COUNCIL

It had been intended that a report from the meeting of Council on November 6th be circulated as a special issue of The Bulletin last week. Unfortunately, the unforeseen and large amount of additional work placed on the Information Office by the aftermath of the SDP meeting prevented the preparation of that issue.

At its meeting on November 6th, Council received the report of the Group to Review Income and Plan Expenditure, and the recommendations from Planning Committee and the Senate (reported in The Bulletin of November 3rd).

The meeting concentrated on the difficulty of reconciling the necessity for urgent action because of the financial situation with the importance of giving staff time to discuss the GRIPE proposals and alternative strategies through Areas and Units, the need to take immediate action on income generation, and the constitutional responsibility of the Council for the management of the University which included approval of the work of the Senate.

After a discussion lasting nearly all day, the Council agreed to accept the GRIPE report as the basis for planning until such time as Council amended its contents and proposals. In particular, para. 1.4 of the report and the assumption of a 20 per cent reduction in overall expenditure were accepted.

Areas and Units are to be given more time to consider the implications of the GRIPE report with a special cycle of meetings ending with Council in February 1983.

Main spending units are to be requested to produce proposals for reductions in their expenditure on the basis of Table 2.1 of the GRIPE report and in addition to produce proposals on cuts of 15 per cent, 20 per cent and 25 per cent.

Council also agreed that given its responsibility to reconcile the proposals within an overall cut of 20 per cent, main spending units should be informed that the Council is unlikely to change significantly the proposed reductions shown in Table 2.1 of the GRIPE report.

WAYS OF ACHIEVING THE REQUIRED REDUCTIONS

On November 10th, the newly-formed Student Social Democratic society held its first open meeting in Mandela Hall at which Dr. David Owen, one of the national leaders of the SDP, spoke for an hour to 500 people.

At the end of that hour and while the chairman was closing the meeting, eggs and tomatoes were thrown at Dr. Owen from the direction of a tiny group of self-proclaimed anarchists whose attempts at heckling during the meeting had been shouted down by the rest of the audience.

Dr. Owen chose to chase one of his assailants and the morning of November 11 saw the University subject to banner headlines on the front page of nearly every national newspaper as the result of an incident lasting no more than an hour.

The publicity, the letters and telephone calls of complaint have been greater in volume than on any previous occasion and in the main point incident of a decade ago.

The impact on the University will be enormous. Research contracts worth $500,000 have already been lost; a foundation to which application had been made (with a good chance of success) has written that Sussex will not be considered for stated reasons, that £1.5m flowing in without support from Sussex following the assault on Dr. Owen.

Applications are likely to fall; that has happened in the past after more low-key publicity of an adverse kind.

At a time when this and other universities are seeking public support, the actions of a few have seriously prejudiced the cause of the many.

An investigation into the incident and those responsible is proceeding but the damage is done. The University has once again been associated with violence and disruption. A well-attended, orderly meeting could have been reported per se but a few seconds of disruptive activity will be reported come what may and no action taken by the University can correct the impression given.

THE PRICE OF EGGS

THE BULLETIN

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

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Contributions to The Bulletin are welcomed. If you have any news items, feature articles, information or anything else you would like to see appear in The Bulletin, please contact Jennifer Payne or Janet Stevens, Room 315, Sussex House (int. tel. 05-140).

The next issue, and the last one of term, will be published on Tuesday, December 1. Copy for inclusion should reach the Information Office by noon on Tuesday, November 24.

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TRADE UNION NEWS

On November 6, over 1,000 campus trade unionists and students marched through the University to show Council members that there would be no redundancies at Sussex. At the end, six hundred who hadn’t stopped off for a quick lunch heard reports from trade union observers at Council, and a condemnation of the Government’s education cuts from Joan Maynard, MP.

The march started by the boiler house and stopped at every major campus building on its way to the Refectory where the University Council was meeting. At each stop union representatives from ASTMS, NUPE and NALGO toured the offices and laboratories getting members to join the march. Each new contingent was cheered as it emerged from its building.

To an unusual rendering of old favourites like “The Last Post” and “The Death March”, played by an interestingly discordant band, the demonstration wound its way round the campus. The mood was angry, with slogans against the Vice-Chancellor for going along with the cuts, against the Government for imposing them, and against GRIPE and any other reports implementing them.

