KIPLING COLLECTION

A major collection of Rudyard Kipling manuscripts is to be deposited in the University Library by the National Trust. Mr. Peter Lewis, the University Librarian, has described the news as "an exciting acquisition for the University, comparable only to that of the Virginia Woolf papers in the early 1970's."

The collection includes several hundred letters; some literary manuscripts; volumes of press cuttings; the visitors' book from Bateman's, Kipling's Sussex home; copies (some annotated) of his own and other authors' books; and other associated material.

The papers were received by the National Trust under the will of Mrs. Elsie Bambridge, Kipling's last surviving child. Mrs. Bambridge was well-known for the restrictive care with which she looked after the 'Wimpole Archive', as it is sometimes known (after Wimpole Hall, her home near Cambridge). Only the official biographer, Charles Carrington, was allowed to use the archive in published work; and an earlier biographer, Lord Birkenhead, was refused permission to publish his life of Kipling. Now the papers will be made accessible to scholars on terms similar to those applying to the Library's other manuscript collections.

Before the announcement on September 15th that the collection was destined for the University of Sussex, there had been speculation that the papers would go to either Cambridge University Library, or the British Library, or an American university. But the National Trust believes that Sussex University Library is the "right place" for the collection. A spokesman for the Trust said: "It has a very good reputation both for the security it gives its documents and for making them accessible to scholars. And Kipling thought of himself as a Sussex man."

With its arrival at Sussex, the Library will become the principal British repository of unique documents relating to both Kipling and Virginia Woolf, who chose for many years to live in Sussex.

The University's proximity to Burwash, where the National Trust owns Bateman's and has a Kipling museum, should be of mutual benefit when exhibitions are arranged, and be helpful also to visiting scholars. To the extent that resources necessary the Library will sort the collection and prepare a handlist of contents.

It is expected that final details of the agreement between the National Trust and the University, and the date of transfer of the collection to Sussex, will be announced in the near future.

Registration

Registration for the 1977-78 session continues today (Tuesday) and tomorrow in the Common Room in Sussex House. All returning undergraduates are required to register at the times shown on the notices already sent to them, summaries of which have been posted on noticeboards around the campus. There will be a retrieval session on Thursday (9.30 a.m. to Noon) for students unable to attend earlier in the week.

Maintenance grant cheques that have been received by the University will be distributed at the time of registration.

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

The Opening of Session Service tomorrow will be addressed by the Rev. Dr. Donald Coggan, the Archbishop of Canterbury. The service is at 6 p.m. in the Meeting House, and will be followed by a wine and cheese party for all first year students.

The Bulletin is pleased to welcome all students and staff to the University for the new academic session and to this first edition of The Bulletin in 1977-78. The Bulletin was first published in October 1962 and ever since then has attempted to provide its readers with information on events and matters of current interest within the University. As in recent years The Bulletin will again be prepared by the Information Office and published fortnightly during term time.

Copies will be distributed as widely as possible on publication days which in this term will be October 4 and 18, November 1, 15 and 29 and December 13.

Items for inclusion in The Bulletin are always welcomed by the Information Office as are ideas, suggestions, criticisms and even praise. The Information Office is located in Room 330, Sussex House (tel. 05-116 or 05-244), or for items specifically for The Bulletin, contact Jennifer Payne, Room 306, Sussex House (ext. 05-123).

This year The Bulletin hopes to include more articles on the work of the University's centres and units and to report more frequently on activities. Information on job vacancies will be published regularly and if space is available future editions will include a column on articles for sale, wanted etc. It is also hoped to report extracts from parliamentary debates on higher education and in a series of articles to describe the role of some of the many national bodies related to the university system.

The next issue of Bulletin will be published on Tuesday October 18, and copy for inclusion should reach the Information Office by noon on Wednesday, October 12.

The Diary of Events is a weekly publication which lists lectures and other events on a day-by-day basis, from Friday to Thursday each week in term. Items should reach Vera McPhillips (05-116) or Ann Byles (05-244) in the Information Office, Sussex House, by not later than the Monday afternoon prior to Thursday publication.
Union Welcome

Petrel Sitkin, this year's President of the Students' Union in economics at the University of Sussex, has recently been made vice president and is studying international relations and economics. His postgraduate research has been into the economics and financing of education.

