PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Student Numbers

Some current-year students have still not completed registration with the University it was reported to Planning Committee at its meeting on December 7.

Although there was better knowledge of the University's student population this year than at the same time in the previous four or five years, final details of student numbers were still too late for the return required to be made to the University Grants Committee by October 31. This return has over the past few years become a critical source of information both for the UGC's allocation of grants and for national planning.

Planning Committee noted that:

* it had agreed in May that students who did not register by October 31 should cease to have the right to use University facilities;

* the period of grace had in practice been extended into December; only on December 6 had the Senate Group on Students in Debt agreed that about ten students should be notified that they would be deemed withdrawn unless they presented themselves immediately for registration;

* unregistered students were not eligible to be candidates in University examinations and examination offices might decline to accept scripts;

* the Administration would be reviewing the mechanisms for communication between Schools and administrative offices on unregistered students.

First Destination of University Graduates

Attention was drawn to the high proportion of graduates, relative to other universities, of Sussex's first degree graduates whose 'destination' six months after graduation was not known to the University, or who were unemployed or in temporary employment.

* an analysis of the 'destination' information by School of Studies showed that the Schools which gave the Occupational Advisory Service the most help in collecting information were generally those with the lowest proportions of 'unknowns' and of unemployed and temporary employed;

* other universities had found that the number of 'unknowns' could be substantially reduced by telephoning parents, though it was later suggested in the discussion which followed that this was an infringement of privacy;

* the Department of Employment had just launched a major survey of 20 per cent of 1970s graduates; this might show how Sussex graduates satisfactorily settled into employment after a longer period than six months.

In further discussions it was questioned whether it might be possible to find out something about current students' expectations, in sufficient detail for the information to be acted upon to their own benefit.

It was pointed out that the proportions of Sussex undergraduates who made use of the UAS in their second and final years were low compared with other universities.

The Committee endorsed the concern expressed in the paper and asked that a shorter paper should be prepared for discussion at School Meetings so that tutors were made aware of the difficulties which their students were experiencing after graduation, and continued overlap.

CAR PARKING RESTRICTED THIS FRIDAY

This Friday, December 16, part of the Sussex House car park will be reserved for those attending the Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the Court of the University, which will take place in the Meeting House at 11.15 a.m.

Lord Shawcross, the Chancellor, will chair the meeting at which the University's Annual Report and Accounts for 1976-77 will be presented.

Drivers who usually leave their vehicles in the Sussex House car park are asked to seek alternative parking places on that day.

PROF. MASON FOR MINISTRY POST

Professor Ronald Mason, Pro-Vice-Chancellor since the start of this academic year, has been appointed Chief Scientific Adviser to the Ministry of Defence.

In 1971, Professor Mason came to Sussex to take up a Chair in Chemistry. He was previously Professor of Inorganic Chemistry at the University of Sheffield. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1975. He was a member of the Science Research Council from 1971 to 1975, and chairman of its Science Board and Chemistry Committee.

Professor Mason begins his new job part-time this week. He will remain as Pro-Vice-Chancellor for the time being and will take up his new post full-time in March. While he is at the Ministry, Professor Mason will be granted leave of absence from the University. He hopes to be able to continue some of his research work in the University.
Vacancies

The Establishment Office has issued the following current list of non-academic posts within the University which are to be filled. Job descriptions for all the posts listed are displayed on notice-boards. The list was compiled at December 6.

Generalist (g) Arts & Social Administration (Studies Office (IA) (This post is to be filled by internal transfer only).

Library (d) Library (Part-time)

Attendant (e) English & American (1 part-

Clerk (a) Science Office (0

Clerk/Typist (a) English & American (1 part-

Secretary (a) Education (1)

(b) Mathematical & Physical Sciences (1 part-time)

(c) Centre for Continuing Education (3)

Programmer (i) M.R.C. Research Unit (temporary)

Technician (b) Molecular Sciences (4)

Night Security (f) Estates & Maintenance Staff

Cashier (e) Refectory (1 daytime post, 1 evening post)

Porter/Barman & Chambermaid (h) Refectory

Steward & Assistant Steward (h) Refectory

Deputy Head Chef (c) Refectory

Information given after each post relates to the grade at which the vacancy will be filled.

The code given before each post indicates the person to whom applications should be sent:

(a) Mrs. S. B. Batenhoven, Arts & Social Studies Office, Arts D.

(b) Mr. G. M. D. Carr, Science Office, Sussex House.

(c) Mr. C. R. Kelley, Establishment Office, Sussex House.

(d) Librarian, Library

(e) Catering Manager, Refectory.

(f) Assistant Estate Manager (admin) Sussex House.

(g) Registrar & Secretary, Sussex House.

(h) Business Manager, Refectory.

(i) Miss J. Willard, M.R.C. Research Unit, C.R.P.C.

VACANCY FOR THE POST OF TEMPORARY PROGRAMMER

The MRC Perceptual and Cognitive Performance Unit here on campus is about to obtain a DECLAB II/O3C computer system and will require the services of a temporary computer programmer for 6 months, starting in January 1978. The programmer will write, test and document programs and subroutines to assist in the online control of laboratory experiments and in general data analysis. The salary will be up to £333 per month, depending upon qualifications.

