at a few special occasions. Enquiries and applications should be addressed to the University Chaplain, The Meeting House.

The African and Asian Studies Office has a quantity of used equipment available in many sizes that are surplus to its requirements and which may be sold to other offices for their internal distributions. Please contact Mrs. Dorothy Goolden (4-882).

A course of 12 seminars in Counselling is to be held this term and next. It will commence 7th October and will be held fortnightly. Those wishing to attend should contact Geoffrey Whitfield, Room 2, The Meeting House.

The Appointments Advisory Service has changed its name to the Occupational Advisory Service. Mr. Ian Kerr, head of the service, said: "The change in title from Appointments Advisory service is intended to emphasize the fact that our role is wider than that of simply placing final year students in jobs. We, of course, offer a full occupational guidance service to students who approach us at any time during their course and many are undecided about what they are going to do. We also deal with information about post-graduate courses, vocational training, vacation work, and vocational implications of choice of course options."

Kokkunula House, the first purpose-built unit for severely disabled students in a British university, was opened on campus during the vacation. Mr. Jack Ashby, the Labour MP who has campaigned for the disabled and who is himself deaf, opened the unit. A plaque was unveiled by Yamaa Kokkunula, son of Mr. Elia Kokkunula, the major backer of the unit. Our picture shows (Left to Right) Mr. Ashby, Professor Asa Briggs, Yamaa Kokkunula and Mr. Elia Kokkunula. Mr. Kokkunula said he hoped the Sussex unit would give other universities and colleges a lead in providing facilities for disabled students. The unit provides accommodation for four severely handicapped students. The first two students to live in Kokkunula House moved in just before the session started.

COMING EVENTS

FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER
Human Evolution Course : Cultural & Community Studies Film Programme: "Person" Ingmar Bergman 1966 2.00 E. D. B.

TUESDAY 8 OCTOBER
Human Mass (Tuesday) to Friday 12.30pm Meeting House Chapel.

SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER
Human Catholic Mass: 11.30am Meeting House Chapel.
Coffee: 11.00 to 11.30am.
Sunday Meeting Service: Rev. Dennis Forrester "Truth Commitment & Controversy" 11.30am Meeting House Chapel - Children's church and creche are held during the service. Light lunch served after the service. 11am please book.
Helpers are needed for children's church & creche etc. Please enter your name on the notice board if you can help.

Ceramic Show in the Library

A priceless collection of Chinese ceramics is on show in the Burrow Room in the Library every Tuesday and Thursday from 10am to 12 noon and 2 to 4pm. The collection and display is changing from time to time as all of the pieces cannot be displayed at once.

The collection was presented to the University by Sir Alan and Lady Dower. It covers three thousand years of Chinese art, some of the bronzes date from about 2500 B.C. The jars are up to 2000 years old and the ceramics are from 1500 to 2500 years old.

The pottery house oven is from the Tung period (AD 418-906). "The Bulletin" has enjoyed several visits to the Burrow Room since it was opened by Lady Dower during the vacation.

Science Policy Research Unit Seminar, Dr. G. A. Blume (S.R.I.E. Sussex) "Political Sociology of Science" 2.15pm Room Z402 Montell Building.

Anglo-German Club (Menggling) 5.15pm Meeting House Chapel.

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Anglo-Genealogical Club (Menggling) 5.15pm Meeting House Chapel.

Electrical, Electronic, Control & Computer Sciences Seminar: Dr. J. O. Flowers (University of Sussex) "Ship Dynamics approximated by Control Theory" 2.15pm ARS Applied Sciences Building.

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