On behalf of the Students' Union I would like to welcome newcomers to the University, both staff and students. I would like to make a brief plea to staff not to skip this article, seeing its author, but to read it, in order to learn more about the Students' Union.

Everyone has preconceived ideas about a Students' Union, and probably those of staff are the least flexible they were usually made long before arrival at Sussex. We have a history of liaising with campus trade unions, and if you feel that Student Union activity to be irrelevant or annoying at any time, there are plenty of channels through which you can voice your concern.

A weekly Union newspaper, Union News, is widely circulated, and would keep you in touch with the goings on of the Union. It is important that the gulf between staff and students are narrowed, but this can only be done through reciprocal action and motivation.

It is always difficult to know how to address incoming first years. It is difficult for two reasons. Firstly, you have been bombardeed with so much literature from every direction that you are probably immune to this. Secondly, since the first few weeks (and particularly days) are such a horrible experience that you are probably feeling too miserable to care. However, however, however, you are reading this in a crowded place to hide from an embarrassment not knowing anyone to talk to yet (look around - there's bound to be a few more of you). I'll go on - knowing you'll take as long as possible to get through The Bulletin.

A students' union is by its nature diverse. We cover huge areas of student interest, from the Abortion Campaign to Zen. Perhaps your initial direct contact with the Union will be when you join a society. It is often ignored - but all Union societies - including sports societies and clubs are funded by the Union fees. Other Union 'services' are the Union Shop, Travel Bureau, bars and catering facilities.

A second area of Union activity is that of campaigns. You may have an immediate image of banner waving hippies. This doesn't happen very often, although national demonstrations on grant cuts are now an annual event. In fact, a large part of the Union's activity in campaigns lies in dispelling the ignorance of the Union usually surrounds an area of major contention.

Discussion at Union General Meetings, the preparing and studying of leaflets and pamphlets, the convening of discussion meetings all play large parts in the progression of any Union campaign. But, the Executive doesn't just decide on any issue to mount a campaign around (rumours of picking a topic out of a hat are untrue) it has to get stimulus from the membership which elected them. If you feel an area is in need of special attention, but are unsure of how to take it to a UGM, pop into the Union Office and chat to one of the sabbatics about it.

In the past, main issues we have campaigned around have been the increase in tuition fees, the increase in Bursary of the fees, the increase in Bursary of Exchequer food prices, the increase in campus rents, fascism, the grant levels, and a whole number of other things directly affecting students. But, Union policy is not exclusively to do with local issues - whole areas of concern exist outside of these.

Northern Ireland, South Africa, Palestine are all topics that have been the subject of heated discussion within the General Meetings. If students are to have an intelligent consideration of these issues facing them, they must be able to put them into a wider context.

The Union Office itself is in a way a service. The four sabbaticals each work in a separate area - Tony in Communications, Frances K. in Finance, and Frances E. in Welfare. Each can offer help and advice in certain areas. They are all in at office hours, and other members of the Executive can be contacted via the Union Office. Don't feel you'll be an imposition, they're there to help.

Also you can be of help by taking any difficulties to the Union because a lot of things that are causing increasing problems can only be pinpointed by seeing the numbers of people coming into the office with the same problem. Once we've established a problem is one of increasing importance, we can bring it to a UGM, encouraging further action and attention.

Patent Laws

New patent laws soon to be introduced in the UK and in Europe involve important changes, some of special significance for university researchers. Under the new laws it will no longer be possible to publish details of an invention at learned society meetings, or in the journals of such societies, if the inventor later wishes to apply for a patent. Present British patent laws permit certain journals and meetings of learned societies to be exempted from the general rule that publication prior to filing a patent application automatically deprives the patent of validity. This special status will be lost when the new laws come into force. In addition, considerable restrictions will be placed on the display of inventions at exhibitions. The procedure leading to the granting of patent rights is rationalised under new British law and more solid data may be required to support the claims made.

Engineers and physicists will find little change from past practice in the character of the new legislation and the type of subject matter that can be patented. The impact of European law is much greater in the chemical and biological fields, where there are a number of changes concerning patentability. In general, an invention may be patentable if the particular finding is novel and amounts to a sufficiently significant advance upon previous knowledge, and offers the prospect of being of practical value in an industrial context. However, protecting an invention begins with the filing of an application at the Patent Office before it is to be published or put into public use.

