THE BULLETIN

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PROF. SUPPLE FOR OXFORD

Professor Barry Supple, the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, will leave the University at the end of the summer vacation to become Reader in Recent Social and Economic History at the University of Oxford.

Professor Supple, who took up his appointment as Pro-Vice-Chancellor on March 23, 1978, has been at Sussex since 1962 and became Professor of Economic and Social History in 1965. He was Dean of the School of Social Sciences from 1965-68 and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Arts and Social Studies) from 1968-72.

Can You Help?

The Brighton & Hove Local Committee of the Cancer Research Campaign is looking for someone in the University of Sussex who would be interested in joining their Committee.

The person would be responsible for promoting events in the University for the purpose of collecting money for the Cancer Research Campaign. The Committee has available extensive promotional literature and advertising items, and they also provide printed sponsorship forms, headed tickets, receipt books and stationery of all types.

V-C TO HEAD NUCLEAR WASTE COMMITTEE

The Vice-Chancellor is to be chairman of a Radioactive Waste Management Advisory Committee, the Secretary of State for the Environment. Mr. Peter Shore, announced in the House of Commons on May 15.

The Committee will advise on major issues relating to the development and implementation of an overall policy for the management of civil radio-active wastes, including the waste management implications of nuclear policy, the design of nuclear systems, research and development and including the environmental aspects of the handling and treatment of wastes.

Sir Denys Wilkinson's background of nuclear physics as head of that department at Oxford, and chairman of the Science Research Council Nuclear Physics Board, would be invaluable, Mr. Shore said.

The setting up of the Committee was announced during the debate on the Windscale plans. Later the development order for the nuclear waste re-processing plant at Windscale was carried in the Commons by 224 votes to 80, despite vigorous opposition.

People

NEW OFFICE-HOLDERS

The Senate, at its meeting on May 17, approved a recommendation from the Vice-Chancellor that Dr. Les Allen should be appointed Chairman of Community Services from September 1, 1978.

The Senate also ratified the appointment of Professor J.P. Elliott as Dean of the School of Mathematical and Physical Sciences from January 1, 1979.

STUDENTS' UNION ELECTIONS

In the recent elections for the 1978-79 Students' Union Executive, the Broad Left Alliance gained all four of the posts. Next year's Executive will therefore be:

President: Su Wilkins
Vice-President
(Communications): Terry Miles
(Finance): Martin Howells
(Social Services): Sheila Collins.

NEW HONOUR FOR PROFESSOR CORNFORTH

Professor Sir John Cornforth, FRS, has been elected a Foreign Associate of the National Academy of Sciences of the USA.

The Bulletin is published fortnightly during term-time by the Information Office for the information of members and employees of the University.

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).

The next issue of The Bulletin (and the final one of this session) will be published on Tuesday, June 13, and copy for inclusion should reach the Information Office in Sussex House by noon on Wednesday, June 7.

Extracts from The Bulletin may not be published without the Information Officer's permission.

The Cancer Research Campaign is the major supporter of cancer research in Britain, and outside of the National Cancer Institute in the U.S.A. is probably the biggest supporter of cancer research in the world. Support for this Fund is an extremely admirable activity and anyone interested in assisting would be most welcome.

If anyone is interested they please contact the Hon. Secretary of the Local Committee: Mrs. J.A. Hillard, 60 Cromwell Road, Hove, Sussex, BN3 3ES.
IN BRIEF

ISLE OF THORNS CLOSED JUNE 11
The Isle of Thorns will be closed on Sunday, June 11 only, and not for the whole weekend as previously announced. No admittance to the University will be allowed on June 11 when the Isle of Thorns and all its facilities will be available to the Isle of Thorns Trust only.

WITNESS REQUIRED
Around lunchtime on Tuesday, May 23, an unidentified car collided with a new white Ford Escort in the Sussex House car park. Will anyone who saw the incident please contact Caroline Broadway in the Vice-Chancellor's Office on 05-182.

VACATION WORK
Teaching basic seamanship, small boat handling to children on HMS Poudroyant (last wooden naval vessel afloat) Portsmouth Harbour. £25 per week all found. Contact G. Chaffey, Community Services.

