ACCOMMODATION PROBLEM

Writing in the week preceding the start of the 1979-80 academic year, it appears that readers will be aware of a housing problem affecting both returning, and more worryingly, first year students.

There is little consolation that Polytechnic students have experienced similar problems and the Accommodation Office is doing everything possible to house students in suitable accommodation.

Many academics have contacted the Accommodation Office supporting individual returning students who have good cases for campus accommodation and such people will be housed as soon as possible. It is, however, policy to house all new undergraduates as a first priority, and new overseas students obviously deserve special treatment as they endeavour to cope with a strange environment.

To reduce the level of withdrawals amongst these two categories the Accommodation Office will be directing its resources to solving the problems of these two groups and, I am sorry to say, established Sussex students may not receive the priority they have been accorded in recent years.

In the long term we need to investigate the shortage of private sector accommodation and this should be undertaken by Accommodation Committee in the coming year.

Unfortunately the solution to this year's problem will not appear until 1982 when the Kelway scheme is due for completion - if this project escapes government spending cuts - and I expect the next two years to provide an increasing head-ache for staff involved in finding suitable accommodation and students chasing a diminishing supply.

Finally, a word to those who drive in to the University from Rottingham: perhaps you would keep an eye open for student hitch-hikers, as we hope to prevent students in this area and public transport to the University will be difficult for them.

Brian Reynolds
Accommodation Manager

SIX PER CENT CUT?

The Chairman of the University Grants Committee wrote to all British universities in August suggesting that it might be necessary to cut the 1980 intake of new students by six per cent of this year's total.

The UGC letter said: "Although no Government decisions on precise levels of expenditure are likely until the autumn the Committee has concluded that it is inevitable that the target of 308,000 students in 1981-82 - and the indicated levels of grants associated with it - will be superseded.

"It follows therefore that the student targets for individual universities and the allocations announced for 1980-81 and 1981-82 ... will also have to be reconsidered."

Despite the fact that the letter was issued in August when most staff and students were on vacation, it caused considerable comment both within universities and in the press.

Dr. Rhodes Boyson, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State in the DES, was quoted as saying that he was concerned at this stage to raise questions rather than pose solutions. The questions he would raise included the possibility of replacing student maintenance grants with loans, a scrutiny of "uneconomic" courses with a view to combining them in selected universities and a comparison of the per capita cost of educating students in Britain with other countries.

Dr. Boyson was also quoted as saying that the per capita cost was higher here than in France or Germany. However the figures quoted by some newspapers take no account of the shorter length of degree courses in Britain nor of the research element in university spending.

In relation to Sussex, it is anticipated that the 1979 undergraduate admissions target will be met; a cut of six per cent for 1980 would therefore be in excess of 60 students.

The situation is that:
- the University will not know the outcome of the White Paper on Public Expenditure (i.e. the cuts) until early December and is not likely to be told the details of the student numbers for 1980-81, or its budget for that year, until the spring of 1980;
- the University will nevertheless be expected to respond to a 'questionnaire' from the UGC about the University's plans for 1980-84; the questionnaire has not yet been issued but the University will only be given a matter of weeks to reply;
- the UGC warning to keep the ability to cut the student intake by six per cent in October 1980 is thus no more than a warning, and does not require immediate action, i.e. the intake can be adjusted by six per cent if necessary when the University has the more definite information in the spring.

TERM DATES

Autumn Term 1979
Monday, October 1 to Saturday, December 15

Spring Term 1980
Monday, January 14 to Saturday, March 22

Summer Term 1980
Monday, April 21 to Thursday, June 19

INFORMATION OFFICE

PLEASE NOTE:
The INFORMATION OFFICE has now moved to ROOM 104 ON THE GROUND, FLOOR OF SUSSEX HOUSE.
MAIN SITE HEATING

This notice arises from representations made by Campus Union Representatives at the Vice-Chancellor's temly meeting with campus unions.