The list of exclusions from patentability in the UK and European laws includes discoveries, aesthetic creations, schemes, rules and methods for performing mental acts, computer programs and presentations of information.

Further information on the new laws and on the role of the National Research Development Corporation in assisting university inventors, is available in two leaflets, published by the NRD, a limited number of copies of which are held in the Science Office.

The CVCP is currently producing guidance for universities on the new patent laws legislation.
Security System Speeds the Library Visitor

A newly installed mechanical system coming into operation this term in the University Library will speed students and faculty alike on their way out of the Library without the delays - and the tedium - of submitting their bags and cases for inspection, to ensure that they are not taking away books which they have neglected to register for loan or which are not to be removed from the Library.

The system will soon replace entirely the familiar visual inspection of recent years, freeing Library staff from one of the most boring of routine tasks and readers from the kinds of hapless personal revelations that used to be associated with H.M. Customs in the old days of the chalk-marked luggage in the customs shed.

In time, it will also save a greater proportion of the cost of replacing the books which are borrowed without authorization and which never find their way back to the Library - a loss of Library stock very conservatively estimated at £3,000 a year at the present time.

Unauthorized loans lead not only to loss of stock and replacement costs but - even if the books are eventually returned - to considerable inconvenience to Library users. The peaks of unauthorized borrowing seem invariably to coincide with the peaks of demand for legitimate lending; and inability to trace books, either on the shelves or in the loan records, may cause particularly serious troubles for would-be readers at such times.

When that happens, all you have to do is step back out of the exit path into the Circulation Area, check your person and your belongings to find the item detected, and take appropriate action - i.e. have it duly issued as a loan to you at the Circulation Desk or, if it is a "Not to Be Borrowed" item, return it for reshelving. The audible signal is tones, and the gate can only be unlocked, when you are out of the exit path and back in the Library; so it is important that you do not stand blocking the path for others while you make your check. Once the appropriate action is completed, you may rejoin the flow of departing visitors through one of the two exit paths without further let or hindrance.

Activating the 'stop' mechanism at the exit is not in itself regarded as a breach of Library Regulations. But all such activation will be logged by Library staff for monitoring purposes; and you may be asked to give particulars of your books for this reason, if you do activate it. Library staff will, in any case, be on hand to give advice on the correct action to take, if you need it.

The system installed is the 3-M Detection System Type 31, selected after long investigation of all the several library-based systems now available in this country. Among the reasons for the choice is that, as a 'full-circulation' system, it can most effectively cope with our exceptionally large number of Library users with the least amount of additional book handling by staff and users. Another is that it has a very low incidence of False alarms, i.e. it rarely confuses Library books with other objects. However, if a false alarm is suspected for any reason, the suspect object can be handed to Library staff for recovery on the other side of the exit gate, so that it by-passes the system.

The new system has a proven record in academic and other libraries as an effective means of reducing unauthorized loans, and so of maintaining the best possible level of availability of the items most frequently needed at particular periods of the year.

How it Works

The main changes from the earlier security methods which you will notice as a Library visitor are that separate two-lane entry and exit gates (clearly labelled) replace the former free-for-all in the main entrance area; and that, on entering and leaving, you push open a simple one-way gate instead of negotiating a turnstile.

If you attempt to leave through the entry gates, you will find that they do not open for you; and if, on approaching an exit gate, you have about you a Sussex University Library book (or other Library resource item) of which the loan has not been recorded at the Circulation Desk, you will find that the exit gate locks itself shut and an audible signal is delivered to the Library staff at the Desk.

This new system requires no greater level of cooperation from Library users than that which they have cheerfully accorded to the old inspection; and I believe that all visitors will find it more unobtrusive and more acceptable than its predecessor. To anticipate two critical questions which may be asked: (1) no funds have been diverted from book and periodical purchases to pay for the installation; (2) the new system is not intended to lead to a reduction of exit gates in the Library, but will release some staff time for more rewarding work in the service of Library users.

