RESEARCH GRANTS - SUCCESS CONTINUES

Sussex remains second only to Oxford among U.K. universities in the proportion of its income derived from research grants and contracts.

This is shown in the annual league table compiled by finance office staff at the University, on the basis of the latest figures released by the University Grants Committee, those for 1981-82.

The Sussex league table, which is also broken down by individual subject categories, provides a fascinating insight into the success of 20 U.K. universities in attracting research funding. It shows that in attracting research income the University has been in the top three with Oxford and Cambridge for each of the last 11 years.

The latest figures show that 19.1 per cent of the University's income was derived from these sources against a national average of 12.2 per cent. The total income to Sussex is now in excess of £4 million. Sussex is followed in the table by Cambridge, London, Southampton and Bristol universities.

By subject, Sussex was in the top ten in no less than four of the seven subject groupings. It was first in Physics and Chemistry, second in Social Sciences, third in Engineering and fourth in Biology. The climb to first place, above Oxford and Cambridge, in the Physics and Chemistry table is seen as a significant move and just recognition of the high esteem nationally in which these subject groups are held.

The University's continued success is all the more remarkable because it does not have several faculties which traditionally attract substantial research funds.

When added to the scores of other distinctions and awards which the University receives, it confirms Sussex as a top-flight teaching and research institution.

£1.2m boost for SPRU

The Science Policy Research Unit (SPRU) has received a major vote of confidence with the announcement of a £1.2 million grant to support its energy and industrial innovation research programmes.

The eight-year award comes from the Social Science Research Council (SSRC) which has made SPRU one of its Designated Research Centres.

The grant will be paid in annual instalments of £150,000 (with a review after four years) and will be used for studies aimed at a better understanding of the process of technological innovation in British industry and of the supply and demand for energy.

These are two of five major themes currently being researched by SPRU which are central to the needs of British industry and government policy.

In addition the SSRC has provided a personal grant for Professor Christopher Freeman in the last few years before his retirement.

This has enabled the University to advertise his professorial appointment, together with a new Reader in economics created from the money received from the R.M. Phillips bequest for science policy studies and a three-year Readership provided through the University Grants Committee's 'Restructuring' scheme.

These new appointments will strengthen the core staff of the Unit and enable a greater integration of its research and teaching with that of the rest of the University.

Over the past 13 years SPRU has built up an international reputation and the results of its research are widely quoted by both government policy makers and industrial leaders.

Professor Geoffrey Oldham, the present Director of SPRU, has welcomed the new support for the Unit's work from both the University and the SSRC. "This is in part a recognition of the value of our past work. More importantly it is a challenge to the Unit to carry out new work which attains high academic merit and can also contribute to the solution of both British and world problems," he said.
WHEELCHAIR AID

An aid to wheelchair users and their helpers arrived on campus last week. The front page picture shows the Chairmen of Community Services, Dr. A. J. Bailey, trying out the new "Stairmate" on the steps of the Meeting House with the assistance of Students' Union Vice-President (Social Services) Lise Grande and Welfare Officer Ann Eyles.

The device enables helpers to manoeuvre wheelchairs and their users up and down stairs safely and easily. It will improve access to many buildings on the campus.

Funds to pay for the "Stairmate" were made available by the University to help the Kukundu Group to improve access on campus. For further details contact the Students' Union Welfare Office, Falmer House.

THE PEGGOTTY FREEMAN MEMORIAL PRIZE

The 1983 Peggotty Freeman Memorial Prize for the best Year IV Arts dissertation in the School of European Studies has been won by Miss Taru Huuhhtanen (French Studies) for "Le systeme Cooperative de la Viticulture Francaise. Un cas particulier: les Côtes de Buzet."

The prize is in memory of Mrs Peggotty Freeman, founder of the Schools Information Unit, who died in 1974.

IN BRIEF

UNIVERSITY PLAN - DISCUSSION PAPER
OCTOBER 1983

This paper has now been widely circulated by the Academic Secretariat following Planning Committee's decision on October 12 to accept the paper as a "firm framework" for the discussion of adjustments to the University Plan.

Each main spending unit has been invited to comment on the implications of the suggested financial allocation to the unit and the distribution of that allocation within the unit. The paper will come up for general debate at the meeting of Senate tomorrow.