LOS ANGELES EXCHANGE
American family wishes to exchange house in Los Angeles suburb with English family for July/August. Please contact Mrs. P. Rakshit, 777 South Euclid, Pasadena, Calif. (or, if desperate, Dr. P. Mitter, int. ext. 04-859, home Brighton 70558).

FAMILY ACTIVITY WEEK
Some places are still available on the Family Activity Week which the Sport Service is running from July 24 to 28. If you are interested in learning a new sport, collect an application form from the Sport Centre reception. Courses are open to all, not only those on campus, and to individuals as well as families.

CAR AND VAN HIRE
Harrington Motors, the Chrysler/Simca agents, have agreed to offer ten per cent off all car and van rental rates to University employees aged over 21 (25 for foreign licence holders). Rates including VAT for unlimited mileage are, for example, £6.32 per day for a Simca 1000, £7.97 for an Avenger 1600 and £9.87 for a Hunter 1725. 12-seater minibuses are available at £10.69 and 500 cu. ft. Dodge vans at £13.43. Contact Mr. S. Day or Miss Georgina Davey at Harrington Motors, 270-272 Old Shoreham Road, Hove, telephone 737555. Their garage is about 400 yards from Aldrington railway station, opposite the end of Holmes Avenue and on the 25 bus route.

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 May 23.

Systems Assistant (d) Student Records, Registrar & Secretary's Office (3)
Administrative Assistant (d) Registrar & Secretary's Area (1A)
Computer Programmer (c) Institute of Manpower Studies
Programmer (d) Administration
Clerks (a) Institute of Manpower Studies (1)
Clerk/Typist (d) Office of Arts & Social Studies (1 or 2)
Secretary (a) Estates Office (part-time) (1 or 2)
Technical Assistants (b) Vice-Chancellor's Office (1 or 2)
Nat. Science Cells, University Building (1)
Scientific Technician (b) School of Biological Sciences (5)
Trainee Technician (j) M.R.C. Cell Mutation Unit (2 posts) (1A)
Chargeman (b) Animal Unit, School of Biological Sciences (part-time) (1A)
Senior Porter (g) Estates & Maintenance Department
Gardener (d) Manton Building (g)
Cleaner (k) Ashcome House
Team Leader (k) School of Biological Sciences (part-time)
Chef or Cook (g) School of Biological Sciences (part-time)
Telephone Switchboard Operator/Receptionist (d) Refectory
Scientific Policy Research Unit

(4) Internal applicants only.

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. Bowerman, Office of Arts & Social Studies, Arts D.
(b) Laboratory Superintendent, School of Biological Sciences.
(c) Dr. C. J. Parkinson, Institute of Manpower Studies.
(e) Assistant Secretary (Science), Science Office (E), Sussex House.
(f) Catering Manager, Refectory Building.
(g) Building Surveyor, Estates Building.
(h) F. G. Davies, Manton Building.
(i) Media Service Unit, Education Development Building.
(j) Laboratory Superintendent, School of Biological Sciences.
(k) Mrs. E. Goodwin, Deputy Laboratory Superintendent, School of Biological Sciences.
(l) Mrs. E. Reid, Institute of Manpower Studies, Manton Building.
(m) Mr. P. J. Gilliver, Laboratory Superintendent, School of Molecular Sciences.
(n) Miss C. M. Broadway, Personal Assistant to the Vice-Chancellor, Sussex House.
A look at the Bookshop.....

The nature of teaching at Sussex calls for the use of a wide range of books so that, for most courses, the Bookshop has to carry a large selection of titles, which sell in comparatively small numbers, rather than indispensable recommended textbooks bought in large quantities.

A good deal of effort every term goes into obtaining booklists for the following term - information which is needed well in advance if the books are to be obtained (in many cases from overseas) in time for the peak demand at the beginning of each term.

At the same time a steady flow is maintained of new books selected from the thousands of new titles and reprints published each year. These include, of course, books of general interest, as well as academic works, since the Bookshop aims to serve the University community as a whole.