By the time the march reached the Refectory it was over 1,000 strong. The chanting was disruptive in the Council room and the windows had to be closed. Even then the chants could be heard. Council was told through a megaphone that they were wasting their time discussing redundancies because the decision had already been taken - by the unions. No more jobs would be lost at Sussex. At the meeting, held on the grass outside Essex House, Joan Maynard spoke about the importance of our fight and gave us her full support. The union observers on the Council reported Council’s decision that the cuts would go ahead and that there could be even more next year. John Brooke-Rhodes from NUPE, reported the Chairman’s failure to pass on our invitation to the meeting. John did the job for him, but none were prepared to address us even though they were making decisions about our future livelihood.

From NALGO, Dave Lawson said that he had to stop having illusions in Council, Senate or the Vice-Chancellor. They were going to implement cuts in jobs in some form whatever we said. He had to stop asking them to be reasonable and prepare to fight for our own jobs. This was the only language they or the Tories understood. NUPE, ASTMS and NALGO all had branch policy to defend each other with all out strike action if necessary. This was the only thing we could rely on now - ourselves. It was a message that had to be spread quickly to other universities so we could all fight together.

The meeting ended with an embarrassment for the Vice-Chancellor: a tape recording of his interview on Radio Brighton. Staff were interested to hear him declare that the 1,000 strong meeting of staff and students the previous Tuesday which voted no confidence in him by an overwhelming majority was unrepresentative. He also said that the cuts were inevitable, nothing could be done and that everyone ought to have every confidence in him. For those one in five of us (more according to Council) who face the possibility of the dole queue, our laughter at this was a little bitter.

Maureen Mahoney, NALGO

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 these vacancies have been sent to staff representatives for display on noticeboards. The list was compiled at November 11.

Secretary
(b) Conference Office (2)
(c) School of Biological Sciences (1/2)
(temporary)
(d) IDS (part-time) (2)
(b) Estates & Maintenance (3)
(b) Palmer House
(a) School of Chemistry & Molecular Sciences
(b) Sports Pavilion

Information given after a 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) Mr. P. Gilliver, Laboratory Superintendent, School of Chemistry & Molecular Sciences.
(b) Assistant Personnel Officer (E), Sussex House.
(c) Assistant Secretary of Science (E), Sussex House.
(d) Mrs. N. Tattershall, IDS.

UNIVERSITY SPECIAL LECTURE
“PROGRESS TOWARDS EQUALITY IN A RECESSION”

By BARONESS LOCKWOOD - CHAIRMAN OF THE EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISION.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26 AT 5.30 P.M. IN THE MOLECULAR SCIENCES LECTURE THEATRE, CHEMISTRY AND MOLECULAR SCIENCES BUILDING.
(Admission is free and open to the public.

THE 16TH
PELHAM LECTURE

“THE KING’S BATH AT BATH: A STORY OF CONTINUITY”

By BARRY CUNLIFFE, PROFESSOR OF EUROPEAN ARCHAEOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1 AT 8.15 P.M. IN THE MOLECULAR SCIENCES LECTURE THEATRE, CHEMISTRY AND MOLECULAR SCIENCES BUILDING.
(In association with the Brighton and Hove Regency Society - Admission by ticket only, obtainable free of charge on application with a.s.a.e. to the Centre for Continuing Education, or to the Regency Society by member.)
"THE ADMIRAL" RETIRES

Bill Brewer, 73, known as "The Admiral" to generations of students, retired this month on the grounds of ill-health.

Mr. Brewer came to Sussex in 1962, at the start of the University's second academic year and just as the first buildings opened on the University site. As Head Porter he was closely involved in the excitement of a rapidly developing new university. Mr. Brewer's career at Sussex has taken him from the days of a small community where everyone knew everyone else and faculty and students shared the same dining table, through the great expansion of the 1960s, the levelling-out of the late '70s, to the present.

Mr. Brewer was born near Merthyr and worked in the mines before entering the Royal Navy in 1926. In six years he rose to be a Chief Petty Officer, with much of his career spent in the East. He saw active service during the war - including submarine duty in the Far East and brief capture by the Japanese.

After the war, Bill Brewer became Head Porter at Aberystwyth and it was there that he acquired the nickname "The Admiral", which he carried with him to Sussex.

Mr. Brewer retired as Head Porter in 1973 and then worked part-time as custodian of the Barlow Collection in the University Library. He continued as mace-bearer at graduation ceremonies up until last summer.