The University is subject to the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963 which requires:

(a) that every room subject to the Act in which people are employed to work other than for short periods shall be maintained during normal working hours at a reasonable temperature, which is defined as being not less than 16°C (60.8°F) after the first hour of work; and
(b) that a thermometer must be provided in a conspicuous place on each floor of each building where there are offices which have to be maintained at a 'reasonable temperature' which employees must be permitted to use to check the temperature of the room in which they work.

Where an area falls outside the scope of this Act, the provisions of this Act, or if more appropriate the provisions of the Factories Act 1961, to which the University is not in general subject except under the terms of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974, but which contains similar requirements in respect of temperature and the provision of thermometers, are assumed to apply.

It is the aim of the Estates & Maintenance Office to maintain at least the legal minimum temperature and an average temperature, unless inappropriate, of 18.3°C (65°F) though because the control system and system designs do not permit close control of individual room temperatures, some fluctuations above this range can be expected.

Where the legal minimum cannot be maintained, permission may be given by Building Users in consultation with the Estates Manager or the Services Engineer for the provision of alternative or supplementary heating for which purpose a very limited stock of 1kW electric fan heaters are maintained by the Estates & Maintenance Office.

Responsibility for complying with the requirements for the provision of thermometers lies with Building Users and not with the Estates & Maintenance Office.

The above does not apply to the Residential Area.

R.E. Bailey
Services Engineer

NON-ACADEMIC VACANCIES

The Establishment Office has issued the following 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 September 25.

(c) Chief Accountants Office (3 vacancies)
(1 & 2)
(h) I.M.S. (part-time)
(c) Administration (1A)
(c) Finance Office
(h) I.M.S.
(a) Graduate School in Arts & Social Studies (1 or 2)
(a) School of African & Asian Studies (1 or 2)
(a) School of Social Sciences (2 posts, (1 or 2)
(a) School of European Studies (1 or 2)
(1) I.D.S. (2 posts, 2 and 3)
(c) S.P.R.U. (1 or 2)
(c) Computing Centre (part-time, 1 or 2)
(b) I.D.S. Library (1 post 3, 2 posts 1 or 2)
(c) Bookshop (2 or 3)
(a) Language Centre (1 or 2)
(e) School of Engineering & Applied Sciences (5)
(f) School of Biological Sciences (3 posts 4, 2 posts 3, 1 post 5)
(k) Geography Laboratory (4)
(m) M.E. Laboratory (3)
(a) Social Psychology Laboratory (3)
(c) Isle of Thorns
(g) Estates
(c) Kulukundis House (part-time)
(c) Physics Building (2)
(c) Isle of Thorns
(d) Isle of Thorns
(d) Isle of Thorns
(j) Biological Sciences
(i) University Library

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) Librarian, I.D.S.
(c) Mrs. C. Kelley, Establishment Office, Sussex House.
(d) Business Manager, Refectory.
(e) Laboratory Superintendent, School of Engineering & Applied Sciences.
(f) Laboratory Superintendent, School of Biological Sciences.
(g) Buildings Surveyor, Estates Building.
(h) Dr. C.P. Perkiss, Director, I.M.S.
(i) Librarian, Library.
(j) Deputy Laboratory Superintendent, School of Biological Sciences.
(k) Sue Marshall, Arts & Social Studies Office, Arts D.
(l) Mr. B. Claxton, Finance Officer, I.D.S.
(m) Laboratory Superintendent, School of Mathematical & Physical Sciences.

First-aid course

A First Aid Training Course will be held at the University on Wednesday evenings this term, starting on October 10.

The course will take place in the Molecular Sciences Stage I Common Room and in the MOLS Lecture Theatre from 6.30 to 9 p.m. Dr. R.A. Leake will be the Lecturing Surgeon.

Participants must attend seven out of the nine sessions in order to take the British Red Cross Society's examination to be held on December 12.

The University does not make any charge for people to attend the course and will cover the costs of examination entry, but participants will require a copy of the current Red Cross Manual (£1). Further information and application forms are available from Mr. P.J. Olliver, MOLS 3R402.
A27 FALMER DIVERSION

The roadworks for the new entrance to the University will be completed in early November. After that, the following changes to traffic arrangements will be made by the County Council:

1. NO EXIT DIRECTLY ON TO THE A27 will be permitted via the current traffic lights exit point and the existing ban on traffic leaving via Falmer House slip road will also be maintained.

