STUDENTS’ GRANTS UP

Student grants are to be increased by between £85 and £170, an average increase of 9.8 per cent, from next September it was announced in the House of Commons on April 19.

For undergraduates living away from home, other than in London, the grant for the next academic year is increased from £1,010 to £1,100; for students living at home from £785 to £870; and for those living away from home in London from £1,145 to £1,315.

The minimum maintenance grant, which is payable to all undergraduates on mandatory awards regardless of the level of their parents’ income, is to go up from £80 to £200.

The starting point at which parents contribute towards their child’s maintenance grant is to rise from a residual income of £3,200 (about £3,900 gross) to £3,800 (about £4,500 gross).

New scales are also announced, for the spouse’s contribution, which applies to married students who are not liable to a parental contribution. From next September, no contribution will be required if the spouse’s residual income is less than £3,200, compared with £3,000 this year.

The Government estimates that the cost of the changes will be about £40m, bringing the total cost to public funds of students’ grants, excluding tuition fees, to around £310m in 1978-79.

An announcement about grants for postgraduates is awaited.

AUT PAY

National negotiations about the Association of University Teachers pay claim are still going on but at the time of going to press it is clear that the AUT and the Government have not yet reached agreement on the timescale for the rectification of the anomaly in academic and related pay scales.

At present it is difficult to predict whether the AUT will carry out its intention to withhold marking of final examinations 1977 year but should it do so, the Local Executive Committee has now issued instructions to Sussex AUT members.

If examiners comply with the instructions, the examinations which will be affected are:

* all written examinations sat this term by first year, first degree students;

* for the same students, all essays, dissertations, project reports, etc. with a final submission date this term;

* the Sussex B.Ed degree examinations taken this term (which affects students in affiliated institutions).

Individual examiners can mark scripts in the normal way but the AUT has instructed them not to communicate the marks to any other person or authority. Marks, and scripts which contain marks, may be deposited with the AUT office for safe-keeping.

If the AUT action is imposed, all final year, first degree students will be affected as examiners’ meetings, the compilation and ratification of pass lists and graduation ceremonies will be jeopardized.

LITERATURE PRIZE

Professor Norman MacKenzie and his wife, Jean, are to receive the Royal Society of Literature Prize of £7 for their book "The Fabians", which received much critical acclaim when it was published. We hope that the authors will accept The Bulletin’s congratulations on their achievement in winning this important prize.

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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. This list was compiled at April 24.

Computer Programmer
Assistant Secretary (Research)
Machine Operator
Clerk
Clerk/Typist
Accounts Clerk
Secretaries
Secretary/Receptionist
Filter/Advanced Filter
Electronics Technician
Technical Assistants
Trainee Technician
Chargehand Carpenter
Senior Porter
Porter
Groundsman/Woman
Play Leaders
Harperson
Gardener/Chauffeur
Supervisor
Cleaner
Teameaker

(c) Institute of Manpower Studies
(k) Institute of Development Studies
(e) Data Preparation Section (part-time)
(i) Science Office (1)
(o) Estates Office (part-time) (1 or 2)
(e) Gardener Centre (part-time) (1 or 2)
(e) Science Policy Research Unit
(j) Social Sciences (1 or 2)
(j) Science Office (1 or 2)
(a) Language Centre (1 or 2)
(d) Estates & Maintenance Department
(a) Social Psychology Laboratory (3)
(g) School of Engineering & Applied Sciences (5)
(b) School of Biological Sciences (part-time)
(b) M.R.C. Cell Mutation Unit (2 posts)(1A)
(o) Media Service Unit
(m) Estates & Maintenance Department
(n) Mantell Building (internal applicants only)
(b) Kent House
(e) University Playing Fields
(f) Refectory
(e) Ashcombe House
(i) Refectory (internal applicants only)
(i) Refectory (part-time)
(a) Education Area (temporary and part-time)

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

The code before each post indicates the person to whom applications should be sent:
(a) Mrs.S. Boterhoven, Office of Arts & Social Studies, Arts B.
(b) Laboratory Superintendent, School of Biological Sciences.
(c) Dr.C.J. Parke, Institute of Manpower Studies.
(d) Services Engineer, Estates Building.
(e) Mr.G.R. Kelley, Establishment Office, Sussex House.
(f) Secretary of Community Services, Refectory Building.
(g) Laboratory Superintendent, School of Engineering and Applied Sciences.
(h) Accommodation Manager, Refectory.
(i) Assistant Secretary (Science), Science Office (E), Sussex House.
(j) Mrs.C. Powell, Science Office (E), Sussex House.
(k) Establishment Administrator, Institute of Development Studies.
(l) Catering Manager, Refectory Building.
(m) Buildings Surveyor, Estates Building.
(n) Mr.F.G. Davies, Mantell Building.
(o) Media Service Unit, Education Development Building.

CONFERENCE ON FRENCH POLITICAL PARTIES

A one-day conference on "French Political Parties after the Elections" will be held by the Centre for Contemporary European Studies and the University Association for Contemporary European Studies at the Gardner Centre this Friday, May 5.

