Fewer university places available

A candidate's chance of receiving a university place are now worse than they have been for many years.

A recent report from the Universities Central Council on Admissions (UCCA) shows that the gap between demand and places available is widening. This year there will be 20,000 fewer places nationally.

The financial squeeze of recent years has coincided with peak numbers of 18-year-olds and increasing demand for university education from women and mature students.

Many able and well-qualified young people will now be denied the chance of higher education, as universities are forced to turn away well-qualified applicants because of new tight restrictions on recruitment. Higher 'A' level grades are also being demanded.

Admissions Officer Lawrence Suss commented: "There are going to be a lot of disappointed, well-qualified young people who will not find university places. It is a very worrying time for this generation of school and college leavers."

In the foreword to the UCCA report, Chairman Dr. Harry Keat also warned that the increasing emphasis on 'A' level grades for entry to university is a regrettable trend, because the grading system is not designed to be such a sensitive instrument.

It is thought that mature students and teenagers from deprived backgrounds might suffer the most although the special schemes operated at Sussex will help in this direction. In addition the University's decision to increase significantly its undergraduate intake without being provided with extra resources will give a boost to many young people.

"The emphasis has moved quite dramatically from the candidates' favour to that of the universities. In some ways this is to our advantage but a shift of this scale is not desirable," added Lawrence Suss.

Universities are to suffer further cutbacks in their grant allocation. A recent circular from the University Committee suggests the UGC shows that the recurrent grant for 1984/85 is about £17 million lower than the cash figure which underlay the provisional grant distribution announced in July 1983.

The allocation to Sussex of £13.21 million for 1984/85 is £30,000 below the sum provisionally announced in July 1983 on which the proposals in the University Plan discussion paper of October 1983 were based.

This represents a reduction of about 2.5 per cent which is closely in line with the reduction in allocations for all universities.

To some extent the reduction of grant will be offset by increases in income expected from fees and other sources. A full report on the revision of the University Plan, required in the light of these figures, will be considered by Planning Committee, Senate and Council later in the term.

The UGC's circular follows Education Secretary Sir Keith Joseph's announcement last November when he said: "The total of recurrent grant for universities for the 1984/85 academic year will be £1263 million... It assumes a measure of increased economy in expenditure although provision has been made in some unavoidable cost increases."

The level of grant is also affected by the Government's assumption of three per cent instead of five per cent for increased expenditure on pay in the financial year 1983/84.

The overall reduction is rather larger than the government announcement in November 1983 had suggested because the UGC has found it necessary to set aside £22 million from the total grant to meet the cost of early retirements under their redundancy compensation scheme before making allocations to individual universities.

The UGC letter did contain some encouraging news including Sir Keith's wish to consider "what measures might be taken to increase the resources devoted to fundamental scientific research and to applied research and development and to encourage their effective use." This point has also been covered in the UGC's recent questions on higher education.

The circular also states that the Committee will be considering the whole question of its control over student numbers as part of the strategy exercise. Meanwhile it will raise no objections if a university's intake of postgraduate students in 1984 and in 1983 exceeds the intake in 1983, although no additional resources will be made available.

Universities are also strongly advised to charge the full economic costs of external work unless there are special academic reasons for not doing so.

Shadow Foreign Secretary Denis Healey who got the Gardner's "Mozart by the Minute" fund-raising event off to a grand start last month, with the eloquent movement of Mozart's C minor piano sonata. His performance received wide publicity in the press and on TV - and helped to raise around £4,000.
UGC and V-Cs meet on future of Higher Education

Present methods and levels of funding of universities and the possibility of raising more money from private sources were among the subjects examined at a meeting of the University Grants Committee and the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals in late January.

The meeting formed part of the wide-ranging discussions currently taking place on the future development of higher education.

A joint statement issued at the end of the meeting commented: "Universities should be able to meet a number of responsibilities to the rising generation, the demand for continuing education in all its forms, the needs of industry and of the country generally."

Validation, the maintenance of high standards and the desirability of broadening the sixth form curricula, were among the academic issues discussed. They also looked at the machinery and organisation of higher education.

Further discussions are to take place before the UGC gives its advice to the Secretary of State. The UGC issued a consultative letter on the Development of a Strategy for Higher Education into the 1990s [published as a Bulletin Extra] in November 1983, in response to a request from Sir Keith Joseph. Universities have been asked to respond by the end of March, and the UGC will give its advice to the Education Secretary in the autumn.

Employers sponsor more electronics students

Over 2,000 final year engineer- ing students, more than one in four, are now sponsored by employers. And the number of sponsored electronics students is increasing as employers try to ensure future supplies of graduate recruits in this field.