Exit from the University must therefore be from the new roundabout (near the Swan).

2. The traffic lights will be removed.

3. Some access to the campus will be possible at this point from the direction of Brighton but the central reservation at the existing traffic lights junction will be closed, preventing access from the Lewes direction.

4. A controlled pedestrian crossing allowing for pedestrian/wheelchair access across the A27 to and from Falmer Station will be installed, should the construction of the ramp at the railway end of the underpass not be completed in time (as is highly probable).

UNIVERSITY CLOSURES

This session the University will be closed on the following dates:

Monday, December 24, 1979 to Tuesday, January 1, 1980, inclusive
Thursday, April 3, 1980 to Tuesday, April 8, 1980, inclusive (Easter Sunday is April 6)
Monday, May 5, 1980 (May Day Bank Holiday)
Monday, May 26, 1980 (Spring Bank Holiday)
Monday, August 25, 1980 (Late Summer Bank Holiday)

THOSE WERE THE DAYS.....

Films and slides showing how the University has changed over the years, from 1959 when it was 'launched' to the present day, will be shown tomorrow, October 3, at 2.30 p.m. in Arts Lecture Theatre A2.

There will be the chance to see a 1959 interview with John Fulton (the first Vice-Chancellor), a 1963 film with Harold Macmillan, a 1964 'Look at Life' (which is really dated), and a 1977 film for the Admissions Office. There will also be slides of the site in 1928.

When these films were first shown last year the interest was so great that a repeat showing had to be arranged.

This show is presented by the Former Sussex Students Association and the Media Service Unit. It is open to all on campus.

This photograph, taken in 1928 (and which forms part of the collection to be seen at the above film show), shows the old barn which stood on the site of the Meeting House. It was demolished in 1961. The photograph was supplied by Owen Williams who worked on the land from the 1920's and was, until recently, the University's foreman carpenter. Said Owen: "The large ash tree is still growing in front of the Meeting House. I sat under this tree, as the weather was very hot, while carrying out repairs to the barn in about 1928. Most of the other trees around the Meeting House are the original ones of this time."

When the University was built the architects could find no use for a barn in the centre of the campus - so it was pulled down. Some of the flints may have been used in Falmer House stairs.
Scholarships and Fellowships

Younger Research Workers Interchange Scheme

The British Council is now inviting applications under this scheme which is designed to help young scholars, especially research workers and lecturers in science and the social sciences, to undertake short visits to centres abroad where work of particular interest to them is in progress.

It is hoped to arrange visits in 1980 to Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, West Germany, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Spain and Sweden.

Successful applicants will receive from the British Council the cost of return travel and an allowance for incidental expenses. Host countries will pay subsistence, generally for a maximum of 21 days.

Those interested should enquire as soon as possible to the Arts, Science or Education Office.

Frank Knox Memorial Fellowships

Four or five Frank Knox Memorial Fellowships will be available to graduates from the U.K. to spend 1980-81 studying in one of the Faculties of Harvard.

Each fellowship is worth $4,000 plus tuition and health services fees.

The competition is open to citizens of the U.K. and Colonies who are studying for a first or higher degree, have spent at least two of the last four years at a U.K. university or polytechnic and who have graduated before taking up the award in September 1980; or are graduates employed in business, education, government who graduated not earlier than July 1978 and wish to attend the Graduate Schools of Business Administration, Education, Public Administration or Health.

Further information and application forms (to be returned by October 25) are available from the Personal Assistant to the Vice-Chancellor, Sussex House.

Kennedy Scholarships

Up to 12 Kennedy Scholarships tenable in 1980-81 are offered by the Trustees of the Kennedy Memorial Trust, for postgraduate study at Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The scholarships cover tuition and health services fees, travel to and from the USA, and an allowance of $6,000 in the first year and $5,000 if the Scholarship is renewed.