The many visitors to the campus and vacation courses and conferences are also catered for, and there is a postal trade with customers in this country and overseas. All this, plus library and other institutional orders, amounted to book sales of more than £200,000 last year.

Interesting new developments are taking place in the booktrade. The Bookshop's enquiry desk carries a microfiche reader to enable staff and customers to use the new microform "British Books in Print". In place of the familiar heavy red volumes, always several months out-of-date, B.B.I.P. is now updated monthly on microfiche and will thus provide more reliable information.

A new tele-ordering system, using terminals in bookshops to send orders overnight to publishers' computers, is being actively developed and this, it is hoped, will partially alleviate the always frustrating problem of delays in obtaining books to special order or replacing sold-out stock.

The Bookshop was opened in Falmer House in 1963 and remained there, in inadequate premises, until 1968, when the move to the new Refectory building took place. Since then there have been various improvements.

Recently the position of the entrance has been changed and better doors fitted. The counters for sales, orders and enquiries have been combined, and improved facilities created for displaying new publications.

The former gramophone record area has been converted for showing books to good advantage and a new space was used for special exhibitions, like the current Fontana one and next week's Scolar Press exhibition, enabling customers to see a wider range of books than can normally be stocked.

Stationery, greetings cards, magazines and maps are all now concentrated in one area.

Customers have been very patient during the upheaval caused by these changes and it is hoped that they will tolerate any further temporary inconvenience caused by moving subject sections around. When completed the rearrangement of stock will provide more space where it is needed and allow the various subject areas to be more easily identified.

All these alterations and additions cost money and, in accordance with University policy, the Bookshop is a self-financing operation. Salaries, rent and other overheads are paid for out of the profit from sales and interest is paid on the University capital tied up in stock.

Major factors which affect the Bookshop sales are the purchasing power of student grants and the money available to the Library for purchasing new books. Another factor which affects profitability is shoplifting by customers. During the past three years the Bookshop has employed store detectives and periodically arrests are made and convictions obtained in the Courts. They receive little publicity, but for the offender they generally mean a heavy fine and a distressing experience. More important, however, stock losses inevitably result in a less satisfactory service for the University community as a whole.

The management and staff dislike this aspect of their work, necessary though it is. Their main aim is to ensure that customers can browse and buy in a pleasant atmosphere, to which the recent changes in the shop layout are intended to contribute.

The Sussex bookshop is one of four bookshops in England owned by the universities they serve and, while there was some initial opposition to the idea from the booktrade, they are now established and recognized in the trade.

Our Bookshop Manager has served for the last three years on the Council of the Booksellers Association as representative of the Sussex Branch, of which he is a former Chairman. He is also currently Vice-Chairman of the Colleges and Universities Booksellers Group of the Association and a member of the National Book League's Books and Students Committee. Bookshop staff attend Booksellers Association training courses and seminars.

Small computers

There are now a large number, perhaps 20 or more, of small computers scattered around the campus. If you're involved in running such a machine I would like you to get in contact with me about it. I am part of a small group of people interested in forming a small computer user group on campus. The principle aim of this group would be the exchange of information about available software and equipment.

As part of this process we'd like to form a directory of all small computers in the University, for example what sort of machine, where it is, what peripherals it has, what programs are running etc. We may also organise occasional pub lunches or invite speakers from computer manufacturers etc. If you're prepared to help in this could you get in touch with me, Dr. Steven Hardy, School of Social Sciences. I will let you know exactly what information we'd like for the directory.
N AND F PROPOSALS

The University of Sussex has been asked to prepare a view on the proposals for a five-subject, split-level sixth form curriculum contained in a recommendation to the Schools Council.

After the views of all interested parties, of which universities are only a part, have been collated and studied the Council will decide whether or not to make a recommendation to the Secretary of State.

This decision will probably be taken in late 1979 but individual university views are requested by the Standing Conference on University Entrance (SCUE) by December 31, 1978. SCUE, on behalf of the CVCP, will prepare a general statement of universities' views to which all the individual university statements will be appended.

