A general meeting of the local branch of the Association of University Teachers has agreed to support a national one-day stoppage in November.

The action will take the form of a rally in London and a lobby of Parliament on Wednesday, November 16. Unless the Government takes action on the AUT pay anomaly by that date, Sussex and other universities are expected to be effectively closed for the day.

Agreement to support the national action was taken at a meeting held last Thursday. Those present were critical of a poor attendance of only 100 members of the local branch, given the importance of the issue to university teachers.

The full text of the motion is as follows:

"In furtherance of the rectification of the University Teachers' salary injustice, this branch calls on all AUT members in the University of Sussex to participate in the national meeting of all UK AUT members, and the national lobby of Parliament, to be held in London on Wednesday, November 16.

"We call on the Vice-Chancellor to agree to the request from the AUT National Council that he closes the University on that day. We further call on him to accept the invitation to address and attend the national meeting.

"This branch agrees to the setting up of an action committee to coordinate the various activities of the day of action, and to see to liaison with the other campus trade unions and the students' union.

"Further action will be decided upon, in the light of any developments either local or national, at a future branch meeting, on the Monday following the Senate and Council meetings early in November. (Monday, November 14.)"

The anomaly arose in 1975 when the recommendations of a Special Arbitration Board were frustrated by the introduction of the pay policy.

Earlier, university teachers pay had fallen behind that of teachers in further and higher education in the public sector following the Houghton Award in December 1974. University teachers then settled for a seven per cent increase provided there was a complete review of their pay.

The review lead the Department of Education and Science to make a two-part offer: an increase to be negotiated on the basis of Houghton comparability, and a cost-of-living increase for 1974-75 to be added. Negotiations on comparability eventually went to arbitration and increases averaging 22 per cent were recommended. In addition a cost-of-living increase was to be made.

Though all parties agreed that new scales should operate from October 1974, the Government would not allow the award to be backdated. The new scales were not allowed to come into being until October 1975.

Further, before the cost-of-living increase (the second part of the arbitration award) had been worked out, the Government introduced the £112 pay limit. This meant that university teachers received a five per cent increase for cost-of-living instead of an estimated 20 per cent. All parties to the negotiations, including the Government, are agreed that university teachers are suffering a pay anomaly. A recent letter from Mrs. Shirley Williams was quoted at the AUT National Conference. It read: "Both my predecessor (Mr. Mulley) and I are on record as recognising this anomaly, which came about when the 'Attack on Inflation' White Paper of July 1975 made it impossible to put the university teachers into the relativity with teachers in further education that the arbitral body had intended.

"It has been and remains our declared intention to see the anomaly rectified as soon as the Government's pay policy permits."

In order to rectify the anomaly, the AUT has submitted a claim to take effect from August 1, 1977 for awards of between 12 to 16 per cent. This would bring new scales to:

Lecturer £3640 - 7759
Reader £7495 - 9377
Professor £9570 (minimum), £11,296 (average)

To this would be added the normal increase from October 1, which has yet to be negotiated.

**Registration**

Students who have not yet registered are reminded that they must do so as soon as possible. Failure to do so will mean that you are no longer eligible to use University facilities and will not be eligible for the award of a degree.

Details of student registration figures for 1977-78, given to the Bulletin on Friday, show that more than 200 undergraduates and more than 200 postgraduates have not yet fully completed registration procedures. This is out of a total of just over 4000 students expected in 1977-78.

**Reginald M. Phillips**

The death of Reginald M. Phillips of Brighton was announced on October 10. Mr. Phillips was an outstanding benefactor to the University through endowments made for the Reginald M. Phillips Research Unit, the Philatelic Unit and for gifts to finance research activities of the Science Policy Research Unit on the application of science and technology to economic and social development.

The Information Office welcomes items for the Bulletin. Anyone with new items, contributions, information or anything they would like to see appear in The Bulletin should contact Jennifer Payne, Room 308, Sussex House, S. H. U. (03-123136).