PETER LEWIS
University Librarian
NOTICEBOARD

TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES

Allowances for travel and subsistence are payable to staff who incur expenses while engaged on official university business. Regulations governing the reimbursement of expenses are set out in full on the reverse of forms available from the Finance Office. The rates of allowance payable were reviewed during last term and the following are currently applicable:

Car allowances
Car mileage 13p
Lump sum per annum £169
+ per mile 9.5p
Motor cycle 3p

Subsistence allowances
Actual expenses up to a maximum subsistence of:
for an absence not involving a night away from home:
4-8 hours £2.00
8-12 hours £3.50
12-16 hours £4.75
over 16 hours £5.25
for an absence from home overnight (up to 24 hours):
London £14.50
Elsewhere £13.00
for travel overseas (up to 24 hours):
Europe £25.00
N.America £30.00
Elsewhere - British Council rates.

JUBILEE DINNER IN SCR

To celebrate the Queen's Silver Jubilee a formal dinner will be held in the Senior Common Room on Friday, November 4.

Members of the SCR are invited to attend, at a charge of £6 for a member and £1 each for a guest, inclusive of pre-dinner drinks and wines at table. Additional guests may also be invited by members at £7.50 each.

Applications for invitations should be made to the Chief Accountant, Mr. L. Ricketts, in Sussex House (05-117), by no later than October 21.

CAR PARKING

Vehicle owners are reminded that cars and motor cycles parked on campus should carry a current motor vehicle registration disc. If you have not applied for a new disc for 1977-78, you should now do so. The disc is free and may be obtained by completing a motor vehicle registration form and returning it to the Communications Officer, Room 218, Sussex House.

The purpose of registration is to ensure that the use of available parking space can be restricted to members of the University and to enable the University to identify quickly a vehicle and/or its owner when necessary.

HONORARY DEGREES NOMINATIONS

Nominations for Honorary Degrees to be awarded at next year's Summer Graduation Ceremony are now invited.

Nominations should be submitted in confidence to the Vice-Chancellor, who is Chairman of the Honorary Degrees Committee, by November 30, 1977. As much information as possible should be given in justification of each proposal.

Members of the University may submit nominations at any time of the year for consideration by the Committee, whose recommendations go to the Senate and Council for approval. Notices describing the procedures for the award of Honorary Degrees have been sent to all members of the Senate and Council. A copy is also displayed on the notice board in the Senior Common Room.

NIGEL NICOLSON TO VISIT UNIVERSITY

Nigel Nicolson, the distinguished writer, publisher and editor of the Letters of Virginia Woolf, will give a lecture at the University on October 17.

His visit to Brighton has been organised by the Hogarth Press to mark the publication of the third volume of the letters of Virginia Woolf: "A Change of Perspective".

Mr. Nicolson will be speaking in the Molecular Sciences Lecture Theatre at 6.30 p.m. on "Virginia Woolf: a personal reminiscence". The lecture is free and open to the public.

Nigel Nicolson is the son of Sir Harold Nicolson and Vita Sackville-West. His many publications include "Portrait of a Marriage", published in 1973. The first two volumes of the Letters of Virginia Woof are "The Flight of the Mind" and "The Question of Things Happening". "A Change of Perspective" was published last month, and Mr. Nicolson plans a further three volumes.

Non-Academic 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 September 26.

Clerks
(a) Graduate School in Arts & Social Studies (1 or 2)
(b) Science Office (two posts)
(c) Gardener Centre (part-time)

Clerk Typist
(a) School of Social Sciences (1)

Secretaries
(a) Arts & Social Studies Office (1 or 2)
(b) School of English & American Studies (1)
(c) Education Area (1 or 2)
(d) Accommodation Office (1 or 2)
(e) Community Services Office (1 or 2)

Secretary/ Clerk
(b) Science Office (3)

Secretary/ Operator (or Trainee)
(a) School of Social Sciences
(b) Laboratory Superintendents, Engineering and Applied Sciences

Technicians
(h) Engineering & Applied Sciences (5)
(g) Molecular Sciences (4)
(f) Library (1 or 2)
(e) Accommodation Manager, Refectory
(d) Business Manager, Refectory
(c) Laboratory Superintendent, Molecular Sciences
(b) Laboratory Superintendent, Biosciences