It is likely that, whatever the final recommendation on the specific proposals now under discussion, a number of desirable curriculum and syllabus changes in line with examinations will emerge from the debate and the University will wish to make its views known in this context.

The proposals are set out in a Schools Council Working Paper (No 60. Evans/Methuen Educational £4.50) and are summarised in a booklet prepared by SCUE 'Universities and the N and F proposals' which has been circulated to all Deans, School Selectors and Subject Chairmen.

The Working Paper summarises the work of the 16 Syllabus Steering Groups set up by the Council (circulated to Subject Groups in Oct/Nov 1977) and incorporates the survey of the resource implications for schools and colleges of the proposals. In effect the document draws together a comprehensive review of the Council's 12 years' work on the broader sixth form curriculum.

No concept of a 'total package' or 'alternative schemes' is presented in the Working Paper and comment is solicited on a wide range of issues. The following summary is therefore of the scheme thought by the Schools Council's exams policy-making committee (the Joint Examinations Sub-Committee which prepared the report) to be the best, and which is likely to be further developed in favour.

In making its recommendation for a five-subject two-level system the Council has based its views on three principles accepted since 1966:

a) the prospective increase in size and academic range of sixth form populations makes curricular reform necessary to meet the various needs of sixth formers;

b) it is desirable to reduce specialisation and broaden the scope of study in the sixth form;

c) it is desirable that a pupil's choice of subjects for study in the sixth form and the university, in so far as it narrows career opportunities, should be made as late as possible.

In order to achieve the aims embodied in the principles it is proposed that there should be:

1. a sixth form curriculum consisting of five subjects, a component and a non-examined component;

2. a two-level curriculum and examination system.

This, it is believed "would result in a broad curriculum for all students while allowing the possibility of adequate specialisation and preparation for a further level of education for some of the students."

The normal, though not enforced and not universal, pattern would be for a student to study three subjects to N (Normal) level and two subjects to F (Further) level. N-level would require about half of the time at present devoted to the subject at A-level and F-level about three-quarters of the time devoted to an A-level.

A good N-level course will meet the needs of the population of students for which it is designed, provide the possibility of teaching the subject sufficiently well, and content of the subject provide a basis for F-level and meet the constraints put on it by the study time available in a five-subject curriculum. It might also contain a substantial core. A good F-level course will provide an extension of N-level towards higher and further education and make intellectual demands not unlike those made by A-levels."

The N and F syllabus relationship seems likely to be one in which all of N-level is part of F-level. F-level is seen as an extension of N in terms of content, depth of understanding and level of skills involved.

There would, however, be less content in both N- and F-level syllabuses compared to A-level. But more students would study each subject at N-level, in larger groups than in the present system. In each subject, N-level students would have a wider range of objectives, motivations and subject-specific ability than current A-level students.

F-level groups would tend to be smaller than A-level groups and would consist mainly of students who were planning to go on to further or higher education.

Choice of two F-level subjects would probably be made at the beginning of the third term in the first year in the sixth form and N and F level students in most schools would continue to be taught together for part of the second year. There would, however, be some N-level syllabuses that were not intended to form the basis for F-level (e.g. Integrated Science, Mathematics).

The assessment model which meets with most favour in the report is one in which there would be an assessment for N-level to which would be added an additional element, or elements, of assessment for F-level supported by a grading model in which both N and F candidates are graded on the basis of a common N-level grading scale and in addition F-level candidates are given an extra grade for their performance on the extra F-level component of their course.

The report acknowledges that considerable amounts of work remain to be done and that many difficulties remain to be resolved. It recognises, for instance, the dangers, in the recommended syllabus model, of N-level being dominated by F-level and points also to the fact that some of the syllabuses designed in the exercise are overloaded.

A good deal of development work in all subjects would still be required to make sure that the examination papers were of the right kind for the population of candidates at both levels. It is also recognised that there are difficulties in predicting the effect of the proposed system in F.S. colleges and that there are special difficulties for part-time and evening students.