With one in three mechanical and electronics engineers now sponsored, the number coming on to the open market will be even lower than already forecast, making it even harder for companies, especially those which do not sponsor students, to recruit suitable staff.

These are some of the initial findings of a £60,000 study of the impact of employer sponsorship of undergraduates being conducted by researchers from the Institute of Manpower Studies.

Alan Gordon, Rosemary Hutt and Richard Pearson are now moving towards the concluding phase of this Leverhulme-funded study. Already more than 2,300 students have returned their questionnaires in the student survey and the results of this, and a survey of 400 companies and case studies of companies, will be drawn together in a major report to be published in the autumn.

To the Languedoc and Catalonia with CCE

A fortnight's study tour to Languedoc and Catalonia - an area of the Western Mediterranean rich in archaeological remains - is being organised by the Centre for Continuing Education.

Accompanied by tutor Con Alanworth, the 15-day course will leave Brighton on September 1, travelling to two centres providing easy access to sites of Egyptian, Greek, Iberian, Celtic, Punic and Roman influence, in which this area abounds.

The party will spend six nights at Narbonne in France, and then cross the Spanish border to stay at Ampurias, near the Catalanian town of La Escala, for a further six nights. An overnight stop on both the outward and return journeys will be spent at Chagny near Dijon, and the Channel crossing will be by the Dover-Calais route.

The cost of the holiday is £395 per person to include all transportation costs, accommodation in shared rooms and half board for 14 nights, entry fees and insurance. A limited number of single rooms are available at a supplement of £77. An introductory Day School will be held on July 7 for those booked on the tour.

Further details and application forms are available from CCE in the Education Development Building.

Christmas appeal - £598

The 1983 Meeting House Christmas Appeal raised £598, through collections and various fund-raising activities, to help in the education and training of refugees.

The money goes towards three projects in the UK - University Service (UK) campaign "Don't Write Off Refugees...", the Ugandan Refugee Education Project, the Salvadoran Refugee Resource Centre, and SWAPO Women's Literacy Packs.

The Meeting House thanks everyone who contributed to this appeal.

Kulukundis Group AGM

The third annual general meeting of the Kulukundis Group, the registered charity concerned with the needs of disabled people on campus - will be held in Kulukundis House on March 1 at 6 p.m.

The group has raised more than £8,000 in the past three years to provide better access around the campus and other assistance to disabled students. It is currently campaigning for funds to promote the facilities available in the Kulukundis House and other residences to disabled potential students.

Everyone is welcome to attend the AGM. After the formal business of the evening there will be an illustrated talk on overseas holidays for the disabled, followed by a party.

SMALL ADS

NURSERY TOYS - Would anyone with any of the following (in reasonable condition) please contact Erna Metcalf at the Nursery, EDB (03-130) - dolls pram, Fisher Price play garage, Fisher Price family playhouse, plastic tractor and trailer (ride-on type). The Nursery could afford to pay a small amount for things in really good condition.

HOUSE TO LET - 3-bedroom centrally heated and double-glazed house in Fiveways area, Brighton, to let for 1 year from July 1984. Alan Cawson, int.tel. 03-358 or Brighton 550823.

CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION AT IDS - Short-term accommodation for visitors to campus is sometimes available at the Institute of Development Studies in between its own in-house activities. There are single study bedrooms with breakfast, and occasionally a self-contained flat for short-term lets only. Contact Nan Tattershall (02-217) or Valerie Stephens (02-272).

FOR SALE - Hi-Fi system comprising Radiogram, TV Receiver (Tuner/Amp) 15 watts per channel, Celestion Ditton 15 speakers with Tweeter, Wooster and ABB (Auxiliary Based Radiator), and SB86 Garrard deck with belt drive and Shure 75ED carriage. £75. Also stereo cabinet, free with system or £10 separately. Janet Stevens, 05-194.
Why there was no Utopia at the Gardner

The Gardner Centre's much heralded premiere of the £600,000 West End-bound show "Utopia - The Musical" was cancelled by the production company shortly before the scheduled opening.

Casting problems and resultant financial difficulties delayed the start of rehearsals and meant that the opening could no longer take place at the Gardner Centre, said Utopia Theatre Productions Limited. They were anxious to ensure that the show would be seen to the best advantage.

The Gardner Centre is not the only theatre to suffer. It now seems that the whole future of the show is in doubt following the cancellation of the remainder of the tour and the sudden withdrawal of cash by a principal backer.

The Gardner Centre's Administrative Director, Nigel Stammers, expressed his disappointment. "The show had given all our staff a great sense of excitement and we had looked forward to being involved in its presentation. We have no financial stake in this musical so we shall not suffer any loss."