Applicants must be U.K. citizens ordinarily resident in the U.K., who at the time of application have spent at least two of the last four years at a university or polytechnic in the U.K. and who have graduated before taking up their Scholarship.

Further information and application forms (to be returned by November 1) are available from the Personal Assistant to the Vice-Chancellor, Sussex House.

Fulbright Awards for American Scholars

The United States - United Kingdom Educational Commission anticipates having a number of awards available in 1981-82 for visiting American scholars. Further details and application forms (to be returned by November 6) are available from the Personal Assistant to the Vice-Chancellor, Sussex House.

Commonwealth University Interchange Scheme

Travel grants are available to applicants in the categories: university teachers or officers on recognised study leave who wish to spend it at a Commonwealth university; distinguished overseas scholars sponsored by British universities for short visits; postgraduate research workers holding research grants tenable in the Commonwealth.

Further information and application forms (to be returned by December 3) are available from the Personal Assistant to the Vice-Chancellor, Sussex House.

Exclusions

The Disciplinary Panel considering further charges against Richard Flint and Shaun Fenson met on July 2 and recommended their permanent expulsion from the University.

The students appealed against that recommendation and the Vice-Chancellor in accordance with the Disciplinary Scheme, did not act upon the Panel's report but convened the Appeal Board.

The Appeal Board met on July 16 and was informed that criminal proceedings had begun against the two students as a result of different but related charges.

In view of the relationship between some of the evidence for the disciplinary cases and the court case, the Appeal Board felt that it would not be possible for a fair and complete hearing to take place on that day. The Board therefore agreed that the hearing should be deferred until immediately after the conclusion of the Court proceedings concerning the appellants.

Within the University the situation remains as it was at the end of the Summer Term. Richard Flint and Shaun Fenson are still excluded from the University under the powers exercised by the Vice-Chancellor under Statute V4 but a final decision on their standing is delayed as a consequence of external factors.

Council on June 22 discussed the general issues arising from the events of last term. After a very long discussion the following motion was agreed:

"The Council vigorously rejects the claim that an individual is protesting from the consequence of his actions by a mandate from the Students' Union."

Council also agreed to ask its officers to begin work, in consultation with legal advice as necessary, on a study of the Charter, Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations in relation to good order and student discipline and bring forward a paper to the Council's next meeting.

Council also considered University/Students' Union relations. The Vice-Chancellor reported that the Senate on June 13 had passed the following motion:

"The Senate and Senate Committee believe that, in the interest of good academic relationship, ways should be found to improve the lines of communication between faculty and student committees and organisations, with a view to improving their reciprocal consultation processes, and urge the Vice-Chancellor and the President of the Students' Union to take these matters up with their respective bodies, to examine the problem of academic relationships in the context of the President of the Students' Union's comments concerning the protection of the University from students' interference in 'its internal management.'"

"The Vice-Chancellor said he hoped that, although he had no specific proposal on this matter, the Council would endorse the general terms of the Senate's resolution and would authorise himself, with the Chairman of Council and the President of the Students' Union in consultation with the trade unions, to proceed with informal discussions over the Summer Vacation in pursuance of the aims of the resolution. The Council endorsed the Vice-Chancellor's suggestion."

A revised draft of the Disciplinary Scheme requested by the Council is being prepared, with legal advice and will be referred to this term's meetings of Senate Disciplinary Committee, Senate and Council.

The first of the meetings suggested by the Vice-Chancellor was held on September 26 and included representatives of the Students' Union and of campus trade unions.
Last session, the introduction of a wine column by John Smith, the University Butler, proved to be a surprising success. This Bulletin is the first of a new year for us and it comes at a time when the German Beer Festivals are underway. As a compensation for our having to miss those, John begins his first column of this session with German wine.

It is well-known that the German wine industry is frightened of cold summers when the grapes do not ripen and sugar has to be added to the wine. In a country where some wines tend to be hard and acid anyway and when a poor fruit can approach cider for quality, a cold summer can obviously be disastrous.