The report hopes, however, that these problems and others, such as the possible effects of the reduction of contact time between teacher and pupil in individual subjects, can be overcome and that, despite the lack of compulsion, students will not be encouraged, or required by universities, to take more than two F-levels.

It is believed that the evidence now available is sufficient for a decision to be made on the proposals and comments have been requested under the following headings:

a. The N & F proposals
b. The nature of N-level
c. The nature of F-level
d. The N and F relationship - the syllabus relationship - the teaching relationship - the assessment relationship - the grading relationship
e. A single-level curriculum
f. Interaction between syllabus, assessment and grading models
g. Methods of assessment
h. The grading scheme

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i. Implications for courses in individual and dual subjects
j. The broadened curriculum and grouping of subjects
k. Delay of choice
l. Implications for the organisation of schools and colleges
m. Resources
n. Implications for users, users' requirements
o. Implications for examining boards, number and nature of subjects, examining load, examination timetable
p. Co-ordination of syllabuses, assessment schemes, common cores, and number of subjects offered
q. Overall balance of advantage between present and proposed systems

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The Sub-Committee on Entrance Requirements will co-ordinate the University's draft response on behalf of the Admissions Committee.

The Sub-Committee would welcome comments on the proposals and issues raised by schools, Subject Groups and individuals. In addition to the headings for comment listed above the Sub-Committee, whilst not excluding discussion on the general issue, would wish to concentrate in particular on the effect of the N and F proposals on the University's admissions procedures and undergraduate courses.

The Sub-Committee would therefore welcome comment on the following issues:

1. General (Minimum) Entrance Requirement - This is currently defined at Sussex as passes in two approved subjects at A-level together with evidence of having received and benefited from a broad general education and of possessing competence in the use of the English Language. It is suggested in the report that the general entrance requirement be framed in terms of five subjects.

The Sub-Committee proposes that this should be specified as three N and two F. It would also be helpful if the Sub-Committee could be advised of whether there should be any compulsion for candidates to offer subjects from a particular group (eg. Language for all Humanities, Mathematics for all Science and Social Science).

2. Course Requirements - Those courses which require a level of performance in a specified A-level subject (at present mainly Science and Language) will be required to consider, on the basis of the steering syllabus group reports, the SCEB syllabus studies, and the perceived nature of N and F, whether course requirements could be met under a new system by a specified performance in either N and/or F level. Subject Groups may wish to comment on the possibility or desirability of research into core syllabuses.

3. Applications and selection

If 34 and SF levels equal 3 A-levels and if 3 A-levels equal an OMD with Distinction, and if 29 and SF levels equal 4 Scottish Higher, and if the International Baccalaureate with 24 points equals 2N and 2F levels, and if the Ontario Grade 12 Certificate equals 3 A-levels plus one S-level equals the New Zealand Bursary examination then does this candidate from New Zealand with a pass level OMD who has been in Canada for the last year's High School grades, and who was at Buxton for a term, and who is taking 3N plus 1F satisfy the general entrance requirement?

The following timetable for discussion has been laid down:

by September 1 - Responses from Schools, Subject Groups and individuals to be submitted to the Admissions Officer.

c. October 9 - Standing Sub-Committee on Entrance Requirements to formulate draft response prior to consideration by - October 25 - Area Committees (referral to Subject Groups and Schools if required)

November 6 - Admissions Committee

November 29 - Area Committees

December 6 - Planning Committee

December 13 - Senate

Comments on any of the issues raised by the debate on N and F would be most welcome in assisting the Sub-Committee to draft its response. Replies should be addressed in the first instance to the Admissions Officer who would be happy to provide any further information as would members of the Sub-Committee: Professor B.D.Graham (Chairman), Dr.R.K.Middlemas, Professor D.F. Pocock, Dr.J.D.Dickinson and Dr.K.P.Wheeler.
Gardner Arts Centre

Oliver Kilbourn, whose exhibition opens in the Art Gallery on June 5, was himself a miner, and the Arlington Group of which he was a member grew out of a WEA Art Appreciation class in the 1930s. The exhibition, MY LIFE AS A FITMAN, consists of forty paintings depicting his working life.

