UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX

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AS OTHERS SEE US

A wide-ranging study of the University's impact on the local community is being undertaken by Community Services Chairman, Dr. Brian Smith.

The ambitious project - which is unique in the diversity and breadth of topics it is aimed to cover - includes a random opinion sample in Brighton, Hove and Lewes to discover the man in the street's image of the University.

Dr. Smith aims to show how a university interacts with and influences the area in which it is set, by surveying the economic, political and social effects of the University of Sussex on its neighbourhood since its foundation.

He is particularly concerned also to examine the University's role in housing and education locally.

Similar surveys in the past have considered the economic impact made in their areas by the Universities of Exeter, Stirling and St. Andrews. But no-one has previously taken such a comprehensive look at a university and the whole range of its relations with its local community.

Initially the study will be used for planning purposes within the University and outside, and it may later be published in book form.

Six part-time helpers, including four students, are assisting.

JOHN, PAUL, GEORGE, RINGO.... and BERT

There is still time to see "John, Paul, George, Ringo... and Bert" voted best musical of the year in London and running at the Gardner Arts Centre until October 4.

Willy Russell's play about the Beatles, seen through the eyes of Bert, an erstwhile Beatle, is both nostalgic and funny, and, of course, includes all their best songs.

Dr. Smith, who hopes to have the study ready in draft form by Christmas.

He says he has received much help from University staff and from other organisations and individuals outside who have suggested lines of enquiry. They include Mr. Andrew Thorburn, Planning Officer for East Sussex County Council.

Dr. Smith has written to every school, church, club and society in the area to find out whether they have had any contact with the University and if any University staff and students are members or contribute in any way to the organisation concerned.

The Gardner Arts Centre's mailing list and audiences, the work of the Centre for Continuing Education, how the media view the University, the electoral rolls and the extent to which the University could numerically affect local politics - these are some of the aspects which Dr. Smith is considering.

The distribution of staff and students in various districts has already been plotted showing movements from the time the University started, and the influence of the University on the social services and local schools system will also be looked at.

Dr. Smith is shortly to take a survey within the University when he will be asking staff for help with information which is not readily accessible.

ARTS/SCIENCE SCHEME

The Science Committee has established a Working Party to review the Arts/Science Scheme.

Members of the University are invited to send written comments to the Working Party on any aspect of the present scheme, and what they see as its possible future development and role.

Comments should be sent to the Secretary of the Working Party, Mr L.A.Suss, Sussex House.

MEDICAL CENTRE OPENING

The official opening of Stage I of the Sussex Centre for Medical Research took place during the vacation.

The 2,700 square foot building will enable research in Biomedical Engineering, which has already begun, to be continued and expanded. More than 20 individual projects are currently being undertaken, and include work on cardiovascular engineering (heart disease), tissue mechanics and artificial materials for implantable devices (heart valves).

Space has also been allocated for Biological work on the cause of human diabetes.

The opening ceremony was performed by Mr. W.F. Gannon, a Sussex businessman whose gifts and initiatives have been a major factor in the Centre project. Construction costs were in the order of £26,000 and would have been much greater but for the generous help of a number of companies.

Plans are being prepared for a second stage to include facilities for diabetes and cancer research. About £40,000 has already been donated or promised to the Centre and should prove adequate to finance a second stage.

The new Director of the Centre is Dr. Brian Rigden, Chest Consultant to the Brighton Health District. He takes over from Dr. M.M. Black and Dr. K. W. Taylor, the joint Directors, who left Sussex at the end of the last academic year.

PROFESSOR DUDLEY SEERS

Professor Dudley Seers (Professorial Fellow of L.D.S.) has been elected president of the newly founded European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes.
DIARY OF EVENTS

SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER
SCR Cricket: Away to Dome Mission. Start at 1.30pm.


SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER
SCR Cricket: At home to Shoreham. Start at 1.30pm at the Isle of Thorns.

MONDAY 29 SEPTEMBER
Cultural & Community Studies: "Seven-Plus-Seven", (Granada TV). 6.00pm AZ Theatre, Arts A.

BULLETIN AND DIARY OF EVENTS

Postgrad Grants

Incomes of between 20 and 23 per cent in postgraduate students' grants were announced by the Secretary of State for Education and Science, during the vacation.

The increases, which are for the academic year 1975-76, are in line with those for undergraduates, which were announced in May.

The main rate of grant -- for students living away from home and attending universities outside London -- rises from £80 to £1,085.

The married women's rate of grant is increased to that of a married man, and both married women and married men have the same entitlement to dependants' allowances. Supplementary allowances are also distributed and disabled postgraduates are to receive an allowance of up to £120 a year.

The spouse's contribution, introduced last year, is to continue, although the arrangements are to be reviewed later this year.

The new rates compared with last year's rates are as follows:

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* This takes account of the new rates of family allowance from April 1, 1975.

We hope to publish the Bulletin every alternate Tuesday and the Diary of Events every Thursday during term-time.

Anyone with news items, contributions, information or anything they would like to see appear in the Bulletin, should contact Jennifer Payne Information Office, Sussex House. (Extension 05-123).

The Diary of Events will run from Friday to Thursday each week. Items should reach Vera McPhillips (05-116) or Sue Frazer (05-224) in the Information Office, Sussex House, by not later than the Monday afternoon prior to publication.