The next issue of The Bulletin will be published on Tuesday, November 1, and copy for inclusion should reach the Information Office in Sussex House by noon on Wednesday, October 26.
CENTRE FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

The University assumed responsibility for the Centre for Medical Research in January last year. Funds raised by the Centre have financed two stages of its building, on a site provided by the University to the east of the Science buildings. In this article its director, Dr. Bryan Nygren, surveys the Centre's achievements.

The Centre for Medical Research, formerly a fledgling in the campus nest, has now become a fully grown entity that is producing its own offspring.

Biomedical engineering has until now monopolised the space at the Centre, but anyone using the perimeter road in recent months will have observed that the former pimple on the south end of the Barn now has a southern pimple of its own. This second stage of the building will be made over largely to the biological scientists.

The last of the three original objectives of the Centre's founding fathers has not been forgotten: community medicine - mercifully, for those who have to allocate or steal laboratory space - can practise its own esoteric rites in the Spartan simplicity of the Mantell building.

Soon there will be fresh excavation of the soil adjacent to the Centre, for work is shortly to be started on the building's third stage, commissions by the use of the Cell Mutation Unit. The staff of this NRC unit are working in close collaboration with the University's biologists - and in dreadful conditions. Their continued presence, in adequate surroundings and still on campus, will be a source of mutual stimulus to themselves and to our own scientists.

Much research work of a medical or paramedical nature goes on in other Schools and Units in the University Park. It seems unlikely, however, that money will be available for further building stages in the near future. Thus it may be appropriate now to conduct some sort of stock-taking and to survey some of the achievements of the past few years.

First, no praise can be too high for the vision and enterprise of those who first set the whole project going. They were a group of medics and academics who felt that the arrival upon the Sussex scene of a University ought to lead to collaborative work between their disciplines. That their imaginations outstripped their capacities in the early days detracts not at all from the value of their initial concept - which they may now see in better form than they wanted it.

That there was space initially only for biomedical engineers should not blind anyone to what was going on in the School of Biological Sciences. Apart from their collaborative work with the Cell Mutation Unit these men and women were doing pioneer work in the field of diabetes research, one of their aims being to enable transplantation of pancreatic islet cells into the bodies of diabetics in order to free such patients from the tiresome shackles of insulin injections.

The biomedical engineers have many successes to their credit. A lot of joint work has been done with those who care for handicapped children at Chaléy Heritage. A unique type of heart pacemaker is now in clinical use and has saved many lives. Joint work between bioengineers and clinicians has resulted in a better understanding of certain disturbances of vision.

An ingenious contraption has been evolved which will enable hard-pressed junior medical staff to make accurate body chemical measurements in the small hours rather than rely upon the efforts of overtaxed technicians. A machine to overlook varicose veins in the gullet has been devised and manufactured: its usage will avoid the need for major surgical procedures on emb toddler patients.

An evaluation of certain principles involved in the measurement of people's breathing capacity has been undertaken and has shown that simple spirometric techniques are as useful as more elaborate variations. Work has been started on an electronic spirometer that will overcome many of the disadvantages inherent in the design of machines in present use.

In the field of biological science useful work has been done on prenatal blood formation. Through a better understanding of prenatal blood forming cells it may be possible to evolve sensitive methods of detecting teratogenic agents implicated in some human birth defects. In the new building we shall be able to provide suitable facilities for culture of human tumour cells so as to extend our knowledge of the action of substances modifying the metabolism of such cells. That is an excellent example of the value of co-ordination of research as between basic scientists in two disciplines - biochemistry and genetics - and clinicians working on patients with cancer.

An example of the way in which members of the Cell Mutation Unit will work in collaboration with university members is afforded by a study of cell cloning in lymphoma tissue. But perhaps the most intriguing and exciting project that is to take place in the new stage of the Centre is the work done to develop sensitive assay measures to detect in our environment pollutants that by somatic mutation and germ-cell mutation may damage DNA - and cause neoplasms and birth defects. All are aware of the danger, in those fields, of such common examples as excessive X-irradiation and the use of thalidomide. The need to monitor the environment for other such pollutants is self-evident.

