Accommodation

Students who wish to apply for University-owned accommodation either on or off campus for the next year, should do so at the Accommodation Office, 1st floor, Refectory building, any time between February 13 and the closing date of March 9. Applications received after this date will have no chance of success unless they are special cases.

The Accommodation Office will inform students of whether their applications have been successful or unsuccessful as soon as possible after the Easter vacation.

N AND F PROPOSALS

The University's response to the request by the Standing Conference on University Entrance for its views on proposals for a new system of courses and examinations at sixth form level, was agreed at the December meeting of Senate.

A summary of the response is given below.

1. The University of Sussex supports the objective of broadening the sixth form curriculum.

2. The University, is however, unable to accept the proposals in Working Paper 60 (the Schools Council paper, 'Examinations at 16: the N and F Studies', April 1978) for a 2Y + 3N system of sixth form education.

INDUSTRIAL ACTION

The day of action by the National Union of Public Employees on January 22 was supported by almost if not all University members of the Union. For that day, the University was without porters, grounds staff, catering workers and other NUPE members.

As anticipated, the University had to close down its catering services, there was no distribution of mail and some other services were curtailed.

However, teaching and research continued almost normally although some members of academic faculty did rearrange their teaching timetables.

The NUPE stewards were successful in maintaining a peaceful picket, and other staff were allowed to cross the picket lines without harassment.

The safety and security of University staff and buildings were monitored carefully throughout the day with particular attention being paid to safety in laboratories.

It is understood that further action is planned by NUPE nationally, although at the time of going to press, it is not known whether this will have any local effects.

Transport drivers

The transport drivers' dispute has not yet had any major effects on the University even though some of our normal suppliers have been unable to deliver food and chemicals. So far other suppliers have been found for food supplies and for some chemicals whilst in other cases University stocks of chemicals are being used.

University stores are generally sufficient for this week but in view of the chemical and paper shortage, all members of the University are asked to economise with these items, as far as possible.

In addition, salt is in very short supply: another fall of snow may make University roads and paths particularly dangerous.

THE BULLETIN

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, Information Officer, Room 330, Sussex House, internal telephone 05-123.

The next issue will be published on Tuesday, February 13, and copy for inclusion should reach the Information Office by noon on Tuesday, February 6.

Extracts from The Bulletin may not be published without the Information Officer's permission.
SRC Advanced Fellowship
Dr. Gordon Tatlock, of the School of Mathematical and Physical Sciences, has been awarded an Advanced Fellowship by the Science Research Council for a period of five years.
Dr. Tatlock works in the area of Electron Microscopy.

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POST OF SECRETARY GENERAL
The Council of the Association of Commonwealth Universities invites applications from graduates, preferably with experience of academic and administrative work in the Commonwealth, for appointment as successor to Sir Hugh Springer, KCMB, who retires in September 1980.
The members of the Association are universities of the Commonwealth and the Secretary General's duties will include visits to and contact with universities institutions in the Commonwealth. The Association's headquarters are in Gordon Square, London.
Further details are available from the Chairman of the Association, Dr. J. Steven Watson, Principal of the University of St. Andrews (College Gate, North Street, St. Andrews, Scotland, KY16 9AJ) with whom applications should be lodged by March 31, 1979.

Science Policy Research Unit
The Planning Committee has set up a working party 'to review the academic and organisational relations between the Science Policy Research Unit and the rest of the University'.
The working party is giving a wide interpretation to its terms of reference, and invites written submissions by individuals and groups within the University on matters which may fall within its brief. They should be made by February 14, 1979, at the latest and be sent to Mr. J. H. Purratt (Planning Officer) in Sussex House.
The working party's members are the Vice-Chancellor (Chairman), the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Mr. T. H. B. Myres (member of the University Council), Professor O. M. Heal, Professor N. L. MacKenzie and Professor R. J. Taylor.
Copies of the most recent Annual Report of SPRU are available from Mrs. Pat Probyn, SPRU General Office, Mantell Building.

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 noticeboards. The list was compiled at January 24, 1979.