Applicants must have had PDP-11 programming experience, preferably with MACRO, under the RT-11 operating system. Those wishing to apply are invited to send a brief summary of their qualifications to Jenny Willard, as soon as possible, at the MRC Perceptual and Cognitive Performance Unit, Laboratory of Experimental Psychology.

RESEARCH EXCHANGES BETWEEN BRITAIN AND THE SOVIET UNION

The British Council is currently inviting nominations from British universities, polytechnics and medical schools for visits to the Soviet Union to be made between April 1978 and March 1979.

The visits are part of the Anglo-Soviet Cultural Agreement and the present quota is for up to 20 visitors for up to 30 'man months' and for up to three visitors for up to six 'man months'. The British Council may also consider applications for visits which extend to the end of the 1978-79 academic year.

Further information is available from the Arts, Education or Science Offices.

It should be noted that the British Council has no exchanges with the Academy of Sciences, which has separate agreements with the Royal Society and the British Academy.

OVERSEAS RELATIONS OFFICE

Study in the U.S.A. - Exchange Programme 1978-79

Applications are invited from undergraduates currently in the second year of a B.A. or B.Sc course, for places at various American universities and colleges in the 1978-79 academic year. Details of the exchange arrangements which have been made by this University are available from the Overseas Relations Office in Sussex House.
NEW CHAPLAINS

Two new Roman Catholic Chaplains, Fr. Richard Frost and Fr. Robert Hamilton, have been appointed to serve in the University and Polytechnic.

They succeed Fr. Maurice Couve de Murville who has gone to be Roman Catholic Chaplain in Cambridge; and Fr. Andrew Beer who is now Parish Priest of Cobham, Surrey.

Fr. Richard Frost Fr. Robert Hamilton

Fr. Richard Frost is a graduate in Philosophy of Heythrop College and Louvaine. He has taught at The Seminary at Wonersh and served in a variety of parishes in the diocese of Arundel and Brighton.

He is at present living in York House in the ground floor flat.

His assistant is Fr. Robert Hamilton, C.I., who belongs to the Josephite Order. He read History and Anglo-Saxon at Cambridge and Theology at Louvaine.

He spent three years teaching in Zaire and since his return has taught in St. George’s and Cardinal Newman School, Rove. Most recently he has been Chaplain to Mother Theresa’s Home for Vagrants in London.

He is at present Warden of Howard House.

Fr. Frost and Fr. Hamilton may be contacted in Room 9 of The Meeting House.

CENTRE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

Activities organised in the New Year by the Centre for Continuing Education include residential weekend schools on Othello and Ancient Greek culture, as well as a study tour to Greece next April.

OTHELLO/OTHELLO is the title of a residential weekend course from January 20 to 22 which will compare Shakespeare’s play and Verdi’s opera. It will be held at the Isle of Thorns and tutors will be Michael Hall, Lecturer in Music, and Terry Hodgson, Lecturer in Literature, both of the Centre for Continuing Education.

ANCIENT GREEK CULTURE - LITERATURE, ART, HISTORY is the subject of a study tour to Greece from April 2 to 13 and of an introductory weekend school to be held at Stafford House, Hassocks, on January 14 and 15. Tutors will be Terry Hodgson and Adrian McAllister, part-time tutor in Greek History and Culture at the Centre for Continuing Education.

The tour to Greece will include visits to sites in Athens, Delphi, Corinth, Mytilene (Mithradattos), Mycenae, Pylos and Olympia. There will probably also be a dance performance by the Lyceum of Greek Women, a performance by the National Theatre of Greece and a concert by the State Orchestra. The fee is £296 and includes air fare, exclusive use of a coach, tourist hotel and board (excluding lunch), and entrance to most museums, concerts, etc.

The weekend school in January is intended primarily for those who will be participating in the visit to Greece, although applications are also welcome from others interested in the study of the history and art of Ancient Greece.

Further information about all these events is available from the Centre for Continuing Education, Education Development Building.

SCR Cricket Club

The SCR Cricket Club has decided to change its name to the University of Sussex Associates (formerly SCR) Cricket Club.

The change was agreed at the Club’s annual general meeting last month and it is hoped that the new title will reflect the wider membership of the Club, which is open to all on campus and not only to Senior Education.

Common Room members.

Last year the Club’s playing fortunes were rather mixed. Over the 1977 season, the Saturday and Sunday XI played a total of 36 matches, winning 14, drawing 16, (including two matches abandoned through rain) and losing six.

A further 13 matches were cancelled, seven through rain, one through lack of a ground and five through lack of players (either SCR or opponents).

Next year the Club will again field both a Saturday XI and a Sunday XI, with a full fixture list for both teams.

As ever, the Club is anxious to find new players. All students, staff, visiting workers, etc. who may be interested in joining the Club should contact Peter Meadows, ARC Nitrogen fixation Unit, Internal telephone 06-357.