Some people still feel that the community physician is a chair-bound doctor sending supererogatory notes to his clinical colleagues and leaving his desk only to condemn houses or to sniff at drains. In fact such a concept was never true; and it is now the case that community physicians are interesting themselves, to the great benefit of patients and patients, in all aspects of medicine. In this field, as in other sciences, research must be done. Perhaps the most important piece of

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work that a researcher in this sphere can undertake. It is very important to keep an overall eye on things and to see that scarce NHS resources are used to best advantage. For example, a study now in progress was undertaken exactly as we can safely recommend the discharge from hospital of patients who have suffered coronary attack and how effective can be the home management of such patients who never go to hospital. This must be collaborative work between the epidemiologist and the physician.

The arrival upon the scene of the BMI whole body scanner has been very exciting. It is, however, necessary that this glamorous means of making pictures of the body does not mean that research depends only upon buildings but - far more importantly - upon people and upon people's attitudes towards health and disease.

Further information and application forms can be obtained from The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust, 13 Queen's Gate Terrace, London, SW7 5PR.

THE PEGGOTTY FREEMAN MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP
Applications are invited for the third Peggotty Freeman Memorial Fellowship in European Studies. An annual award open to teachers working in the field of European Studies in schools normally associated with the University or with reasonable access to it. The award is endowed to commemorate Peggotty Freeman who is much respected for pioneering the development of European Studies in secondary schools throughout Britain.

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and Exchanges

A Faculty Exchange Center in Pennsylvania issues each year a catalogue of American and non-American faculty members who are interested in exchanging posts for periods of up to one year. The F.E.C. has agreed to list members of the Sussex teaching faculty in its 1977 edition, without the requirement of the usual registration at the University. A contact organisation, not a negotiating body, and serves only to put faculty in touch with each other.

Enquiries and Registration Forms from Overseas Relations Office, Sussex House.

Scholarships and Awards

KENNEDY SCHOLARSHIPS AND FRANK KNOX MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIPS
Candidates for both these awards are reminded that application forms should be returned by October 26 to the Personal Assistant to the Vice-Chancellor, Sussex House.

CHURCHILL TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIPS
The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust is offering travelling fellowships for 1978 in the following categories: craft workers and teachers; leisure and recreational facilities for the disabled; adventure; teachers of foreign languages; young farmers and the countryside; designers and makers of medical instruments and aids; sport; librarians and archivists; road and inland waterway transport; and there is a special Silver Jubilee category for young people under 25.

Grants are not normally given for formal or research studies. No special qualifications are needed and any UK citizen can apply.

Grants include travel and living expenses abroad for up to three months.

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NOTICEBOARD

THE BARLOW COLLECTION

Two lunchtime lectures will be given during the Autumn Term on the Barlow Collection—a world-renowned collection of Chinese Ceramics, Jades and Bronzes bequeathed to the University by Sir Alan Barlow.

Dr. John Sweetman, the Curator of the Collection, will give his first lecture Tuesday, November 15, on "Blue Glazed Wares", and his second on Tuesday, December 6, on "Sung White Wares." Both lectures will begin at 1:15 p.m. in the Barlow Gallery, which is adjacent to the University Library entrance.

Max Robertson will give the fourth Annual Barlow Lecture on Tuesday, November 29, at 6 p.m. in the Library Instruction Room. The title of his lecture is "In Search of Chinese Blue and White" and admission is by ticket (free of charge), obtainable from Douglas Champion, Room 216, Sussex House (05-257).

The Barlow Gallery is open for general viewing on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.-12 noon, and 2-5 p.m.