Secretaries
- (a) Arts & Social Studies Office (1 or 2, temporary part-time post)
- (b) Institute of Development Studies (3)
- (c) School of European Studies (1 or 2)
- (d) School of Engineering & Applied Sciences (1 or 2)
- (e) School of Mathematical & Physical Sciences (1 post 1, 1 post 2 or part)
- (f) Community Services (1 or 2)
- (g) Secretaries Office (1 or 2, full or part year)
- (h) School of Mathematical & Physical Sciences (3)
- (i) Finance Office (2 posts, 3 or 4)
- (j) School of Molecular Sciences (5)
- (k) School of Engineering & Applied Sciences (2 posts, 5)
- (l) School of Biological Sciences (3 posts, 2B, 3 and 4)
- (m) School of Mathematical & Physical Sciences (5)
- (n) School of Biological Sciences (3 posts, part-time)
- (o) University Health Centre (1)
- (p) Refectory (4)
- (q) School of Biological Sciences (28 posts, 2B, 3 and 4)
- (r) Lasker House (part-time)
- (s) Arts & Social Studies (part-time)
- (t) Refectory (part-time)

Accounts Office Supervisors
- (a) Admin Supervisor (3)
- (b) Supervisor (3)

Technical Assistant
- (a) Admin Assistant (3)
- (b) Technical Assistant (3)

Ward Orderly
- (a) Ward Orderly (2)

Library Staff Room Attendant
- (a) Library Staff Room Attendant (2)

Assistant Steward
- (a) Assistant Steward (2)

Porter
- (a) Porter (3)

Cleaner
- (a) Cleaner (3)

Cashier
- (a) Cashier (3)

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) Miss C. Pratt, Arts & Social Studies Office, Arts D.
(b) Mr. M. D. Carr, Science Office, Sussex House.
(c) Mr. C. R. Kelley, Establishment Office, Sussex House.
(d) Mr. P. J. Gilliver, Laboratory Superintendent, School of Molecular Sciences.
(e) Laboratory Superintendent, School of Engineering & Applied Sciences.
(f) Mr. E. Godwin, Deputy Laboratory Superintendent, School of Biological Sciences.
(g) Mr. J. Burns, Laboratory Superintendent, School of Biological Sciences.
(h) Catering Manager, Refectory.
(i) Laboratory Superintendent, School of Mathematical & Physical Sciences.
(j) Mr. A. N. Peasgood, Sub-Librarian, University Library.
(k) Mrs. N. Tattershall, Room 118, IDS.
(l) Domestic Bursar, Lancaster House.
GRADUATES IN DEMAND

Amidst all the gloomy news, it is pleasing to report the results of this year's forecast for the graduate labour market announced recently by the Association of Graduate Careers Advisory Services, the Central Services Unit for Careers and Appointments Services and the Standing Conference of Employers of Graduates.

The overall position is that there are expected to be about ten per cent more graduates from universities and polytechnics available for employment this summer and a 15 per cent increase in the number of jobs available.

The total supply of graduates this year is expected to amount to 80,200 from the universities (62,200 with first degrees and 18,000 with higher degrees) and 17,500 from the polytechnics (17,000 with first degrees and 500 with higher degrees) excluding medical, dental and veterinary graduates and those with H.D.s.

Many of these, however, are not available for employment in the UK immediately after graduation because they go on to take further courses and the figures also include foreign students who return to their own countries. In total only about 49,000 new graduates will be looking for jobs in the UK.

On the demand side, the striking feature is the continuing upsurge in the requirements of manufacturing industry for graduates, which this year will be twice as great as in 1976.

Commercial organisations, such as accountancy firms, banks and retail stores, will also be seeking more and even in the public sector the slow revival of recruitment which started in 1977 is expected to continue.

A note of caution should, however, be sounded. This is because, despite the healthy overall demand, some graduates may still face difficulties. The demand figures are pushed up by the very heavy requirements for engineers in particular, with many firms carrying forward unfilled vacancies from last year.

Other areas of unsatisfied demand in 1978 were in computing, production management, the armed services, industrial and public service accounting, police and fire services, selling, purchasing and retail sales management. Most of these posts are open to graduates of any discipline but require a facility for handling figures and the personality characteristics required for dealing effectively with other people.