Planning Committee also agreed to recommend to the Senate that the University should offer to admit, in 1984 and 1985, 90 more home undergraduates than it would otherwise have aimed to admit. It is recommended that 60 of the places be in Science and 30 in Arts and Social Studies.

This is in response to a letter from the University Grants Committee to vice-chancellors on September 29 asking universities to consider taking additional home undergraduates, particularly in vocational and technology subjects.

BLOOD DONOR SESSIONS

Joint blood donor sessions with Brighton Polytechnic have been arranged for this term. The Regional Blood Transfusion Centre will run the following sessions at the University Meeting House:

- Monday, October 31:
  - 2 - 4 p.m.
  - 5 - 9.30 p.m.

- Tuesday, November 1:
  - 9.30 a.m. - 12 noon
  - 2 - 4 p.m.

If you wish to make an appointment in advance, there is a chart for donors to complete on the Lower Ground Floor of the Meeting House - come along and fill in the most convenient time available or alternatively just turn up during the times given above.

CLOSURE OF THE LIBRARY'S CARD CATALOGUE

The Library's card catalogue has now been closed and new acquisitions are being added only to the computer catalogue. (There are explanatory notices in the name catalogue area and near the computer terminals.)

At the same time the number of public terminals in the Library has been greatly increased, and for the first time terminals have been provided on the first and second floors as well as on the ground floor concourse.

If you need help, or would like a demonstration of the use of the terminals, please ask at the Readers' Advisory Desk.

FELLOWSHIPS

BRITISH COUNCIL & FULBRIGHT FELLOWSHIPS

The British Council and the United States-United Kingdom (Fulbright) Educational Commission will each be providing some grants to contribute towards the travel and subsistence of Fellows engaged in collaborative projects between the two countries. For both awards the project has to be on an institution to institution basis and priority will be given to young faculty who have not previously been heavily involved in exchange. Applications are sought for the British Council award in the humanities and social sciences and for the Fulbright award head to head exchanges for an academic year mainly for teaching. The closing date for applications is December 2, 1983.

NATO RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME 1984-85

This programme aims to promote study and approved leading to publication relevant to the North Atlantic Alliance in the following areas: Economic problems and the financing of defence efforts; Perception of the Soviet Threat; New strategic threats to Western Security; Influence of public and media perception on defence and detente. Closing date for applications is December 16, 1983.

Further details from Assistant Finance Officer, Council Secretariat, Sussex House.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

We all have our grumbles about Refectory food, but no-one could please everybody. There is, however, an issue that I and some others would like to raise about it, and that is the issue of health.

A recent report makes it clear that it is desirable for the average British diet to reduce its sugar, fat and salt content, and increase its fibre content. We suspect that the Refectory is not doing as much as it could to promote this, or even to make it easy for those who attempt to pursue it for themselves. We write to raise these matters in the Catering Committee shortly, and invite anyone else with views on this to make them known to its chairman, Dr. Jim Hirschfeld.

Yours sincerely,

JENNIFER PLATT

Basil Spence sketches restored

Seven of the original sketches by Sir Basil Spence have recently been restored by Sally Harriott, Assistant Secretary, and are now on display in the Arts Building, 2 Little Smith Street, London.

ENGINEERING PRIZE ESSAY COMPETITION 1983-84

Mott, Hay and Anderson Trust in conjunction with the Fellowship of Engineering is offering a first prize of £250, a runner-up prize of £125, a second prize of £75, and a third prize of £50 for a 5000 to 7000 word essay on "Discuss the effect of increasing automation throughout the manufacturing and service industries on the employment patterns in the United Kingdom over the next ten years".

Candidates at the time of entry must be British subjects taking a first degree course in engineering, in the second year of their course and under 23. Entries should be sent before January 31, 1984 to the Fellowship of Engineering at 2 Little Smith Street, London SWIP 3DL, stating entrant's full name and address, and name and address of university.
Christmas begins in six weeks' time

Six weeks today - on Tuesday, December 6 - you could be eating off Christmas lunch in the Refectory. From 12 noon to 2 p.m. it will be providing you with a seasonal fare: roast turkey, chipolata, stuffed bacon roll, bread sauce, peas and roast potatoes - £1.90; home-made mince pie and rum sauce - 40p; Nicholas wine - 50p glass.