Professorial Inaugural Lecture

Professor Christopher Thorn, who was earlier this year appointed to a chair in International Relations, is to give a professorial inaugural lecture on Thursday, October 27, entitled "The Second World War and the decline of the West in Asia."

The lecture is arranged by the Centre for Continuing Education and will begin at 6.30 p.m. in the Molecular Sciences Lecture Theatre under the chairmanship of the Vice-Chancellor. Admission is free and open to all.

SORRY

We apologise to:
* the Librarian and Bulletin readers for transposing paragraphs in the last Bulletin about the new University Library security system;
* the SCR for not making it clear that tickets for the SCR Jubilee Dinner are to cost £6 per person for a member and one guest (i.e. £12 for two) and £7.50 per person for each additional guest.

Philipppe Ariës Lecture

Philippe Ariës, author of "Centuries of Childhood," will lecture on "Second thoughts on the history of childhood" on Thursday, October 27, at 5 p.m. in Lecture Theatre A5 Arts Building.

This distinguished scholar is on a one-week visit from France, sponsored by the French Government.

IS THERE A BIOLOGICAL BASE FOR SEX-SPECIFIC ROLES?

A series of lunchtime seminars is being organised by Professor T. Scarlett Epstein, AFRAS, on Wednesdays between 1-2 p.m. in Arts C133. Everybody most welcome. Bring your lunch.

Oct: 19 Professor R.J. Andrew "The Biological Base for Sex Differences"
Oct: 26 Professor J.Maynard Smith - "The Genetics of Sex Determination"
Nov: 2 Professor M.Jahoda "Approaches to the Psychological Study of Sex Differences"

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 October 11.

Clerks
(a) Graduate School of Arts & Social Studies (1 or 2)
(b) Gardner Centre (part-time) (1)

Secretaries
(a) Office of Arts & Social Studies (Graduate School) (1)
(b) School of European Studies (1)
(c) Physics (1 or 2)
(d) Biology (1)
(e) Education Area (1 or 2) (Two temporary posts)

Secretary/Operator (or Trainee)
(a) School of Social Sciences
(b) Engineering & Applied Sciences (5)
(g) Molecular Sciences (4)
(i) Research Technician, Mathematical & Physical Sciences (5)
(j) Research Technician, Biology (4)

Chauffeur/Gardener
(c) Vice-Chancellor's Residence (Joint Appointment)

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Are you interested in part-time work? Do you have skills to offer that might be useful to researchers in the social sciences and humanities?

If so, put your name down on the register of research assistance maintained by the Arts Area Research Support Unit; forms available from Susan Austin, Social Sciences E323, tel. 03-341. If you would like to know more about it ask Jennifer Platt, E415, tel.03-375.

Work cannot be guaranteed, but anyone looking for research assistance is given names of appropriate people from the list.

Mr.Len Murray, General Secretary of the TUC, will be on the University campus next week to speak to a meeting of Sussex professional and management organisations. Mr. Murray will talk on "Management of Trade Unions."

Cook & Dining(d) Isle of Thorns, Room Assistant Chelwood Gate
Porters (e) East Slope (1 or 2)
(f) Library (1 or 2)
Teamaker (g) Molecular Sciences (part-time)
Domestic Bursar (c) Student Accommodation
Catering (k) Refectory (part-time)
Barperson (k) Refectory
Assistant (k) Refectory (part-time)
Cook (k) 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. Boterhoven, Arts & Social Studies Office, Arts D.
(b) M.D. Carr, Science Office, Sussex House.
(c) Mr. C.R. Kelley, Establishment Office, Sussex House.
(d) Business Manager, Refectory.
(e) Accommodation Manager, Refectory.
(f) Librarian, Library.
(g) Laboratory Superintendent, Molecular Sciences.
(h) Laboratory Superintendent, Engineering and Applied Sciences.
(i) Laboratory Superintendent, Mathematical and Physical Sciences.
(j) Laboratory Superintendent, Biology.
(k) Catering Manager, Refectory.
MONKS HOUSE, RODMELL

Many members of the University were probably unaware of the University's ownership of Monk's House at Rodmell when the local and national press recently carried articles about proposals to open the house to the public. Why should the house merit such interest by the press and, thereby, the public?