Although at Sussex, as in most other universities, there has been an increased interest amongst students in careers in industry and commerce, there are still many in the arts and social sciences areas who either do not appreciate the range of vacancies open to them in the private sector or find such vacancies unattractive.

It seems likely that over the next few years at least the demand will be for people with a reasonable level of numeracy, although often the only formal mathematical qualification required is an 'O' level in maths, and the ability and willingness both to effectively plan and organise their work and that of others and to communicate with people at all levels.

This message appears to have already reached the schools and is reflected in the changing pattern of applications to higher education. Certainly in the years but the process is not a simple one. What is happening is a complex process of change and adjustment on both sides where the very nature of many jobs is shifting substantially and where completely new jobs are appearing.

This is a situation in which the more able tend to benefit and those with little or no educational qualifications suffer. The recruitment season is now well underway. More employers than ever before will be visiting this University between now and mid-March. Although many vacancies they are offering are for engineering and science graduates, there are a substantial number open to those in the arts and social sciences.

Any students wishing to investigate the possibilities available to them should contact the Occupational Advisory Service at once.

GEORGE PRIOR
Occupational Advisory Service

KIPLING IN SUSSEX

France 0 - 28, 1979. Admission free. Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 7.30 p.m.
Saturday/Sunday 2 - 6.00 p.m.

KIPLING - a public lecture by ANGUS WILSON

Thursday, February 8, 1979 at 7.45 p.m. in Lecture Theatre. Admission free.
ARE YOU HERE?

Later this term the Site Amenities Committee will be looking at proposals for new road signposting which will be necessary when the Falmer road works are completed.

As part of the scheme it is planned to display a number of University site maps at points in the University Park.

A new site map is being prepared on which buildings will be numbered and a lettered reference grid superimposed. Alongside will be a list of building names showing the building number, name and grid reference.

A first list of building names is set out below. Comments on the list, including suggestions for additions or changes, are welcomed and should be sent to the Community and Estates Officer in the Refectory building by February 9, 1979. It is hoped that the final list and the site plan can be published in a later edition of The Bulletin.

A Accelerator Laboratory
  Accommodation Office
  Administration
  African & Asian Studies
  Applied Sciences Research Laboratory
  ARC Building
  ARC Stores
  Arts Centre
  Arts A
  Arts B
  Arts C
  Arts D
  Arts E

B Barclays Bank
  Biological Sciences
  Boiler House
  Bookshop

C Cell Mutation Unit
  Central Stores
  Centre for Continuing Education
  Centre for Medical Research
  Centre for Research on Perception & Cognition
  Computing Centre
  Conference Office
  Creche
  Cultural & Community Studies

D
  East Slope Residences
  East Slope Social Centre
  Education Development
  Engineering & Applied Sciences

E
  English & American Studies
  Essex House
  Estates & Maintenance
  European Studies
  ENQUIRIES

F
  Falmer House
  G Gardner Centre

H Health Service

I Institute of Development Studies
  Institute of Manpower Studies

J
  K Kent House
  Kulkundis House
  L Lancaster House
  Language Centre
  Library

M Mantell
  Mathematical & Physical Sciences
  Media Service Unit
  Meeting House
  Midland Bank
  Molecular Sciences
  Molecular Sciences Lecture Theatre

N Norwich House
  Nursery

O Occupational Advisory Service

P Park Village
  Park Village Social Centre
  Physics
  Post Office
  Printing Unit

Q
  R Refectory
  Refectory Terrapins

S Science Policy Research Unit
  Security Office
  Social Sciences
  Sportcentre
  Sports Pavilion
  Students' Union
  Sussex European Research Centre
  Sussex House

T Thermo-fluid Mechanics
  Research Laboratory

U

V

W

XYZ York House

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Professor J.L. Douce of Warwick University will give a lecture this evening (January 30) on how engineering techniques have been applied in research and development concerned with a wide range of aids for the visually handicapped.

Work in the design and production of tactile maps and diagrams and novel systems for braille production will be reviewed. Current projects, including a fundamental study of the braille code, a novel computer technique for transcription, and the development of devices of wide application, will be summarised.