German wine is also more expensive to produce than French wine. The steep-pitched gradients of the German hills on which the grapes are grown cause longer picking times and larger labour costs. In addition, many vineyards were damaged in the last war and they are only just recovering from the effects of bombs dropped on the approaches to towns.

It is important to read the labels on German wines. They have the most complicated labelling system in the world, but once compared, the labels can lead you past the blended wines, e.g. Liebfraumilch, to the better and truer wines such as a Piesporter.

The best German wine will have QmP (Qualitätsswein mit Prädikat) on the label. The next best has QbA (QuaLitätsswein bestimmte Anbaugebiete) but if neither QmP nor QbA appears on the label, then it's a Tafelwein, a category with no pretensions to quality and which could be reasonable or poor.

There are other complications within the labelling system but if you look for QmP or QbA, for most people that's a sufficient guide. However you should know that there are Einzellage and Grosslage.

An Einzellage is the precise vineyard, a Grosslage is a group of neighbouring vineyards or Einzellages of the same quality and in many cases the name of a Grosslage is the same as one of the Einzellages within it. If that wasn't confusing enough, a wine label cannot, by law, indicate in such cases whether the name given is the Grosslage or the Einzellage. (Hmm. Ed.)

Bereich indicates the region in which a wine was grown and is no indication of quality. If you want a Bernkastel, the best wine-town of the Mosel then Bernkastel is what you should look for. Bereich Bernkastel is a large area with a mixture of wines and covering all the Mittel-Mosel.

Having said all that, let us now turn to the wine itself. The Rheingau lies on the north of the Rhine, the best region for Rheinwein (i.e. Riesling). The Riesling produced in this area is the best German grape, both fragrant and fruity. Within the Rheingau lies the village of Johannisberg, which gives its name to the Bereich of the whole of the Rheingau but which also produces one of the most superlative German wines. The vineyards of Johannisberg have been owned since 1816 by the family of Prince von Metternich whose descendants still pay a tithe (one-tenth of the produce) to Otto von Hapsburg who now lives in the U.S.A.

The vineyards were once owned by Austria and the von Metternichs were legatees of the Austrian Crown but even Austria had been preceded in ownership by the Augustan Monks of Klaster Eversbach who founded the vineyards in 1116. Rheinhessen is the region on the other side of the Rhine, west of Mainz. Its wine is not generally such good quality as that of the Rheingau but it does include lernstein, the best of which are Hipping, Orbel and Rettenthal, and Oppenheim whence come Kreuz and Sackröger.

The area around the River Mosel is to the north-west of Rheinhessen. On one side of the river lies the Mittel-Mosel and to the other, Mosel-Saar-Ruwer. From this area come Piesporter and Bernkastel but there are many others, too many to list.

German wines should not be decanted but wherever possible draw the cork a little while before drinking. Use a good size glass but do not fill it, giving the wine a chance to show off the bouquet for which German wines are famous.

German wine should be bright in appearance but some slight cloudy sediments may be seen. Those sediments are produced by a natural secretion of tartar caused by a process which improves the quality of the wine. If you allow the bottle to stand for a while, the sediment will sink to the bottom.

German wines should be served at 45 - 50°F. They make an excellent appetizer instead of sherry and should be drunk when still young. It is best not to drink them with too highly seasoned food but generally they can be drunk throughout a meal and not just with fish or white meat.

Some German wine is not treated to become ripe in the bottle and holiday-makers who bring back bottles of the excellent wine drunk by the glass in German restaurants find that the taste is quite different.

German wine is well worth drinking and it's worth experimenting to find ones you like. As the Germans say:

"Wine is not a children's sport
Go too far, its value's bought
Drink a lot, but give it thought."

JOHN SMITH
UNIVERSITY BUTLER

IN BRIEF

DRAMATIC SCENES IN KENT HOUSE

You can't believe your own eyes ... office staff in the Refectory were horrified to see a woman struck to the ground by a golf club during a heated argument in Kent House Common Room. Security staff were called ... and a Post Office Drama Festival rehearsal was broken up!