Monk's House, which is situated in a quiet corner of Rodmell, off the A275 Lewes to Newhaven Road, was built in the seventeenth century, though the earliest Deed dates only from the late eighteenth century. Its fame, however, is of more recent origin, arising from its acquisition in 1919 by Leonard and Virginia Woolf as a second, country, home.

They did not live there permanently until their London home was bombed in 1940, but then remained there until their deaths, Virginia in 1941 by drowning in the River Ouse, and Leonard in 1969.

The house, together with its original contents, was acquired by the University in 1972 from the executors of Leonard Woolf's estate in a complicated arrangement involving his papers which are now in the University Library.

Since then, it has been the policy of the University to maintain the home as closely as possible to when the Woolfs lived there, but without all the chaos of books and papers associated with Leonard Woolf. The walls still carry drawings and paintings by Vanessa Bell, Quentin Bell, Duncan Grant and Trekki Richie. The bath bought by Virginia in 1926 on the proceeds from "The Common Reader" and/or "Mrs Dalloway" is still in use, as are Duncan Grant's ceramic tables and fireplaces, the Omega Workshops painted furniture and the specially long armchairs into which Leonard fitted his beanpole figure.

In order to finance the maintenance of this old house, its contents and its extensive grounds, an active letting policy has been pursued aimed specifically at Woolf scholars and those interested in their work and writings. But, and this is the crux of the problem, many of the contents, whilst of little commercial value, are irreplaceable examples of the interests and tastes of the Woolfs, and particularly of the Bloomsbury set of which they were members, which would, in time, be irreparably damaged or lost by normal usage and fair wear and tear if the present policy were pursued indefinitely.

It has been decided, in principle, therefore, that as soon as funds become available, if necessary by mounting an appeal, and in order to preserve the house and its contents, a living-in custodian will be installed and the house opened to the public.

In the meantime, the most delicate of the contents are being removed from the house to safe storage (some of these have been offered on loan to Brighton Museum and will, in due course, be on display there) and replaced by something in sympathy with the aesthetics of the house, but certainly more anonymous.

Properties such as Monk's House create considerable problems for universities because the rules of the University Grants Committee forbid the use of UGC grants to subsidise their running and they must, therefore, be self-financing. It is for this reason it has been necessary to pursue an active letting policy, and to consider mounting an appeal to finance the preservation of the house, either by the University, or by some other body such as the National Trust, which would require a considerable endowment if it was to take it on.

The house is not at present open to the public nor, indeed, to members of the University, but it may be possible, in the not too distant future, to mount an exhibition in the University of some of the contents.

However, both still and moving photographic records of the house have been made, and anyone interested in seeing these should contact me.

R.E. Bailey
Assistant Estates Manager
(Engineering)

TOWN AND GOWN CLUB

The Autumn Term meeting of the Town and Gown Club will be held on November 8, when the evening's speaker will be Professor J. Chatt, Director of the Agricultural Research Council Unit of Nitrogen Fixation.

Professor Chatt has chosen as the title for his talk "Nitrogen, Bread and Beans". The Unit is concerned with research into chemical and biological nitrogen fixation with the aim of finding ways of using low grade energy to replace the present high grade energy needed to produce nitrogenous fertiliser.

The meeting will begin at 7.45 p.m. in the Refectory building with a sherry reception and there will be buffet refreshments. Further information about the society and Gown Club and its activities is available from Mrs. P.A. Tear in Sussex House.
GARDNER CENTRE

It is hard to believe that it is 24 years since "Waiting for Godot" was professionally produced in Brighton. In those days Samuel Beckett was something of an enfant terrible and the play scandalised the West End audience but, in so doing, it opened the door to a whole generation of "new wave" authors, including Harold Pinter, who, in their turn, made their presence felt on the theatrical scene.