Seminars in Counselling: A course will commence for those who have already had some training. Details from Geoffrey Whitfield, Meeting House.

THURSDAY 2 OCTOBER

Opening of Session Service: Preacher, Professor Asa Briggs. Organist, John Bitch. Followed by a wine and cheese party on the lower floor of the Meeting House. 6.00pm Meeting House Chapel.

Brighton 1975 European Architectural Heritage Year Exhibition.

Until Sunday 19 October. Royal Pavilion Art Gallery.

ON THE HOME FRONT

Susan Briggs, wife of the Vice-Chancellor, seems set to join the ranks of best-selling authors with her book "Keep Smiling Through", a lavishly illustrated anthology of Britain's home front between 1939 and 1945.

Published in Britain at the beginning of September by Weidenfeld & Nicolson (24.95), it has already been made the "choice of the month" by a book society, and has been widely reviewed in the national press.

In the United States, a huge print order has been prepared by the American publishers, McGraw-Hill.

Mrs. Briggs has produced a skillful compilation of writing and reminiscence about Britain in the Second World War. Let's just hope the nostalgia for the forties does not reach the Refectory - otherwise dried egg, sneek or a nasty concoction called Woolton Pie might be on the menu.

MEMORIES of the war: a popular notice in hotels.
UNIVERSITY OFFICERS

On this and the following four pages The Bulletin brings you photographs of the main University Officers. We hope they will help you to recognise not only the Dean and Sub-Dean of your own School - whom you are likely to see frequently - but other senior academics whom you are likely to encounter less often.

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SUMMER CONFERENCES

More than 8,000 delegates -- ranging from Girl Guides to Open University students -- attended conferences at the University this summer, an increase of about twenty per cent on last summer's figures.

Thirty-four residential conferences attracted 6,460 delegates to the campus during the vacation, and another 1,500 delegates attended non-residential conferences.

Everyone who was still on campus at the end of June must have known about at least one of the conferences -- the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. The Girl Guides were holding their triennial international business meeting, which on the last occasion was held in Canada and three years hence will be in Iran.

Most of the 450 delegates were at Sussex for ten days, although the World Committee of 30 spent a week at the White House at the Isle of Thorns and a further week in discussions at the University before and after the main conference.

The Guides' conference was one of the most colourful and friendly we have had on the campus. Ninety-six countries attended, and all wore their national uniform which varied from the drab navy of the British to the pale blue saris of the Indians, the navy with gold stripes of some West Africans, and the exquisite eau-de-nil saris of the Philippine delegates.

Another major conference this summer was the meeting of the Boys' Brigade in September, when 440 delegates from all over the British Isles visited the University for what was also a very amiable gathering.

Once again, the University's largest customer, for the third year, was the Open University. It ran summer schools for five different courses, the Art and Architecture course being a newcomer this year. Some 2,160 students attended the summer schools.

A large international medical conference on Glycoconjugates was held in July under the organisation of the National Institute for Medical Research.

Several smaller academic conferences also took place, including the Chemical Society, Institute of Physics and the Toxicology Club.

Professional and technical associations meeting at Sussex included the Institute of Chartered Accountants and the British Society for Clinical Cytology. Two language courses were held, one run by the Centre for Continuing Education.

Moira Allan

Postgraduate Study at Canadian Universities

Graduates of U.K. universities who want to study at a Canadian university will find the answers to general queries in a Student Information Paper which has been prepared by the Association of Commonwealth Universities.

The seven-page document, Postgraduate Study at Canadian Universities, includes details of the types of degrees offered, advice on choosing a university, useful publications, costs, scholarships, employment and visa requirements.

Copies are available from the Association of Commonwealth Universities, 36 Gordon Square, London, WC1H 0PF.

OPENING OF COMMUNITY COURSES

The Centre for Continuing Education will be running about 100 courses in many different centres in East and Mid-Sussex, starting this week.

Copies of the Centre's annual prospectus are now available throughout the University.

A conference for all part-time course tutors is to be held in E.D.B. on Saturday, October 4.

SECOND & THIRD YEAR POSTGRADUATES

Are you interested in earning some extra cash?

Second and third year postgraduates can earn £1.60 per hour quieting parties of visitors around the campus.

If you are interested, get your name added to the Register of Guides kept by the Information Office.

Contact Sue Fraser, Information Office, Sussex House (Ext. 05-244)

THE ART OF ANTICIPATION

A group of researchers working at the Science Policy Research Unit describe in a book published this month their approach to the complex problem of evaluating the alternative technologies by which social goals could be achieved.

"The Art of Anticipation: Values and Methods in Forecasting" is edited by Professor S. E. Encel of the University of New South Wales, and Pauline Marstrand and William Page of the Science Policy Research Unit at Sussex.

The book describes the problem of values in forecasting and of using normative goals as a means of assessing technological alternatives and discusses the pitfalls which beset the unwary forecaster.

The 15 contributors to the study also examine existing methods of forecasting and assessing technical and social change; the problem of integrating R & D in most developing countries and the inequalities between rich and poor nations.

"The Art of Anticipation" is published by Martin Robertson & Co. Ltd., price £2.25 (paperback), £4.50 (hardback).