Chausseur/Gardener/ Domestic Assistant
(c) Vice-Chancellor's Residence

Cook and Dining Room
(d) Isle of Thorns, Assistant

Porters
(e) East Slope (1 or 2)
(f) Library (1 or 2)

Cleaners
(f) Library (part-time)

Teamaker
(g) Molecular Sciences (part-time)

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. Boterhoven, Arts & Social Studies Office, Arts D
(b) Mr. M. B. Carr, Science Office, Sussex House
(c) Mr. C. R. Kelley, Establishment Office, Sussex House
(d) Business Manager, Refectory
(e) Accommodation Manager, Refectory
(f) Librarian
(g) Laboratory Superintendent, Molecular Sciences
(h) Laboratory Superintendent, Engineering and Applied Sciences
Cross Course

A new series of lectures under the Education Area Cross Course auspices is to be held this term. The series entitled "Perspectives in Education" will examine the nature of education from different but related perspectives.

This term's lecturers are: Christopher Small, senior lecturer in Music at Ealing Technical College; Peter Abbs, lecturer in Education at the University; Fred Inglis, lecturer in Education at Bristol University and Krishan Kumar, formerly a BBC producer and now senior lecturer in Sociology at Kent University.

All lectures are open and begin at 5:30 p.m. in Lecture Theatre A1 in the Arts Building.

October 20 and October 27: "An Aesthetic Approach to Education" - Christopher Small
November 3 and November 10: "An Existential Approach to Education" - Peter Abbs
November 24: "A Sociological Approach to Education" (1) - Fred Inglis
December 8: "A Sociological Approach to Education" (2) - Krishan Kumar

For further information contact Peter Abbs, Education Development Building (int. tel. 03-133).

Professor R. Mason.

Because of the delay in the appointments of a Chairman of Community Services and of the proposed Community Services Chief Officer, Professor Mason has agreed to take on the main duties of the Chairman until an appointment is made. It is hoped that this will be by next January.

Also within the Community Services Area, the following Chairmen have been appointed: Professor M.W. Thompson - Gardner Committee; Professor J.N. Murrell - Catering and Services Sub-Committee; Mr. D. Burrell - Sports and Recreation Sub-Committee; Professor G.F.A. Best - Bedfield Pupils' Sub-Committee; Mr. B.T. Wood - Site Amenities Sub-Committee.

In the Education Area, Professor Norman MacKenzie takes over as Chairman of Education in succession to Mr. A.J. Bailey. Dr. R.W. West is the new Director of the School of Education.

Two new Deans take over this term: Professor R.J. Andrew succeeds Professor J.H. Sang as Dean of the School of Biological Sciences and Professor Margaret Mcgowan succeeds Dr. C. Jenkins as Dean of the School of European Studies. Professor McGowan is the first woman Dean in the University.
The Centre for Continuing Education has announced details of special lectures and others open to the public during the Autumn Term.

5.30 Thursday  
University Special Lecture  
THE BIBLE AS MYTH  
Edmund Leach  
Provost of King’s College, Cambridge

6.30 Thursday  
Inaugural Lecture  
THE SECOND WORLD WAR & THE DECLINE OF THE WEST IN ASIA  
Christopher Thorne  
Professor of International Relations

5.30 Thursday  
Tercentenary Lecture  
SPINOZA AND THE MIND/BODY PROBLEM  
Martha Kneale  
lately Fellow of Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford

6.30 Thursday  
Great Centenaries No. 25  
THE TELEPHONE: 100 YEARS OF TECHNICAL AND SOCIAL INNOVATION  
Robert Cahn  
Professor of Materials Science

8.15 Thursday  
The 12th Pelham Lecture  
FOUR ASPECTS OF ARCHITECTURE: ABSURDITY, INSANITY, MANIA & GENIUS  
Patrick Nuttgens  
Director of Leeds Polytechnic

November 10  
Admission to the Pelham Lecture is by ticket only, and is payable after October 10 on application to the Centre for Continuing Education. (Lectures held in Molecular Sciences Lecture Theatre unless otherwise indicated).

Publications

Victorian Hove and present-day housing problems in the Brighton area are the subjects of two Occasional Papers recently published by the Centre for Continuing Education. Both are based on the work of adult education courses arranged by the Centre.