LIBRARY EXHIBITION

A POSTER WRAPPED ROUND
A COMMODITY: BOOK JACKET TODAY

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY UNTIL
October 11.

SUSSEX HOUSE, LESOTHO.

Sussex House is to appear in a BBC TV drama documentary. The building exterior and some offices were used as locations in a dramatisation of the escape from South Africa in 1977 of the journalist Donald Woods. One of the 'roles' played by Sussex House was that of the British High Commission in Lesotho. The programme, for a six-part series on 'great escapes', stars Janet Susan and Max Kingston and will be shown in the New Year.
The Centre will be running the following courses on campus:

**Computing Centre, Physics Building**

- COMPUTER PROGRAMMING A. Discombe
  - Mondays 6.30 p.m. October 3
  - 10 weeks. Fee £6.
  - ditto D. Newell

**Arts Building Room A106**

- AN INTRODUCTION TO N. Misdaq
  - SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY
    - Tuesdays 7.30 p.m. October 2
    - 2 terms of 10 weeks each. Fee £11.

**Arts Building A104**

- THE BIBLE F. Landy
  - Tuesdays 6 p.m. October 16
  - 8 week short course. Fee £5.

**SUSSaE AND THE WORLD**

- A. Ross
  - OF LITERATURE
    - Wednesdays 6 p.m. October 10
    - 10 week lecture series. Fee £6.

**Arts Building A102**

- DANTE AND ITALIAN
  - C. Carsaniga
  - PORTRAY
    - Wednesdays 7.30 p.m. October 3
    - 2 terms of 10 weeks each. Fee £11.

**The Language Centre, Arts A**

- RUSSIAN LANGUAGE AND C. Bearne
  - LITERATURE
    - Wednesdays 6.30 p.m. October 3
    - 2 terms of 10 weeks each. Fee £11.

**TV Studio, EME 247**

- TV WORKSHOP K. Whittington
  - Wednesdays 6.30 p.m. October 3
  - 10 weeks. Fee £6.

**TV Scriptwriting and Production**

- V. Tilsley & K. Whittington
  - (Spring & Summer Terms)

**Palmer House**

- CREATIVE MOVEMENT A. Bonfiglioli
  - Wednesdays 5.30 p.m. October 10
  - 2 terms of 10 weeks each. Fee £11.

**THE OUZE VALLEY LANDSCAPE**

The subject of a two-day non-residential weekend school on October 13 and 14.

The Saturday session will be spent at the University and the Sunday on a whole day field trip.

Emphasis will be on the historical development of settlements and agriculture in the valley, from the earliest use of land, through to the large estate management of the 19th century.

Tutor: Sue Farrant. Fee £5.

A one-day course entitled AN INTRODUCTION TO STUDY METHODS will be held at the University on Saturday, October 27.

It should be helpful to those wishing to adjust to a new tempo of study, for instance in Open University work, and also for those teachers who wish to improve the study methods of their students at Vth form level and above.


A residential weekend school at Fyke House, Battle, on October 27 and 28 will consider THE ECOLOGY OF WOODLAND IN AUTUMN.

This course will be suitable for anyone interested in natural history or for those wishing to become familiar with methods of woodland fieldwork.

Tutor: Ursula Smith. Fee £11 (resident), £9 (non-resident).

Further details of all the above courses from the Centre for Continuing Education, Education Development Building.

A third edition of John Farrant's SUSEX IN THE 18TH & 19TH CENTURIES: A BIBLIOGRAPHY has just been published by the Centre for Continuing Education.

The basic scope of the bibliography is the published literature on the main aspects of Sussex's economic and social history between about 1700 and 1914.

The first edition was published in 1973 and has since been mostly re-written to take account of new publications, amendments and additional references.

It is designed particularly for an adult education audience, though as much for the student in the more advanced classes, as for the tutor, and it should also help the individual who wants to read systematically on aspects of Sussex's social and economic history or to work on original records, whether on a topic or a locality.

Price 40p (+ 15p postage) from the Centre for Continuing Education.