MEETING HOUSE CHRISTMAS APPEAL

UGANDAN REFUGEE STUDENTS

Hundreds of students have fled from threats and persecution in Amin’s Uganda. Many of them are in Kenya, where they sleep on the floors of church halls and in crowded shared rooms in the Nairobi slums. Others are in Britain or other countries.

They represent the hope for the future of Uganda, but they urgently require help, first with the basic necessities of life, and then with university places so that they can continue their studies and qualify themselves to play a constructive role in the Uganda of the future.

It is peculiarly appropriate at Christmas time that students and academics in Britain should be generous in helping their Ugandan fellow students who are exiled, often short of basic necessities of life, and without opportunities to study.

The money collected will be channelled through the Return Committee (Relief, Education and Training of Ugandan Refugees Now) which is headed by the Bishop-in-Exile of Kampala in Uganda, and which includes Bishop Trevor Huddleston, Professor R.L.P. Boyd, FRS, and the Rev. John Scott as patrons, and the St. Francis Fund, based in Nairobi University and established by Professor E. Lucas, Dr. L. Pirouet and Dr. M. Aliker, together with a group of Ugandans. Evey Penny CONTRIBUTED WILL BE PUT TO GOOD USE.

Delphi, Corinth, Mytilene, Pylos and Olympia may be given to any of the Chaplains, or to Mrs. Barber, Room 3, The Meeting House. Cheques should be made payable to The University Chapel Collections Account.

The target for this Appeal is £400.
Gardner Centre

If you want to know what happened when the cuckoo in the clock lost his voice ... or why the Old (Tea) Bag who lives in the teapot is so disagreeable ... or how Sleek the Mouse developed a sudden craving for gingerbread, then you had better think seriously about booking tickets for the Gardner Centre’s Christmas show, which opens on December 17.

It is by David Wood, who wrote "The Plotters of Cabbage Patch Corner" and "The Owl and the Pussy-cat" (both previous Christmas successes here), and it is a delightful musical play called THE GINGERBREAD MAN.

It is set on the shelves of the largest kitchen dresser in England and children who take their home-life seriously had better get tickets for Mum and Dad too because they will be none-too-pleased if they are left out.

Incidentally, the discounts for children and parties are even larger this year and the run has been extended for an extra week (to January 14) to accommodate all the people who seem to find the Gardner synonymous with Christmas entertainment and who cause the box office record to be broken regularly every year at this time.

I went back-stage yesterday to see how things were progressing in the workshop. It was extremely difficult to get through the door. I eventually found Len the carpenter inside an eight-foot high cuckoo clock, Pete was putting the finishing touches to a six-foot teapot, and Alan Skidmore, who (courtesy of British Rail) has gone all the way from Glasgow to lend his particular and very special expertise to the painting of it all, was thoughtfully stroking his chin and wondering how he was going to deal with a five-foot rolling pin.

Meanwhile rehearsals are coming on pace in the Sussex Sportcentre where the cast (Sandra Scriven, Barry Quin, Mandy Cuthbert, William Repton, Tony Atkin and Allan Walsh) are slaving away with Colin Fisher and Richard Holmes, the musical director.

THE GINGERBREAD MAN is enormous fun and our prospective audiences obviously share the same view since advance booking is currently 20 per cent up on last year. So, in the words of Sleek the gangster mouse "OK you guys, get round to the box office" - we’d hate you to be disappointed.

Nigel Stannard
Administrative Director.

MESSIAH SING-IN

The annual Messiah Sing-in will be held in the Meeting House on Wednesday, December 14 at 2.00 p.m. Scores will be given out at the door and everyone is welcome to come and join in.

CCS SCHOOL CONCERT

The Cultural and Community Studies School Concert takes place tomorrow, Wednesday, December 14, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Lecture Theatre A1, Arts Building. Members of the School and others are welcome to attend. The programme includes music and sketches. Last year’s concert was a great success. Come along tomorrow and you won’t be disappointed.

FORMER SUSSEX STUDENTS’ ASSOCIATION

The Former Sussex Students’ Association will be holding a party in the Falmer Bar on January 7, 1978 from 8.00 p.m. ’til late.

Free food, late bar and disco will be provided.

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

The University will be closed over the Christmas holidays from Monday, December 26, to Monday, January 2, 1978, inclusive. The Spring Term begins on Thursday, January 12.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Information Office would like to thank all those who have contributed news items, feature stories, illustrations, and in any other way to The Bulletin during the past term. Please continue to send us items of interest.

The next issue of The Bulletin will be published on Tuesday, January 17, 1978. Anyone with news items, contributions, information or anything they would like to see appear in The Bulletin should contact Jennifer Payne, Room 306, Sussex House (ext. 05-123). Copies for the next issue should reach the Information Office in Sussex House by noon on Wednesday, January 11, 1978.

The next Diary of Events will be published on Thursday, January 12, 1978. All items for the Diary should be sent to Vera McPhillips or Ann Eyles, Information Office, Room 330, Sussex House (ext. 05-116 or 05-244) by Monday, January 9, 1978.