This lecture is organised by the Institution of Electrical Engineers and will begin at 6.30 p.m. in Lecture Theatre ASI, Engineering & Applied Sciences Building I.

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* THE CHANGING FACE OF GEOGRAPHY is the subject of a weekend school to be held at Stafford House, Hassocks, on February 24 and 25. It will examine recent developments and draw material from urban, social and regional geography. Tutors: Professor T.H. Elkins, Dr. Fred Gray, Dr. R.A. Sayer. Fees: £11 resident, £7.50 non-resident. Applications by February 12.

* The Centre for Continuing Education’s annual report for 1977-78 has now been published and copies are available from the Centre. All enquiries to the Centre in the Education Development Building.
EMERGENCY

The University campus covers an area of 200 acres and during the working day has some 6,500 people in and around its buildings - as many as a small town.

The buildings range from domestic dwellings to highly complex research areas. Thus the possible hazards could range from a fire in a chip pan to a fire in the 3 Mev Linear Accelerator building, or perhaps a leakage of toxic gas in one of the science buildings.

When the fire alarm sounds in a University building it takes the Fire Brigade from six to ten minutes, depending on the traffic and weather conditions, to arrive on campus.

It could be within the first two or three minutes of when the alarm sounds that a life is lost. Because of this, there exists on campus a team of volunteers trained by the Fire Brigade to Fire Brigade standard in the use of breathing apparatus and rescue techniques. The primary function of the Rescue Team is to save life in these first few critical minutes.

During working hours all these volunteers are in constant contact by means of a UHF radio system with the University switchboard, through which all emergency calls are channelled.

Once an "alarm call" is received by the Team, they can be at the scene of an incident within the first 90 seconds of the alarm being operated in a building.

The Rescue Team travels to the building in a vehicle which contains the substantial quantity of varied specialist equipment which may be needed.

On arrival at the building's 'Control Point', the team offers its services to the 'Building Safety Officer' and, assuming this is accepted, the Team will then adopt the same procedure as the Fire Brigade by establishing an 'Entry Control Position'.

As much information as is available would be collected before the 'Entry Control Officer' decided how to handle the incident. Using self air-breathing apparatus, members of the Team are then capable of undertaking a careful search and rescue operation, even in conditions of very dense smoke or a toxic atmosphere.

The Team has, over the years, worked out set procedures to deal with the many different types of incident that could occur on campus.

These include methods for dealing with radiation hazards, incidents involving biohazard or genetic engineering laboratories, poison or acid gas leaks, through a whole spectrum of possibilities, down to the earlier mentioned chip pan fire.

The Team at this time is 15 strong, but is always pleased to have new volunteers.

Should any member of staff (male or female) be interested in volunteering then if they telephone or write to me I will give them further details.

CHRIS LEECH, Biology
(Int. tel. 07-120)

UNIVERSITY ON THE AIR

As reported in an earlier edition of The Bulletin, the University is to present as part of the BBC Radio Brighton Community broadcasting scheme, a series of thirty-minute programmes about the life and work of the University.

Programmes are broadcast at 19.05 weekly on Thursday evenings, starting on February 8 (95-3 Mhz, 202 MW - 1485 KHz). Full details are given in the Radio Times.

February 8 The job of Vice-Chancellor
15 The new map of learning - Arts and Social Studies at Sussex
22 Preparing for the year 2000 - Science at Sussex

March 1 Something for everyone - the work of the Education Area at Sussex
8 The University - a community within the community
15 Language and communication - man or machine?
22 Energy - new devices or old resources?
29 Women in Society - the influence of family and school

April 5 Biological evolution or genetic engineering?
12 Experiments near absolute zero - the search for model systems
19 Prison or community service - punishment or rehabilitation?

For further information, contact Dr. Brian Smith, Physics building.

RECENT BOOKS

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

STATISTICAL TECHNIQUES FOR MANPOWER PLANNING by D.J. Bartholomew and A.F. Forbes. Dr. Forbes is a Senior Fellow of the Institute of Manpower Studies. Published by Wiley at £13.00.