Steve Carter, a student here in the 1960s, adds:

"Although I have known him for 16 years I still cannot think of him as anything other than "The Admiral". Not "Bill", nor "Mr. Brewer", but always "The Admiral". This, I think, is a sign of the friendly respect that he has been able to generate in his years here.

"When I first came across him is a fiery chief porter in Palmer House, I will admit to being rather scared of him. Quite soon though I realised that it was all a front and that he was a good bloke trying to do a good job in what were (usually) chaotic surroundings. I still to this day cannot understand how he made the switch from Navy Discipline to Campus Chaos and kept his sanity.

"Although he has now retired (for the third time) and once he has recovered from his illness I certainly look forward to seeing him around again and wonder what suitable niche he will find - from which to retire a fourth time!"

WINTER GRADUATION

One hundred and ninety students (81 undergraduate, 109 postgraduate) are expected to receive their degrees in person at the Winter Graduation Ceremony in the Gardner Centre on Wednesday, December 2.

This is one of the highest attendances at a Winter Ceremony and as a result it is most unlikely that requests for additional tickets can be met.

The Ceremony starts at 11.30 a.m. and the doors to the auditorium will open at 10.30 a.m.

At the Ceremony the Vice-Chancellor will confer an honorary degree of Doctor of Letters on the musician, Mr. Alfred Brendel.

Anyone requiring information about the Ceremony should contact Charles Dudley in the Vice-Chancellor's Office, Sussex House (int. tel. 05-162).

A27 - INCREASED SPEED LIMIT?

East Sussex County Council proposes to increase the speed limit on the A27 road outside the University from 50 m.p.h. to 70 m.p.h.

The University will be making a formal objection to the proposal, but individuals may also wish to make their own objections. Anyone who wishes to object, should do so to the County Secretary, East Sussex County Council, Pelham House, Lewes, by November 27.

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S MEETING WITH FACULTY

The Vice-Chancellor regrets that because of another pressing engagement he will have to cancel his meeting with faculty, scheduled for November 26. It is hoped to announce a new date shortly.

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In 1980-81, the University's bills for electricity, gas, oil and water came to over £960,000. We are asking you to save energy where you can, e.g. please don't open windows and leave your radiator on, use hot water where cold will do, use lights where natural light is sufficient, etc. SAVE IT.

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Don't Be An ENERGY Hog.

Turn It Off!

We would like to thank Bob Byrne of Security for the cartoon. There are more to come.

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WORM'S EYE VIEW ....

Two mildly contentious offerings this week. First from Dr. Slater, on income generation where it is really needed: from our own pockets. Would that we did have a best-selling novelist or an even more commercially viable Pop Group than the Sweeney Truck, who could then be touched for conniving money! I am not sure about this state of affairs, though; academia abroad may well have more students on their books, but still spend far less time in face to face teaching.

Next, a comment on Dr. Pointon's letter in our last issue, where she was surely objecting more to certain sexual imagery used in public debate, rather than to smutty talk as such. Even so, there is still an interesting point here: does the language of sexual aggression become less inherent- ly sexist when used by women rather than men?

All contributions for the next issue to me, please, in room Arts 2850, by no later than November 8.

NICHOLAS TUCKER

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University teachers in this country are fortunate in having more favourable staff-student ratios than are common elsewhere, and are therefore able to devote more time to private study and research. As we all know this benefits everyone, for it raises the standard of teaching and gives the country high calibre research at a remarkably low price. We are, however, free to do what we will with our non-teaching time. This also benefits both the university and academic life at large in that many staff members give lectures to schools and other institutions, take active part in learning societies and sit on advisory committees of one sort or another without the need for remuneration.

There is, however, no obstacle to university teachers supplementing their pay with outside earnings, and it is about this that I would like to make a suggestion. In some cases the amount of such earnings, from consultancies in more applied subjects, or from broadcasting or book royalties more generally, may be substantial.

The individual earning this money has the benefit, not only of the time that his or her university post allows for such things, but also of many other facilities (office, library, secretarial, telephone, postal) for which the University asks nothing in return.

This is, in my view, more generous than the University ought to be in its current straitened circumstances, and I would like to propose that a small levy is made on such earnings for the benefit of us all. I propose this only as a principle: its extent, whether voluntary or compulsory, the sort of earnings on which it should be made, would all be matters for discussion.

It is not unusual for business partners to accept a lower share of the profits as their outside interests grow: should we really be different?