Nowadays, of course, "Godot" is firmly in perspective and has survived to delight and amuse subsequent generations of theatre-goers.

The Gardner Centre has been trying for two years to acquire the rights to present a new production of the play and now, at last, we have succeeded.

Colin Fisher directs a cast of distinguished actors, most of whom have been seen on the Gardner stage in earlier productions, and has given the chance of a lifetime to young Graham Bartlett, a pupil of Kings Manor School, who is to play the Boy. "Waiting for Godot" opens tonight, October 18, and runs until October 29.

Those of you who have not been wily and got yourselves a season ticket (making a saving of 35p on each visit) can still do so, as Godot is followed by two weeks of the marvellous Oxford Playhouse Company who are bringing two productions, in two consecutive weeks, commencing Monday, November 7.

The Oxford Company is exceptionally strong this year and includes Jane Asher, Noira Redmond, Patrick O'Connell (from TV's 'The Brothers'), Cheryl Kennedy and Basil Lord (making his third appearance at the Gardner in a year - all with different companies!).

Your season ticket would also be valid for professional concerts which are exceptionally attractive this term. Carlos Bonell is already challenging John Williams for his supremacy in the solo guitar field and is to give a recital in the Meeting House on November 16, and Ballet Rambert's exciting Mercury Ensemble is staying on for an extra day after the company's visit to give a Sunday concert on November 27.

Reverting to theatre again, don't miss Sussex University Dramatic Society's first production of the very reported and sensitive play by James Saunders "A Scent of Flowers" which they presented at this year's Edinburgh Festival and which they are bringing to the Gardner Centre on November 3 for three performances.

Lastly here is a note for both those who do patronise the Art Gallery, and those who do not! If you miss the Humphrey Spender "vooroom" exhibition (on until October 29) you are out of your minds.

It has been mounted with special financial assistance from the Arts Council, and is due to tour the country when it closes at the Gardner. It is the most stunning collection of pictures by a real master-photographer and - would you believe it - Admission is free! Give yourselves a treat.

Nigel Stanward
Administrative Director.

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Accommodation Problems Ease

An early review of the availability of student accommodation in the new academic year indicates an easing of the problems too often encountered in recent years. Predictions of considerable homelessness among new and returning University students have not materialized.

The Accommodation Action Group made contingency plans for up to 200 homeless students at the beginning of term. Eighty emergency guest house places were booked and it was agreed that the remaining places would be provided, if required, on mattresses in Park House common rooms.

In the event the situation has been far better than anticipated and only 54 places - all in guest houses - have been used.

The Accommodation Action Group, which was first established by Planning Committee in 1974, met throughout the summer vacation to monitor and resolve problems that might arise at the start of the academic year. The Group was composed of representatives from the Students' Union and members of the administration, under the chairmanship of Brian Reynolds, Accommodation Manager.

As in previous years available information was scant on which to assess the likely situation. Worries arose early in the vacation when the local press published reports and correspondence advising against letting property, especially to students. Although some private housing was immediately withdrawn from the University's accommodation register it appears that adverse publicity was not as lasting or as damaging as at first sight.

Speaking to The Bulletin, Brian Reynolds said: "There were new factors emerging in 1977. The number of first years who were homeless had dropped as against previous years. Nearly 50 first year students are housed in Holland House and ten had to be placed in guest houses. Re-housing these ten into University accommodation is a first priority which has already started.

'It also appears that tuition fee increases have had an impact on mature students, as at the moment we have empty flats for couples with children.'

Mr. Reynolds pointed out that the figures for homeless students are for those who come to the University for assistance. 'An unknown and probably greater number, cope with homelessness by sleeping on friends' floors until finding their own accommodation. We cannot, therefore, be complacent in our future planning,' he added.

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 proposed award.

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.