Speakers include Mr.John Frears of Loughborough University on the parties of the Right, Professor Jean Brillaimon on the Communist Party and Mr.Didier Notchane on the Socialist Party.

NOTICE TO STUDENTS

We would like to remind all students who are in receipt of an award from a Local Education Authority and who will be returning for the next academic year 1978-79 to apply for a renewal of their award.

During the months of April/May most L.E.A.'s will automatically send renewal application forms to their award holders' home addresses. If, however, your Authority does not contact you, you would be well advised to write to them requesting renewal forms.

Failure to complete the appropriate forms will inevitably lead to non-payment of your fees and delay of your grant cheque at the beginning of the Autumn Term.

"THE GREAT MAY 1968 MEMORIAL LECTURE":
Dr.O.S. Goldey of Lincoln College, Oxford, will be speaking at 8.30 p.m. this Thursday, May 4, in the Senior Common Room, Refectory Building, at a Contemporary European Studies (Graduate Division) meeting to which all are welcome.

FAMILY SPORTS WEEK

The University Sport Service is to run a Family Activity Week from July 24th to 26th. It will be open to all and is in particular expected to appeal to holiday-makers staying on campus under the flat letting scheme as well as to individuals and families in the Brighton area.

Courses will be held in badminton, cricket nets, fencing, golf, jogging, squash, table tennis, tennis and trampoline. Each course lasts for one hour or 1½ hours per day for five days. The cost of each course is between £2.50 and £6 for an adult, and £1.75 and £3.75 for a child. Instruction will be given by experienced coaches and equipment will be provided.

Further information and application forms are available from the Sportcentre.

SPORTCENTRE CLOSED FOR EXAMS

The Sportcentre will be closed from Monday, May 15 for University examinations, although the Reception desk will stay open and the Gymnasium will be available between 1 and 2 p.m. The Sportcentre will re-open for business as usual on Tuesday, May 30.

ISLE OF THORNS SWIMMING POOL

The swimming pool at the Isle of Thorns opens tomorrow, May 3, for the summer season. It will be open until September 30 at the following supervised times:

Wednesdays 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Saturdays 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sundays 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

(Note to save a wasted journey, check first with Sportcentre Reception that the pool is open).
Holiday Playscheme
For Schoolchildren

There is a proposal to run a holiday playscheme for schoolchildren at the University this summer from August 7 to September 1. The scheme will operate for five days a week and will cater for five to 14 year-olds.

Like other playschemes, this is a self-help proposal. Responsibility for making plans and for carrying them out will rest with a committee of volunteers.

The idea is to appoint two playleaders, and a considerable number for four weeks (Monday to Friday) from August 7 to September 1, 1976. Reimbursement at 140 per week (40 hour week) for duration of playscheme.

The successful applicants will be closely involved with the parents organising committee planning the scheme.

Applications giving relevant experience should be sent to The Secretary of Community Services, The Refectory, University of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton BN1 9QH, by May 9, 1978.

RECENT BOOKS

Books by members of the University, which have recently been published include:

POPULAR CULTURE IN EARLY MODERN EUROPE: by Peter Burke, Reader in Intellectual History in the School of European Studies. Enthusiastically received by Raymond Mortimer in the "Sunday Times", this wide ranging study of pre-industrial Europe's popular culture is published by Temple Smith at £19.75.

DISARMAMENT AND WORLD DEVELOPMENT: is a round-up of expert views and key documents on this topical subject edited by Professor Richard Jolly of the Institute of Development Studies. It is published by Pergamon Press at £7.50 in hard cover and £3.00 in a limp edition.

ETHICS AND IDENTITY: THREE STUDIES IN ETHNICITY: by Professor A.L. Epstein, Professor of Social Anthropology, brings a new dimension to the discussion of the problem of ethnicity by building the analysis around the concept of ethnic identity in essays applying it to three ethnographic contexts. The book is published in the Batsford Social Science Paperbacks series at £5.95 and a hardcover edition costing £6.75 is also available.

MACROECONOMICS FOR AFRICA: by Charles Harvey, Fellow of the Institute of Development Studies, is concerned with the elementary theory of the working of present-day African economies, illustrated by examples taken from the economy of Zambia, where the author taught at the University from 1967 to 1972. A new title in the Heinemann series Studies in the Economics of Africa, it is available in paperback at £2.50.

AVAILABLE FROM:

SUSSEX UNIVERSITY BOOKSHOP

ARE YOU SAFE ON THE CAMPUS ROADS?

Those who drive vehicles on campus with faulty brakes or other defects and who think they are safe from prosecution because they are not on the public highway, should take heed of the fate of a factory worker on Merseyside.

He was prosecuted under the Health & Safety at Work Act for having defective brakes and tyres on his car. It appears that the offences arose because he was driving his car inside the factory where he worked.

A case could not be brought under the Road Traffic Acts because he was not on a public highway but he was successfully prosecuted under the recent Health & Safety Act which requires reasonable care for the health and safety of others. Driving a defective vehicle on campus would presumably be a parallel case.

NEW NUMBER

This is the final reminder we hope that the University now has a new telephone number. In common with other Brighton numbers, all University GPO five-figured telephone numbers beginning with 6 have changed to six digit numbers by the addition of an 0 after the initial 6.