If you wish to book for the special Christmas lunches available in the Private Dining Rooms of the Refectory from December 5 to 21, ring Wendy on 08-115. For £5.58 inc. VAT the menu is: chocolate honeydew melon; roast Sussex turkey, bacon roll, walnut stuffing, cranberry sauce; dried fruit baked gammon with peaches, served with button sprouts, sliced carrots and roast potatoes; home-made Christmas pudding with brandy sauce OR fresh fruit salad; coffee with mince pies; PLUS a glass of port.

Party food: the Refectory is able to offer a variety of food suitable for parties: large sausage rolls at £2 per dozen, mince pies at £1.30 per dozen, Lib Christmas puddings at £1 each, savoury flans at £1.70 each, and other items. Four days' notice is needed for large orders; all Christmas orders to be placed by December 16.

All enquiries to Wendy on 08-115.

Use of Students' Union funds

As reported recently in the morning press, the Attorney General has protected the Student Union of Sussex from being moved as a result of the larger cuts to the University's support. The Union has circulated guidance to all universities about the limits placed by charity law on the use of students' union funds.

He has done so following complaints about alleged expenditure by some student unions on purposes which are incompatible with their charitable status.

The Attorney General states that unions may not spend their money to support political causes which have nothing to do with their members, education - in this case, this does not stop students from collecting funds privately for supporting any cause they choose.

He added that universities and colleges should cease to fund student unions if they believe money is being spent on anything other than charitable educational purposes.

New Sussex students were happy with their pre-admission material and the registration procedures but there was less satisfaction with the general condition of some of the residences and the social life on campus at weekends. In most cases, it was easy to make friends and orientation programme for overseas students was highly praised.

These are the findings of a survey of a random sample of new arrivals undertaken at Registration and followed up by written comments at the end of the second week.

The survey covered first impressions of the University, registration, accommodation, ease of making friends and the single most important reason for choosing Sussex.

Almost without exception students referred to the "initial ease" of arrival and registration. Finding people friendly and helpful. Carole le Vannais (MAPS) from Jarrow said she was one of the many who referred to the "excellent registration procedures". Even the absence for many of their LEA grant cheque didn't concern them for they were happy to try again later in the week.

It was also easy for the majority of those interviewed to make friends in those important first few days but it seemed a little easier for those in the more communal settings of the East Slope and Park Village. Peter Kirby (EURO) found the Park Houses "a little like living in a motel - the structure doesn't encourage one to mix in the same way as on the East Slope".

Many of the students will be self catering which, in a few cases, highlighted the relatively poor initial condition of some of the kitchens and rooms. Katherine Reid (MOLS) and Tony Kenyon (MOLS) found their rooms in the Park Village "good, once we had cleaned them up". Others mentioned "insufficient cleaning facilities", and those in the East Slope felt that the success and happiness of the flat would depend on the ability of the group to organise themselves properly. Some had clearly not got off to a very good start!

In contrast Paul Bish (CCS) felt his accommodation in the Park Village "was excellent - the Prospectus photographs didn't do it justice". As a mature student, Paul was particularly surprised at the ease in settling down and pleased initially to be with students of a similar age group. Despite the odd criticism all were happy to have a campus place and one or two off-campus students were disappointed, worried about the initial expense of travelling to the University each day, and hoping to move on site in the near future.

and pleased with her accommodation.

Katherine Reid (MOLS) advises some of the Student Societies "to make their existence a little more obvious" and several thought it would be a good idea to move the Societies Fair to the first week of term.

For the majority the single most important factor which made them choose Sussex was the interview. In several instances Sussex was not the clear favourite until they visited the campus. Kate Kendell (SocSci) from Edinburgh, summed up the reasons for choosing Sussex, "good for her subject (Psychology), attractive campus, near to town, country and coast, with a reputation for being interesting and lively."

Kate Kendell

Paul Bish

Maricarmen Taboas (EURO) arrived early from the USA to participate in the "excellent overseas students' orientation programme" and found the accommodation "better than in the States". Although Sussex was not her initial choice, Lesley Richardson (EngAm) is now delighted to be here and pleased with her accommodation.

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Lesley Richardson and Maricarmen Taboas

Neil Shvironston

It was clear, however, that there could have been more social events in the first few days and the general lack of entertainment and facilities at the weekend was one of the main criticisms.