As Hilary Lane says, "They give a beautiful account of the diverse tasks undertaken by miners, and the conditions under which they worked". Oliver Kilbourn's paintings (see picture on this page) will be complemented by a display of flint figures by Peter Gough.

Still on the subject of the Visual Arts, a timely reminder that Veronica Togneri's extended period as Artist-in-Residence is now drawing to a close. Her studio is at the back of the Gardner Centre and can only be reached from outside.

A visit would be welcome and rewarding as Veronica will be pleased to show you the embroidery and patchwork she has been doing during her stint at the Gardner, as well as the large tapestry which she has just begun. She is at home most days but not between midday and 1 p.m.

On the music front, there are still five concerts to come this term, starting with the JONATHAN STRANGE STRING QUARTET's farewell concert after their period of residence here. Their final programme is on Wednesday of this week (June 1) and they will be joined by the WINTERBOURNE QUARTET to play the Mendelssohn Octet.

There are still some tickets left for the ACADEMY OF ST MARTIN IN THE FIELDS on Sunday, June 6. Lord Briggs will be there with his wife Susan and it was indeed our ex-Vice-Chancellor who gave us a special grant to enable this very splendid event to take place.

The Chelsea Opera Group return on Saturday, June 10 to give their concert performance of Janacek's JENUFA. Booking is already open, as it is for the concerts by the UTC CHAMBER ORCHESTRA (June 12) and the Early Music Group's performance 'BON JOUR, BON MOIS', a programme of fifteenth century music by French composers.

Lastly, sucks-boo to the gracious patrons who kindly stole four books while Quentin Crisp was autographing copies in the interval of his performance last week.

Nigel Stannard
Administrative Director

RECENT BOOKS

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

THE DISINTEGRATING WEST by Mary Kaldor of the Science Policy Research Unit, published by Allen Lane at £5.50.

THE CHEMICAL BOND by Professor J. N. Murrell of this University, together with Professor Sir A. R. Backhouse of the University of East Anglia and J. M. Reeder of the University of St. Andrews, published by Wiley in a limp edition at £4.80.

Cambridge University Press has just published a new book by Professor Donald Winch: ADAM SMITH'S POLITICS: AN ESSAY IN HISTORIOGRAPHIC REVISION. A paperback edition at £3.50 is available.

WINNERS AND LOSERS: PAY PATTERNS IN THE 1970's published by Political and Economic Planning at £4.00. It is written by Professor Christopher Saunders and David Marsden of the Centre for Contemporary European Studies, with Santosh Mukherjee and Alison Donaldson of P.E.P.

The late Professor Tom Harrison's book LIVING THROUGH THE BLITZ is now available in a £1.00 Penguin edition. This book was widely reviewed when it first appeared in hardback and is based on material in the Mass Observation archives here at Sussex.

Dr. Keith Oakley's book PERCEPTIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS, announced in the last issue, has now been delayed until June 8.

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A book of local interest which has just come out is EAST SUSSEX, a Shell Guide by W. S. Mitchell. It is published by Faber and Faber at £4.50 and contains 190 illustrations. This new publication in a well-known series refers to the University's "superb site" and "exciting" layout, which "makes good use of the undulating ground and the already existing trees. They do much to soften the stark and truncated appearance of some buildings ......."

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CENTRE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

THEATRE AND FILM

The Centre for Continuing Education, in conjunction with the Screen 70 Film Society, is organising a residential weekend school on "Theatre and Film", at the Isle of Thorns from June 10 to July 2.

This weekend course will offer analysis and discussion of a variety of plays adapted as films, representing a considerable range in period and technique of theatrical presentation. Three complete feature films will be shown: Miss Julie, A Doll's House, and A Midsummer Night's Dream.

Further information and application forms (to be returned by June 19) are available from the Centre for Continuing Education, EDB.

WOZART'S ITALIAN COMEDIES

A fortnight later there will be a residential weekend school on "Mozart's Italian Comedies". This will be held at Bishop Otter College, Chichester, beginning on July 14. Bookings for this course close on July 3.