"Cliftonville, Hove - a Victorian suburb" is edited by John Lowerson (price 15p). It deals with the most crucial development in Hove's history, the emergence of Cliftonville as a semi-urban nucleus.

"Housing in Brighton" (El), by Matthew Bennett, is a wide-ranging study of housing in the Brighton area which examines homelessness, housing need and the options available to those one in need of a home. Chapters are included on private home ownership, council housing, the privately rented sector, housing associations, short-term letting schemes by local authorities, and squatting.

Other Occasional Papers currently available are: "Sussex in the 18th and 19th Centuries - a bibliography" (John Farrant) 30p, "Sussex in the 16th and 17th Centuries - a bibliography" (Brent, Fletcher, McCann) 40p, "Preston in the 17th and 18th Centuries" (John and Sue Farrant and local history class) 30p, and "Brighton before Dr. Russell - an interim report" (compiled by John and Sue Farrant) 30p.

The above publications are available from the Centre for Continuing Education, Education Development Building (room 236 for cash purchases). Cheques should be made payable to the University of Sussex (plus 15p postage for one copy).

Scholarships

KENNEDY SCHOLARSHIPS AND FRANK KNOX MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIPS

Kennedy Scholarships are open to final year students and to those who graduated not earlier than July 1976, under the age of 26. Each scholarship is worth £6,000, plus tuition fees and travel, and is tenable at Harvard University, Radcliffe College or the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Up to 12 scholarships will be awarded for the academic year 1978-79.

Five Frank Knox Memorial Fellowships will be available for UK graduates to spend the academic year 1978-79 studying in one of the Faculties of Harvard University. The value of each fellowship is £3,650, plus tuition and health service fees.

Applicants should be studying for a first or higher degree, have spent at least two of the last four years at a UK university or polytechnic, and be graduating before September 1978, or be employed in business, education or government.

Further information and application forms for both awards (to be returned by October 26) are available from the Personal Assistant to the Vice-Chancellor, Sussex House.

TRAVEL GRANTS

University teachers or officers on recognised study leave who wish to spend it at a Commonwealth university, and postgraduate research workers holding research grants tenable in the Commonwealth, may be eligible for travel grants under the Commonwealth University Interchange scheme.

Also under this scheme, distinguished overseas scholars whom universities particularly wish to invite for short visits, may also be nominated for a small number of travel awards.

The British Council also runs a similar scheme for university interchange with South Africa. Further information and application forms are available in Area Offices.

YOUNGER RESEARCH WORKERS INTERCHANGE SCHEME

The British Council Younger Research Workers Interchange Scheme provides assistance to young research workers and lecturers in science and the social sciences for visits to institutions in Austria, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Spain and Sweden.

In general, support consists of a maximum of 14 days subsistence and rail travel.

Applications for awards for the calendar year 1978 are now invited. Further information and application forms are available in Area Offices.

For details of other grants and awards see Overseas Relations Office announcements on page 7.

Weekend School

The Centre will be running a residential weekend school on "William Wordsworth: the 1805 Prelude" at Pyke House, Battle, on October 29 and 30.

Further information and application forms, which should be returned by October 15, are available from the Centre.
Overseas Relations Office

The Overseas Relations Office moved during the summer to the ground floor of Sussex House, Rooms 103 and 104 (through the common room).

Fullbright Travel Grants

Grants to Visiting Lecturers and Research Scholars for a minimum of three months visit to the United States, and preferably for longer, will again be available in 1978-79. Grants cover round-trip travel and in some cases the travel costs of one dependent. Further information is available from the Overseas Relations Office (05-124) quoting file 710, or from Area Offices. Closing date is May 15, 1976. For applications see below.

Fullbright-Hays Awards

Awards to postgraduate students who are citizens of the UK and dependents, who have or expect to have at least an upper second-class degree and who are accepted for at least one academic year at a US university or college may apply for Fullbright-Hays Awards, which cover travel and maintenance, but not tuition costs. Closing date is November 25, 1977. Further information is available from the Occupational Advisory Service.