The initial academic contact stimulated them all and they are ready and prepared for the remainder of the term and year. The Bulletin will be following the progress of some of these students.

BULLETIN
Changes in the OAS

Sussex students are to benefit from changes to the management structure and working methods of the Occupational Advisory Service (OAS) which came into effect this term. These changes reflect the University's increased commitment to careers education.

The new structure includes the establishment of a Careers Advisory Board, two advisory panels and the appointment of a Careers Tutor within each of the Schools of Studies (two in the case of MAPS). The recent management changes have also included the appointment of Acting Regent and Registrar Ted Nakhle as the new Head of Service.

Students will also be helped by the introduction of new technology and changes in working methods.

The new Careers Advisory Board, made up of representatives from industry and the professions, members of the University Council, students and careers tutors, will meet for the first time later this term.

The two consultative groups, the Employment Advisory Panel (EAP) and the Student Advisory Panel (SAP) are already functioning.

The EAP membership is drawn from representatives of major areas of graduate employment and involves senior policy makers as well as those more directly concerned with graduate recruitment. Faculty and students are also represented.

The SAP is a complementary group which is made up of representatives from each of the School Joint Committees, the Students' Union, the Post-graduate Association, and a number of student societies. Both panels will provide extremely valuable feedback from users of OAS services and employers of graduates.

The new Careers Tutors (named below), in addition to their teaching and research, will take on the job of liaising between the OAS and the School of Studies, publicising events, assisting in the collection of first destination data and helping to keep both faculty and students informed of developments in graduate employment and postgraduate study which might particularly affect their School.

They will also play a crucial role in contributing to the development of the careers education programme, and in encouraging students to begin reviewing their future options at an early stage in their university careers.

The new methods of working with students include a wide-ranging programme for second and final years, incorporating workshops and seminars, careers conventions and the repeat of the four-day Insight into Management course which proved such a success last Easter.

The whole career programme has been planned to provide students with the skills they need in an increasingly competitive market to research employment opportunities and to market themselves effectively. The programme is aided by new technology and improved facilities in Palmer House, including a larger and more detailed information library.

Undergraduate School Careers Tutors:
CCS: Dr. Stuart Laing
Soci: Dr. Barbara Lloyd
Afrass: Dr. Mark Williams
Euro: Dr. Richard Veasey
Engams: Dr. Angus Ross
MAPS: Dr. Sandy Grassie (Physics)
Dr. Jim Foster (Maths)

EAPS: Mr. Phil Neller
MOLS: Dr. Brian Pedley
BIOLS: Dr. Ken Wheeler

University I.D. card

The University is issuing a staff membership card which will be acceptable as proof of being employed by the University. These cards are free and can only be obtained from the Personnel Office. Applications should be made in writing (no special form required) and staff are advised to apply immediately as cards may take some time to process.

These cards will be required from November 1, 1983 if you are using any facilities where identification is required, e.g. sport facilities, Isle of Thorns, etc. When applying, please print your name in block capitals, state what job you do, the area in which you work, and enclose a passport size photo.

Any student who wishes to book or use the sport facilities must produce a current registration card or a valid certificate of provisional registration on every visit. This is the only acceptable form of identification and is proof that you should not pay either a guest fee or the public rate.

These cards are not transferable.

Careers Convention

MANDELA HALL, PALMER HOUSE

Wednesday, November 16, 1.30 - 4.30 p.m.

For the past four years the Occupational Advisory Service has organised a large Careers Convention, held during the Autumn Term, to which students of all years are invited. It has largely replaced the earlier programme of occupational seminars, which were built around a particular profession, training, or area of employment; the great advantage of the Convention is that it allows students to browse, to talk to numbers of different career representatives, and, frequently, leads them to investigate employment areas that they had not previously considered.

They have the opportunity to discuss their own concerns, and any queries that they might have on how to apply for particular jobs, training and their own suitability for a particular profession.

It is important that students do some preparation before the event, and think about questions that they wish to ask - they will gain far more from the Convention if they do so. Inevitably, some fields attract more student enquirers than others - the BBC representatives are usually on their knees by the end of the afternoon!

This year's Convention will be attended by more than 70 representatives from different areas of graduate employment - ranging from Accountancy to Teaching's Voluntary Work Overseas to Industrial Research.