The University's main telephone number, formerly Brighton 66755, is now Brighton 606755.

EXCHANGE

Dr. Peter Hanlon of East Sussex College of Higher Education (Head of School of Humanities) would like to exchange his three-bedroomed house in Eastbourne and use of his car with a visitor coming to Sussex from either the Eastern or Western seaboard of U.S.A. The length of time would be approximately one month, preferably from July 28 to August 28. If you have such a visitor who would like to exchange house and car, please contact Dr. Hanlon at Eastbourne 21400 (ext. 261) or Eastbourne 33087 (home).

CAN YOU HELP?

A green Renault 12 parked in the Sussex House car park was hit and damaged by another vehicle sometime during the morning of Tuesday, April 18.

The Renault was parked near the top of the car park and the damage occurred between 8.45 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. If you have any information about what happened, please contact Mrs. P. Grassie, Room 201, Sussex House (int. tel. 05-127) or Dr. A.D.C. Grassie (int. tel. 09-353).

ADDRESSOGRAPH MACHINE

The Communications Office at IDS has an Elliott addressograph machine (and a supply of cards) now surplus to requirements. Any group on campus who could make use of it, at no charge, should contact Elizabeth Moore, IDS room 127.
Gardner Arts Centre

As this edition of The Bulletin rolls off the presses the Gardner Centre will be alive with that special blend of concern, exhaustion and elation which always attends the final dress rehearsal of a big new production. MRS. WARREN'S PROFESSION by Bernard Shaw opens tomorrow, May 3, and runs here until the 13th before setting off on a seven-week national tour which will take it to Southampton, Harlow, Swindon, Poole, Taunton and Lincoln.

It is more than three years ago, when she was playing here in Ayckbourn's 'Relatively Speaking', that Dora Bryan first talked to me about playing Mrs. Warren and, although it would be difficult to imagine better casting, it has taken all that time to make the project a reality.

Susan Penhaligon is to play the important role of Mrs. Warren's daughter Vivie. Susan (pictured here) is perhaps best known for her part in the controversial TV series "A Bouquet of Barbed Wire" in which she starred with Frank Finlay, but since then her work has been mostly in the film studios. Just before rehearsals began for "Mrs. Warren's Profession" she flew to Australia to do a whistle-stop publicity tour for her new film "Patrick" in which she stars with Robert Helpman.

Booking is now open for the return visit of the LONDON CONTEMPORARY DANCE THEATRE. Tickets are, as usual with this company, already selling fast.

The company follows "MRS. Warren" during the week commencing May 13 and will present two separate programmes, the first of which will include the two new ballets by Mischa Borgese and "Forest", a ballet created last year by the company's artistic director Robert Cohan.

The cast of "Mrs. Warren's Profession" have a night off on Thursday, May 11, to make way for a lecture recital by JAN STRASSER, the former chief of Glyndebourne's music staff. Recorded excerpts from various Glyndebourne productions will be included in the programme, for which booking has already opened.

Richard Barr's exhibition of impressive textured paintings is in the Art Gallery this month. Many of the paintings were seen in his first one-man show at the Acme Gallery in Covent Garden last year.

Booking for AN EVENING WITH QUENTIN CRISP starts this week. We have been inundated with postal applications for tickets so those who are keen to see this show should contact the box office as soon as possible.

Nigel Stannard, Administrative Director.

CENTRE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

SPECIAL LECTURES

The fourth Martin Wight Memorial Lecture will be given by Professor Elle Kodourie, Professor of Politics at the LSE, next Monday, May 8, at 6.30 p.m., in the Molecular Sciences Lecture Theatre. Professor Kodourie has taken as his subject "Religion and Politics: Arnold Toynbee and Martin Wight".

The 27th lecture in the Great Centenaries Series, "The Idea of Utopia" at 6.30 p.m. on Thursday, May 11, in the Molecular Sciences Lecture Theatre.

Admission to both the above lectures is free and open to the public.

SATURDAY SCHOOLS

A day school which offers some ideas to parents and others concerned with the social, intellectual and personal growth of young children "Helping Toddlers to Find Their Feet" will be held at the University on May 6.

On May 20 "Troublesome Teens" will be the subject of a day school at the University which is expected to be of interest to parents, teachers, youth workers and others who come into contact with young people.

An afternoon school on May 20 on "Nicholas Yonge and the Elizabethan Madrigal" and "English Poetry" is being organised for the Lewes Branch of the WEA and will be held at Southover Grange, Lewes.

WEEKEND SCHOOL

A residential school on "Thomas Mann and Dr. Faustus" will be held at Pyke House, Battle, on June 3 and 4. Tutors will be Terry Hodgson, Lecturer in Literature, and Michael Hall, Lecturer in Music, both of the Centre for Continuing Education.

Further information and application forms for Saturday and Weekend Schools are available from the Centre for Continuing Education.

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Contributions to The Bulletin are welcomed. If you have any news items, feature articles, information or anything else you would like to see appear in The Bulletin, please contact Jennifer Payne, Room 306, Sussex House (ext.05-123).

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