Application forms for both the above are not held by the University, but must be obtained from the US-UK Educational Commission, 6 Porter St., London W1M 2HR

Awards for Women Graduates

The American Association of University Women offers bursaries and scholarships for advanced study with closing dates variously between October 10 and January 23. In summary there are awards available for:

a) research by women graduates of at least one year's standing;
b) research or graduate study by women graduates of a British university, tenable only in the USA;
c) completion of research already well-advanced, in a less developed country;
d) postdoctoral or advanced research in any country other than the graduate's own;
e) study or research in the fields of teaching, medicine, public health or social work in the United States by any non-US woman graduate;
f) residence at the University of London for up to two months for women graduates who require access to information sources in London for the purposes of research in either English Literature or in History;
g) postgraduate study for one or two years by women graduates, tenable at a recognised institute of learning in Bombay, India. Details are available from the Occupational Advisory Service.

Thouron Awards

Ten scholarships, each worth $480 per month and a tuition waiver, are available for study at the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia in the 1978-79 academic year. Closing date is November 8, and details are available from the Registrar, Thouron Awards, University of Glasgow, Glasgow G12 8QQ.

Vacant Places

The new academic year begins this week with a number of the University's committees reporting vacancies for faculty members. Committee seats are unfilled on Council, Senate, Committee, Honorary Degrees Committee, as well as committees in the Community Services Area.

This year's elections for places for non-professorial academic staff on Senate and Senate Committee were held at the end of June. The elections had been delayed in order to allow time for Senate to debate and resolve a constitutional point arising from a challenge to the election procedures. As a result elections were held some six weeks later than usual. Results, announced in the first week in July, showed that only 19 of the 31 places for non-professorial members of the Senate Committee had been filled, a situation which will be reported to the next meeting of the Senate and Senate Committee.

A second round of elections to other committees followed in July after the end of term. Nominations were sought from faculty members of the Senate Committee for seats on committees including Council, Planning Committee and Honorary Degrees Committee. While all vacancies on Planning Committee were filled, there were no nominations on the Council and no nominations for 2 Arts/Education places on the Honorary Degrees Committee.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING .......

Those with an eye to the future might like to note the following dates in their diaries:

Autumn Term 1977
October 3 to December 17

Spring Term 1978
January 12 to March 22

Summer Term 1978
April 17 to June 15

The University will be closed over the Christmas Holiday from Monday, December 26, 1977 to Monday, January 2, 1978, inclusive.

Next year's Easter closure will be from Good Friday, March 24, to Thursday, March 30, inclusive.

The University will also be closed on:
Monday, May 1, 1978 - a new public holiday
Monday, May 29, 1978 - spring bank holiday
Monday, August 28, 1978 - late summer bank holiday

Closure dates were agreed by Council last term.

JOB THREATS RELIEF

The danger of immediate redundancies among staff in the Estates and Maintenance Department has receded over the summer months.

At the end of the summer term, it became clear that allocations from unit and area budgets for alterations works in 1977-78 would be at a lower level than previously. Reductions in available funds were seen to point to a number of redundancies amongst the craftsmen. This possibility was strongly opposed by students, staff and unions. Senate and Council were both picketed and Mrs Shirley Williams, visiting the Conference of Local Education Authorities held at the University, after the end of term, met and talked to representatives of the Trade Union Campaign Committee.

The University Council made it clear in June that no staff would be made redundant over the summer months, urging that the intervening period should be used to explore all possible alternatives to redundancy. Since then the situation for craftsmen has improved considerably, partly through the provision of special additional funds and partly through increased labour turnover and the curtailment of overtime.

As a result it is now clear that this particular threat to craftsmen has been averted and redundancy should not now be necessary during the financial year 1977-78, unless the University as a whole suffers any further major financial crisis arising from pay settlements above the above average or fixing cash limits, and cuts in public expenditure.

Developments during the summer including the drawing up of an agreed manpower budget were the subject of discussion between the University and Craft Unions Negotiating Sub-Committee.
The autumn theatre season at the Gardner Centre opens this week with two productions by the Actors Company—the world première of "Do you love me?", an original entertainment by Edward Petherbridge based on the book by R.D. Laing, and a well-known classic of the theatre, Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest".