In previous years many faculty have dropped in during the afternoon to find out more about the sort of careers that are open to their students; and the OAS would like, once again, to extend an invitation to anyone on campus who might be interested, to attend the Convention.

Dr. Jerry Watson of the Biomedical Engineering laboratory with the speech aid for vocally handicapped people which he was responsible for developing. The prototype version was featured in an earlier Bulletin. The commercial model CONVAID, which is being produced by a local company, has an unlimited repertoire of words or phrases, divided among plug-in-modules, each of which contains up to 128 utterances selected for a particular context of use. The aid reproduces a natural sounding male, female or child's voice.
The work of the George Bell Association

The George Bell Association, named after an outstanding Bishop of Chichester, was formed in 1977 to foster links between Christians working at the University, Brighton Polytechnic and College of Technology and the chaplaincy appointed by the Diocese of Chichester to serve these institutions.

At present these are Andrew Robinson and Margaret Halsey, who both hold full-time appointments. Andrew’s work is based mainly at Falmer, covering the University, the Polytechnic’s Falmer campus and the Parish of Stammer and Falmer. Margaret’s ministry covers the Polytechnic (Mousetoomb), the Technical College, the Chaplaincy Centre and George Bell House, a student residence.

The Association seeks to interest Christians from outside the educational institutions in the work of the Chaplaincy as a whole. It is an important aspect of the Association’s work to foster links with local churches as many students live off-campus. George Bell House is one way in which it has contributed to life off-campus.

A year ago the Association embarked on a new venture to sponsor a three-year student chaplaincy scheme. The idea is to give a graduate the opportunity of living and working on campus alongside the chaplains appointed by the University and the various denominational churches.

John Revell, a Sussex Developmental Psychology graduate, took up this post last autumn. He also became responsible for organising the Residential Advisor’s scheme, bringing him into close contact with the student community. John has agreed to continue for a second year at the Chaplaincy but the Association says that it is concerned about how the valuable work pioneered by John is to continue. A suitable person, and funds, are needed for the project to continue for its planned third year.

The Association is concerned that members of the University should be made aware of this commitment and know of the work of the Association. More information about the George Bell Association is available from Sheila Massey in Sussex House, or Andrew Robinson or John Revell in Room 2 of the Meeting House. The A.G.M. is on November 14 at 6 p.m. in the Meeting House, and new faces would be very welcome.

Mr. R.W. (Bill) Bott, Reader in Chemistry, receiving a presentation from the Dean of MOL, Professor J.N. Murrell (left) at a dinner to mark his retirement after 19 years’ service. Bill Bott was the University’s first Sub-Dean, and held this position in MOL for 14 years. (But don’t be surprised if you still see him around - he is returning part-time.)
CENTRE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION
Public lectures
October 27, 6.30 p.m.
NORMAN ANGELL AND THE DISUTILITY OF WAR
Bruce Miller, Professor of International Finance, Australian National University
November 3, 6.30 p.m.
RAPHAEL (1483-1520): THE ART OF AUTHORITY
Maurice Howard, Lecturer in History of Art, Sussex University
November 10, 6.30 p.m.
Hitachi Lecture: TRADE UNIONS: WHICH WAY TO GO?
John Lyons, General Secretary, Engineers' Managers' Association (in association with the Unit for Comparative Research on Industrial Relations)
November 17, 6.30 p.m.
NEW DIRECTIONS, Jonathan Harvey, Professor of Music, Sussex University
November 25, 8.15 p.m.
Pelham Lecture: THE WEST OF WELLS CATHEDRAL INTERPRETED
Tudor-Craig (Lady Wedgwood) (in association with the Brighton Institute and the Regency Society). Admision to the Pelham Lecture is by ticket only, available free of charge on application to CCE enclosing s.a.e.

Whistler Prize Essay
Entries are invited for the 1984 Whistler Prize. The prize of £50 is offered annually for an original essay on natural history or archaeology. The essay is open to all students of the University, including affiliated members of Centre for Continuing Education classes.

More on the moves
The Graduate School in Arts and Social Studies is now located on level 3, not level 4, in Arts D.

Luncheontime events
Every Friday, 1 to 2 p.m. in the Meeting House.
The Sussex Trugs play mainstream/traditional jazz.
Tuesday, November 1 and 8, 1-3 p.m. in the Meeting House.
Organ recital by John Birch.