P.J.B. Slater
Lecturer in Biological Sciences

P.S. In case this is misconstrued as being sour-grapes, perhaps I should state that I do have some outside earnings myself!

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Surely "smutty talk" is a form of escape from the constraints of a civilized society? Men know they have to repress the beast within themselves. In times past such talk was indulged in only in all-male preserves, the barrack-room, the public bar. The roughest of men forbore to swear "in front of the ladies". Certain topics were taboo in the family. An important distinction was made between the behaviour and speech of men together and when ladies and children were present. Unhappily nowadays swearing has become common amongst ladies (who have now become "women"). Women have invaded the public bar. They mustn't be surprised to find spitting on the floor!

Hazel Ireson
Secretary (Arts)

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Christmas cards

Two designs of University Christmas cards are being printed. One, showing the Meeting House illuminated in the snow with one a silver chalice reflecting the interior of the Meeting House.

The price will be 20p per card (£1.80 for multiples of ten) and they will be available at Room Monday, November 23, from Mrs. B. Barber in the Meeting House and from the Information Office. Order forms will be widely distributed, but are also available from the Meeting House.

BILL POSTING

BLU TACK has been the approved medium for affixing posters, etc. to walls in the past few years. Regrettably, it has been discovered that when BLU TACK is placed on face brickwork and concrete and is not removed when the poster is taken down, the surface dries out the BLU TACK which is then difficult to remove.

In view of this, the use of masking/drafting tape or similar is to be encouraged in the future to fix posters, etc. The use of other forms of adhesive is not to be recommended.

J. Marton, Buildings Surveyor

BARLOW COLLECTION

GALLERY OPENING TIMES

Staff illness regrettably prevents the opening of the Barlow Gallery at the usual times on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For the remainder of this term the Collection will be open on:

- Tuesday, November 10
  - 10 a.m. - 12 noon
  - 1 p.m.
- Thursday, November 19
  - 12.30 - 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 24
  - 10 a.m. - 12 noon
  - 1 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 1
  - 10 a.m. - 12 noon
  - 1 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 8
  - 12.30 - 2 p.m.

The Collection can be opened at other times by special arrangement by contacting Charles Dudley, Vice-Chancellor's Office, Sussex House, Int. tel. 05-162. It is hoped that new permanent arrangements will operate from the beginning of next term.

A reminder that the 1981 Annual Bar-
CHRISTIAN BELIEF AND LITERARY CRITICISM

Charles Martindale, Lecturer in Classical and Mediaeval Studies, will speak and introduce a discussion on the above title at the Chaplaincy Dining Club on Wednesday, December 2.

The evening will begin with buffet supper at 7.30 p.m. in the Quiet Room of the Meeting House. Further details and application forms are available from Barbara Barber in the Meeting House.

UNIVERSITY/RADIO BRIGHTON PROGRAMMES -

"OPPORTUNITIES IN EDUCATION"

The next two programmes in this series presented by the University in collaboration with Radio Brighton, are:

Tonight (November 17): "How young can we start?" - Dr. Johanna Turner
November 24: "How soon can science be taught?" - Dr. Mike King

The above programmes are broadcast on Radio Brighton at 18.05 and repeated on the following Sunday at 14.50.

ELECTORAL REGISTRATION

Notice to all students and staff of the University resident in University property on the University site on the qualifying date of October 10, 1981.

1. In terms of the Representation of the People Acts, the University is asked as occupier of the University site to make a return to the Electoral Registration Officer of persons eligible for inclusion in the 1982 Register of Electors as residents on the University campus on the qualifying date of October 10, 1981.

2. A return of eligible voters has been made to the Electoral Registration Officer. It was made up in accordance with the criteria of eligibility for inclusion in the Register, being compiled from the accommodation records of the University, and was correct to the best of the knowledge and belief of the officers compiling that return.

3. N.B. The following people were not included in the University Return:
   (a) Dependents of registered students, e.g. spouses.
   (b) Those students who had failed to notify the University of their local address by the qualifying date.

   The appropriate forms for inclusion in the 1982 Register of Electors can be obtained from the Town Hall, Brighton.

4. Any persons whose 18th birthday is on or after February 16, 1982 and on or before February 15, 1983 have been included in the return, but they will only be entitled to vote at elections held on or after the date of their 18th birthday.

5. The purpose of this notice is to inform you that the Register of Electors will be published in a draft form on November 28, 1981 and can be checked at
   (a) the Post Office in Sussex House
   (b) the University Library
   (c) the offices of Brighton Borough Council, (Town Clerk's Department, Town Hall, Brighton) during the period November 28 - December 16, 1981.