**Media Service Unit**

In March Planning Committee set up a working party to review the implementation and results of the recommendations of the Counselling Services Committee's Review Group on the Media Service Thir 1975 (25/12/4); having regard to (i) the University's likely development and financial resources over the next decade, and (ii) current technical developments, to review the level and purpose of the provision of media services in the University.

The Review Body has met on several occasions and recently visited the Unit and now invites written submissions by individuals and groups within the University on matters which may fall within its brief. They should be made by October 31, 1979 at the latest, and be sent to Mr. C.R. Dudley in Sussex House.

The Working Party's members are the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Chairman), Mr. A.J. Bailey, Dr. D.M. Palmer, Professor T.H. Elkins, Mr. P.R. Lewis; the Secretary is Charles Dudley, Personal Assistant to the Vice-Chancellor.

**Faculty List**

The revised edition of the Faculty Address List is being prepared for issue in November 1979. As happened last year, relations will be printed and these will be sent to School Officers, Senior Porters of buildings, Subject Chairs, Deans, Heads of Offices and Units, and other similar office holders.

Some copies will be available for other members of faculty who need their own copies (rather than referring to the School Office copy) and they are asked to let Mr. C.R. Kelley, Sussex House, know now if they would like to be sent a copy when it is printed.

**HONORARY DEGREES**

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 October 31, 1979. As much information as possible should be given in justification of each proposal.

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.
Car and motor cycle allowances have been increased because of the recent rise in petrol prices. As from July 1, 1979, allowances for staff who incur expenses while engaged on official University business are:

Car mileage 18.0p (was 16.5p)
Motor cycles 4.0p (3.5p)
Essential Users - per annum £234 (£224)
per mile 13.0p (£11.5p)

Those who have already claimed for journeys undertaken since July 1, 1979 at the old rates may now claim the balance.

SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES
Current rates for actual expenses up to a maximum of:
for an absence not involving a night away from home:
4 - 8 hours £2.75
8 - 12 hours £5.75
12 - 16 hours £6.00
over 16 hours £7.00
for an absence from home overnight
(up to 24 hours)
London £20.00
Elsewhere £18.00
Overseas (up to 24 hours)
Europe £35.00
North America £35.00
Elsewhere British Council rates

DAVY MEDAL FOR PROFESSOR CHATT
Professor Joseph Chatt, Director of the Agricultural Research Council Unit of Nitrogen Fixation, has been awarded the Davy Medal by the Royal Society.
The award, which was announced during the vacation, is in recognition of his distinguished contributions to transition metal chemistry and the understanding of catalysis.

Moves in Admin
Vice-Chancellor's Office
Charles Dudley, previously Administrative Assistant (Planning), has been appointed Personal Assistant to the Vice-Chancellor with effect from October 1, 1979. He may be contacted in Room 320, Sussex House, int tel. 05-162.

Information Office
Caroline Broadley, previously Personal Assistant to the Vice-Chancellor, who has been Acting Information Officer since January 1978, has been appointed Information Officer with effect from October 1, 1979. She may be contacted in Room 101, Sussex House, int tel. 05-244.

Establishment Office
Following the retirement on July 31, 1979 of John Davies, the Establishment Officer, the responsibilities of Pamela Hampshire, Personnel Officer, have been widened to include personnel and industrial relations work for all categories of University employees. An Assistant Personnel Officer is being recruited. General supervision of establishment work within the University will be the responsibility of Tony Sims, Deputy Finance Officer (Budgets).

Community Services Accountant
Steve Pavey, previously Assistant Accountant in the Internal Audit Office, has been appointed Community Services Accountant with effect from August 1. He may be contacted in Room 205, Refectory, int tel. 08-175.

Accommodation Office
Following the retirement on September 30 of Norma Wilson, the Accommodation Officer, and the appointment of the Community Services Accountant, duties within the Accommodation Office have been reallocated. Any enquiries in relation to the work of the Office should be sent to Brian Reynolds, Accommodation Manager, Refectory.