"Do you love me?" can be seen tomorrow (Wednesday) and Thursday night at the Gardner Centre. It is a pot-pourri of music-hall, mime, dance, music and drama which delves deep into human conditions and personal relationships. This is the second R.D. Laing work which the Actors Company has adapted. The first, "Knots", earned the Company enormous critical acclaim.

"The Importance of Being Earnest" opened at the Centre last night. This combination of polished drama and scandalously witty dialogue can be seen tonight (Tuesday), Friday and Saturday.

One of the most successful smaller companies in the country, Paine's Plough, makes its first visit to the Gardner Centre from October 10 to 12, with a new play "Richard III Part Two" by David Pownall.

Following his recent success at the Gardner Centre with the Brighton Festival Production of "Comedians", Jimmy Jewel returns on October 14 and 15 for a highly entertaining show, due to be televised next year, "The Man and His Comedy" which recalls his career.

The Gardner Centre's autumn programme also includes "Waiting for Godot" by Samuel Beckett, from October 18 to 29; the Oxford Playhouse Company with two productions including the world première of "Ophelia" by C.P. Taylor and starring Jane Asher, Basil Lord, Moira Redmond and Peter O'Shaughnessy; the Ballet Rambert; and productions by the Sussex University Dramatic Society.

Music at the Centre includes Bach Sonatas by William Bennett, flute, and George Malcolm, harpsichord, on October 11, with the Scottish Chamber Orchestra conducted by Charles Mackerras in December; Jazz with Axel and Tony Coe; and a classical guitar recital by Carlos Bonell in the Meeting House.

Free lunchtime recitals on Tuesdays at 1.15 p.m. in the Gardner Centre begin on October 11 with a harpsichord recital by Paul Simmonds.

This month's exhibition in the Gallery is Worktown—a personal selection by Humphrey Spender of photographs which he took in the late 30s for the Mass-Observation Archive which record everyday life in Bolton.

Police investigations are still continuing into the "bugging" of a confidential meeting of the Students Progress Committee held soon after the end of last term.

The meeting was interrupted when a home-made listening device was discovered. The device, consisting of a miniature microphone and a transmitter built into a tobacco tin had been taped behind a window pelmet in the Sussex House Committee Room.

Reporting later for the Brighton and Hove Gazette, Tony Bird, a University student said that the bug had transmitted the private discussions which had then been recorded by students. Those responsible were also reported as intending to circulate transcripts of the recording within the University.

The bug was handed over to the police. Any prosecutions which may be brought will be under the Wireless Telegraphy Act.

The Students Progress Committee is responsible for reviewing the work of all Arts and Science undergraduates whose academic performance has been unsatisfactory and whose academic progress may be at risk. The Committee has the power to recommend to the Vice-Chancellor that students be required to leave or withdraw temporarily from the University on academic grounds.

In June, Senate refused a request by the Students' Union for student observers with access (in confidence) to all documents for meetings of the SPC, but the Vice-Chancellor had indicated that he would nevertheless review the Committee's workings.

The matter is likely to be discussed fully by Senate later this term.

The University of Sussex and Chato & Winds terminated their partnership in Sussex University Press at the end of September.

From now on the University of Sussex takes full control of the Press. Distribution arrangements will be made through the Scottish Academic Press Limited, of 33 Montgomery Street, Edinburgh, EH7 5JX to whom all orders, enquiries about books already published etc. should be addressed.

Scottish Academic Press was founded in 1970 by the Universities of St. Andrews and Dundee. At one time it also had an arrangement with Chato and Winds but it now produces all its books and journals itself, though it uses some of the distributive services of the University of Edinburgh Press.

A report will be made to Planning Committee at its November meeting on both the interim arrangements and the possible longer term future of the Press.

The Press Office in the RefectoryTerrace has been closed but the Secretary of the Press, Mr. R.S. Howard, in Sussex House (05-134) will be pleased to answer any enquiries.

The Occupational Advisory Service will be running a full programme of occupational seminars and School sessions this term for final year students.

The programme covers a broad spectrum of careers and includes a lecture on "What industry expects from the Universities" by Professor Handy of the London Business School and the chance to see a film of John Cleese in an "interviewing situation".

Final year students will be receiving a copy of the programme and details will also be published in the weekly Diary of Events.