MIKE THOMPSON TO BE NEXT VICE-CHANCELLOR OF U.E.A.

Professor Mike Thompson is to be the next Vice-Chancellor of the University of East Anglia. He will succeed UEA's first Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Frank Thistlethwaite, who retires at the end of September 1980.

Mike Thompson has been Professor of Experimental Physics at Sussex since 1965. He was Pro-Vice-Chancellor from 1973 to 1977 and Acting Vice-Chancellor from January to August 1976.

After graduating from Liverpool in 1953, Mike went to the Atomic Energy Research Establishment at Harwell to work on the development of nuclear reactors. He was elected a Fellow of the Institute of Physics in 1963 and won the Institute's Charles Vernon Boys Prize for Experimental Physics in 1972.

At Sussex, Mike established a thriving research group working on Atomic Collisions in Solids which uses the Van de Graaf Accelerator and he acts as consultant to a number of industrial companies and scientific organisations.

Apart from his special responsibilities as Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Mike has taken in the arts as Chairman of the Gardner Centre Committee and has been closely involved in the development of medical science at the University.

He has also been a member of the East Sussex Education Committee and of the East Sussex Area Health Authority and he was recently made a Director of the Alliance Building Society.

Although Mike will not take up his Vice-Chancellorship until October 1980, the Information Office would like to take this opportunity of congratulating him on his appointment and to wish him and his family every success at East Anglia.

DISCIPLINARY PANEL

Before the Disciplinary Panel's judgement on disciplinary offences committed by Mr. Richard Flint and Mr. Shaun Fensom on May 24 and May 31 had been received by the Vice-Chancellor, further matters relating to subsequent offences had been referred to the Panel.

It therefore had a further meeting on July 2 and found that both students had committed major breaches of University discipline after those previously considered by the Panel.

The Panel has now reported to the Vice-Chancellor recommending that both Mr. Flint and Mr. Fensom be expelled from the University. No further action will be taken until other, consequential, provisions of the Disciplinary Scheme, including any appeal, have been completed.

NEW PROFESSOR OF DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY

Dr. Annette Karmiloff-Smith has been appointed to the Chair of Developmental Psychology from next April.

She is at present Senior Researcher to Professor H.Sinclair at the University of Geneva, Psycholinguistics Section, and Lecturer in Clinical Psycholinguistics in the Faculty of Medicine at Bern University. She is also an external member of the Max Planck Project Group on Child Language Acquisition, at Nijmegen, Netherlands.

Her academic career has also included the posts of Consultant Psychologist to UNRWA-UNESCO Institute of Education, Beirut, Lebanon, and Research Collaborator to Professor Jean Piaget, International Centre for Genetic Epistemology, Geneva.

Before becoming a psychologist, Dr. Karmiloff-Smith spent several years as a simultaneous and consecutive interpreter with the United Nations. She is married and has two children.

SRC AWARD TO PROFESSOR BREWER

Professor Douglas Brewer of the School of Mathematical and Physical Sciences has been awarded a Senior Fellowship by the Science Research Council.

Professor Brewer's award is for three years and will be used for research in experiments on superfluids and at millidegree and submillidegree temperatures.

The SRC Senior Fellowship scheme enables a few outstanding tenured academic staff to devote themselves full-time to research free of the distractions of their normal duties.

The award to Professor Brewer is one of five made by the SRC this year from a field of 20 candidates of "continuing high standard".

Last year, Professor Brewer was awarded a Special Grant of £147,250 over four years, by the SRC, for a programme of research into the physics of very low temperatures.

EXTRA DAY'S HOLIDAY FOR CAMPUS WORKERS

The Council at its meeting on June 22, received a report on the disruption caused by student action to the work of members of University staff during the last term and expressed its appreciation of the loyalty of staff which had enabled University work to proceed in such adverse circumstances. Following that meeting, the Vice-Chancellor has agreed that all members of staff should receive an extra day's leave and the University will therefore be closed on Tuesday, August 28 (Bank Holiday Weekend). Essential services, e.g. for conferences, will have to be maintained on that day but arrangements will be made to compensate the members of staff affected in that way by the addition of an extra day's leave to their annual holiday entitlement.