RECENT BOOKS
Books by Sussex authors not previously announced in The Bulletin, include:

EARLY VICTORIAN BRITAIN 1832-51 by Professor J.F.C. Harrison, reissued as a Fontana paperback at £1.50.
L’ENTRÉE DE HENRI II À ROUEN 1550 is a facsimile, with an introduction by Professor Margaret McGowan, in the series "Renaissance Triumphs and Magnificences". Johnson Reprint £1.50.


LIMITS OF A MODERN WORLD. A STUDY OF THE "LIMITS TO GROWTH" DEBATE by Robert McCutcheon in the "Science in a Social Context" series. Butterworths, limp, £1.90.

LOVE AND MARRIAGE. LITERATURE AND ITS SOCIAL CONTEXT by Professor Laurence Lerner is published by Edward Arnold at £12.

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A SERIOUS BUSINESS

For me there is probably nothing quite so thrilling as to stand at the back of a packed theatre and to hear an audience 'succumbing' to a good comedy.

It isn't only the audience which is fascinating, but the way accomplished comic actors can manipulate them. I have often heard people wondering at actors who can go on stage night after night in the West End, performing the same role in the same play.

The secret is, of course, that they are not giving the same performance every night since every audience is different and has to be systematically moved and won over, so an actor is constantly varying his technique and adjusting his performance in order to gain his effects.

To an outsider it probably appears very simple but nothing could be further from the truth. Any theatrical experience is a two-way reaction between the actor and his audience so the performer is never working in a vacuum.

But probably more than anything else he has to ensure that he never loses his grip on the truth of his work. If an audience once fails to identify with a character then the truth has gone and the comedy and the laughter drains away like water out of a leaking bucket. This is probably truer of Alan Ayckbourn's work than of any other playwright, hence his enormous popularity. Laughter is a very serious business.

AYCKBOURN COMEDY

Quite why it has taken so long for BEDROOM farce to come to Brighton I don't know. But we shall put that to rights on Monday next (October 8) when this play, one of Ayckbourn's greatest successes, opens at the Gardner Centre with Dora Bryan and David Stoll in the leading roles.

Dora is of course well known to us all. Apart from her many appearances in London and the Theatre Royal, this will be her third production at the Gardner Centre.

She has never been more ideally cast, and David Stoll, who is appearing for the first time and who has been described as one of the best farceurs in this country, will be bringing added lustre to what promises to be a wonderfully funny evening. Colin Fisher is rejoining us to direct this production.

By the time this copy of The Bulletin appears, our first production of the new season, EVERY GOOD BOY DESERVES FAVOUR, will already have opened its short season of five performances (Mon. - Wed. Oct. 1 - 3). This unusual play sports a 30 piece orchestra and is being presented by the newly formed Oxford Music Theatre.

For those who are unaware of the fact, this play was written by Tom Stoppard and André Previn so it could hardly carry a better pedigree and its previous success in London must mean that it is a high priority on your list of nights-out this season.

CONCERT

The concert programme begins on Thursday, October 4, with a concert by the famed RICHARD HICKOX ORCHESTRA who will be playing Handel's Concerto Grosso, Vivaldi's Four Seasons, and the Bach Violin Concerto in E major, which will feature Simon Standage as guest soloist.

Next week the CHILLINGIRIAN QUARTET give their first concert of the new season which marks the beginning of their second year 'in residence'.

IN THE GALLERY

The Gallery too has reopened with a bang and the current exhibition is absolutely splendid. It is an exhibition of illustrations, all by staff and recent graduates of the Royal College of Art. It is on until October 13.

REDUCED PRICE TICKETS

Lastly, yes the prices have gone up! But only by the increased VAT rate. More than ever before you need to explore the contents of the Gardner Centre's Diary of Events and discover the many ways in which reduced price tickets can be obtained.

A season ticket, for example, will knock off 65p from every ticket you buy and you need only commit yourself to three visits to professional plays or concerts in the current season to qualify. There are also equally good reductions for students and don't forget that you only need 10 people to qualify for the party rate.

Nigel Stannard
Administrative Director

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