   If any person wishes to check the accuracy of the draft Register he/she is advised to consult the Register at one of the above addresses during the period indicated.

6. After the period during which the Register is open to checking by any member of the public, the Electoral Registration Officer draws up the final Register and publishes it on February 16, 1982. This Register remains in force for twelve months from that date and cannot be altered during that period.

EXHIBITION

An exhibition by OXFAM, Sussex, on the Brandt Report and AID is now on display in the Geography Section of Arts Building C - ground floor.

LUNCHTIME EVENTS

Thursday Lunchtime Music:
November 19 Felson Trio
Schubert - Shepherd on the Rock.
November 26 Philip Smith (piano)
Schubert - Sonata in B flat Major D960.
1.15 p.m. Gardner Centre Theatre. Admission 80p. (students, cardholders, 60p.)

RECENT BOOKS

Recent books by Sussex authors include:
THE AIR WE BREATHE. A novel by Gabriel Josipovici, Reader in English. Harvester Press. 18.95.

EAST-WEST-SOUTH: Economic Interaction between Three Worlds, edited by Professor Christopher T. Saunders of the Sussex European Research Centre, Macmillan. £20.

ITALIANO ESPRESSO by Giovanni Cansaniga, Reader in Italian. Cambridge U.P. Paperback book £4.95 - a set of four cassettes also available to accompany this 'accelerated' course for beginners.


PERSPECTIVES ON ROMANTICISM. A Transformational Analysis, by David Morse, Lecturer in English and American Literature. Macmillan. £15.

POLICIES FOR EDUCATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY, by Tony Becher, Professor of Education, Michael Erut, Reader in Education, and Julia Knight, former Research Fellow at Sussex, who now teaches in East Sussex. Heinemann Educational. £8.50.


BOOKSALE. Various academic publishers are reducing the price of some of their books and we have a selection of these bargains on show. Bigger and better book sales will be coming next term.

AVAILABLE FROM SUSSEX UNIVERSITY BOOKSHOP
MAKING GOOD

South East Arts first major craft exhibition opened in the Gallery on November 4. The day was a crowded one, with a lively seminar with the craftsmen and women during the afternoon, and a packed Gallery in the evening to hear Gordon Infield of Marks & Spencer open the exhibition and to look at the exhibits.

Ten regional craftsmen and women were commissioned to make pieces especially for the exhibition; these pieces will form the basis of a South East Arts Craft Collection. The work is very varied but all beautifully executed.

Lucy Goffin (who has designed the embroidery for Jean Muir's Autumn Collection this year) is showing a cleverly constructed coat cover which can be worn in a variety of ways, and combines exquisite embroidery, applique, rouleau and patchwork.

Leslie Hillar, whose rugs you may remember from last year's Rugs and Jugs exhibition, has made a folding tapestry screen. Mary Farmer shows two glowing, woven wall pieces.

Britain's leading book binder Faith Shannon's commissioned piece is for Poe's "Tales of Mystery and Imagination". Also on show is a beautiful velvet binding inspired by an Elizabethan garden.

Four potters demonstrate the breadth of the craft - Colin Pearson shows monumental winged pots, James Tower dramatic and elegant shapes, Tony Bennett surreal reptile-inspired objects and Lyn Wait delicate, hand drawn pieces.

Paul Harrison, silversmith, works with a combination of precious metals, base metals and plastics. Furniture maker Fred Balder's clock defies description. Come to see it all for yourself. The Gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (closed on Sunday). Admission free. Until December 8.

Hilary Lane, Visual Arts Organiser

The National Youth Jazz Orchestra returns on Saturday, November 21, at 7.45 p.m. Superlatives tend to crop up whenever the band is mentioned - words like effervescent, exuberant, potent, exciting, amazing, superb, brilliant, have all been used in recent reviews and anyone who heard their last concert at the Gardner Centre would certainly endorse them. They sold out then, so we advise you to book your ticket soon.

The University Chamber Orchestra is back under the baton of David Osmond Smith on November 24 to play a programme which includes a Handel Concerto Grosso and Haydn's Symphony No. 90. Ticket prices are very reasonable (£1.50 reduced to £1.20 for our usual concessions). You will support amateur music-making on campus morally as well as financially by coming to this concert.

Valerie Thackrey, Concert Organiser