THE INDIAN ECONOMY: POVERTY AND DEVELOPMENT by Pramit Chaudhuri, Reader in Economics. Crosby Lockwood Staples, £10.00.

BEYOND CAPITALIST PLANNING, which includes contributions from four key Western European countries on questions of economic planning, has been edited by Stuart Holland of the School of European Studies. Published by Blackwell at £7.95.

DEVELOPMENT AND PROBLEMS OF VILLAGE NUTRITION by Sue Schofield, who was a Research Officer at the Institute of Development Studies from 1970 to 1974. Published by Croom Helm in association with the IDS at £8.95.


AVAILABLE FROM

SUSSEX UNIVERSITY BOOKSHOP
A casual glance at the 'On This Week' column in The Stage, that veritable doyen of trade papers, would probably reveal in any given week, a positive plethora of Alan Ayckbourn comedies being presented in reps and touring theatres all over the country.

If you then added in the London productions (usually two or three), you would swiftly come to the conclusion that any doubts or misgivings about Mr. Ayckbourn's financial stability would be, at the very least, misplaced.

But the percentage of the box office receipts which eventually find their way into Mr. A's pocket does at least give an inkling about the thousands of people who have consistently flocked to any theatre where his work is being show, and, need one add, emerged in a state of joyful enthusiasm.

The fact that his plays are very funny is self-evident but, when the time comes, it is my guess that the history books will show that he, probably more than any other playwright, has captured and immortalised the foibles of the age in which we live.

None of his plays can be dismissed as cheap comedy; they all have a relevance which is the basis of his humour.

JUST BETWEEN OURSELVES, which opens at the Gardner Centre tonight (30th) is probably his most relevant and most serious play to date. Naturally, it is also very funny but it does have a slight sting in the tail, which is not evident in most of his other plays.

If all this sounds very pretentious then I am to blame and not Mr. Ayckbourn, who has written, as usual, a splendid evening's entertainment, for which we have been lucky enough to obtain a very distinguished cast.

June Barry (pictured on this page - and, yes, she was in The Forsyte Saga!), Robert East and Elizabeth Bradley are all making their first appearance at the Gardner, as is Michael Graham Cox, who plays the central role of Denis, pottering around his garage and trying to sell his car (the central feature of John Hallé's set).

Vilma Hollingbery returns, hardly having been away, to play his neurotic wife - something of a contrast to her recent portrayal of Mrs. Cratchit in A Christmas Carol.

JUST BETWEEN OURSELVES runs until February 10 at the Gardner, and it then goes on tour to Peterborough, Bury St. Edmunds, Poole and Warwick University Arts Centre.

It is followed here by a long overdue return visit from THE YOUNG VIC COMPANY, who will be presenting John Osborne's play LOOK BACK IN ANGER during the week commencing February 12.

Musically, we have recently made a policy decision to include a series of children's events in our music programme. The first of these concerts will be on Sunday, February 4 at 3 p.m.

This concert, entitled BARTHOLOMEW'S AMAZING FLYING AFTERNOON, has been described thus: "If you combine Peter and the Wolf with Alice in Wonderland, add a pinch of Edward Lear and mix well with a suggestion of I-spy, you will come somewhere near this presentation."

It is basically light hearted with an amount of audience participation and, more to the point, is already booking very heavily. Be warned and contact the box office soon!

The Gallery remains ablaze with the colour of Alan Cuthbert's paintings until February 2, when it gives way to an exhibition of the work of Ken Kiff. More of this in the next issue.

Nigel Stannard
Administrative Director

LUNCHTIME CONCERTS
Over the next fortnight, the following free lunch time recitals will be held, all beginning at 1.15 p.m.

Friday, February 2 in the Gardner Centre: Bernard Shore - viola, John Birch - piano.
Tuesday, February 6 in the Gardner Centre: Ann Hooley - violin, Margaret Archibald - clarinet, Andrew Gore - piano.
Friday, February 9 in the Meeting House: Martin Everett - organ.
Tuesday, February 13 in the Gardner Centre: Beatrice Downworth - soprano, Julian Elloway - piano.