James Verner, adaptor and director of "Utopia", said that he was most upset that Brighton audiences would be denied the chance of seeing the premiere. "The Gardner Centre has given me maximum support in this venture," he said. "But sadly these things do happen and I have to consider the quality of the show and its long-term future. My faith in the show remains firm but we have had a few difficulties and unfortunately we can only solve these, in fairness to the artists and everyone else involved, by postponing the opening."

Because the cancellation was at short notice the Gardner Centre has been unable to fill the gap in its programme.

New arrangements for meeting student travel costs

New arrangements under which all students would receive a flat-rate sum as part of their grant to cover travel costs, have been proposed by the Department of Education and Science (DES).

The National Union of Students and other interested bodies have been asked by the DES to comment on whether there should be a single flat-rate payment of £110 for all students or a differential rate to allow for unavoidable high daily travelling costs of many students who live at home.

The differential rates would be £90 for students living away from home and £60 for those at home.

The proposed change in the payment of travel costs brings this item of student expenditure onto the same basis as others such as books and equipment, and accommodation. The annual grant will include a notional sum to cover the costs but there will be no reimbursement of additional spending by students who will have to budget accordingly.

The DES intends to introduce the new arrangements from September 1984, together with two improvements to award arrangements:

* an increase in the 'extra weeks' allowance', which will benefit students on long courses, and

* ending the present one-year limit on the period of unemployment that can count towards the three-year period of self-support from earnings before the start of a course which entitles a student to independent status so that his or her grant is not subject to a parental contribution.
How should we train teachers?

The Secretary of State for Education and Science recently published a draft circular on initial teacher training. Desmond Hogan, Reader in Education and member of the steering group of the National Executive Committee of the Universities Council for the Education of Teachers (UCET), and Neville West, Director of the Sussex Postgraduate Certificate in Education course, offer an interpretation of this significant document and the light it throws on Sir Keith Joseph's educational policies.

Present government policies in education are highly interventionist. This posture, which many see as an attempt to reduce the role of government, is justified by Sir Keith's perception of the education system as a monolithic guarding vested interests contrary to national needs.

The current intervention is occurring in, broadly, two waves. First, very large sums have been taken out of the control of the formal education system altogether and placed under the control of the Manpower Services Commission (MSC). Second, the Secretary of State has stated his intention to use - for the first time by any Secretary - his constitutional right to approve initial training courses in a general manner. It is this second aspect of policy with which we are concerned here.

The main mechanism of control is to be the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (CATE) which, while being formally composed of equal representation from employers (local authorities), trainers (50:50 between universities and public sector) and teachers, will be selected by the Secretary of State from lists submitted by the parties for each element. It is a system designed to be a control system for the control system. The education profession is divided in its judgement as to how far this will prove, at its initiation in April of this year, to be a 'political' body and how far it may be the forerunner of a General Teaching Council where teachers could take control of their own profession.

Once established, CATE will implement government intervention by having powers both for the approval of all existing and new initial training courses. This will be done on the basis of evidence gathered by visiting parties on CATE itself, but, more significantly, from evidence submitted by Her Majesty's Inspectorate (HMI). We are now in the interesting situation of having autonomy as institutions in regard to academic courses, but subject to approval for their professional elements. Moreover we have, as a sector, a concordat with the Department of Education and Science (DES) established 20 years ago, that HMI visit universities only by invitation. Nevertheless the Secretary of State requires CATE to "draw on all relevant information ... and, in all cases, the findings of HMI visits."

It then follows that CATE and HMI must have criteria for judging the initial training courses. A number of 'guidelines' have been laid down:

1) existing courses are generally to be maintained and developed now to be a required minimum. Originally the figure was 42 weeks, in line with Sir Keith's opinion that the university, in particular, are 'feather-bedded' with three-month long vacations;

2) courses will provide professional credentials and a subject to subject specialisation and pupil age range. The aim is that the good secondary teacher of the future will be one with 'A' levels, first degree, and PGCE qualifications all in a subject drawn from the core of the school curriculum, and entitled therefore to teach in the 11-18 age range (the other ranges being 3-8 and 7-12). Much gossip suggests Sir Keith's antagonism towards the idea of "American Studies" as "History", but no hard decisions will emerge until CATE gets to work.

3) the provision of adequate professional training will be ensured in two ways: (i) by far closer contact between students and practising classroom teachers, and by requiring faculty in the training institution to have enjoyed primary or secondary school's (ii) by the establishment of local committees involving teachers, employers and members outside the education service to present approved courses before CATE issues its approval.

Finally, no consideration of the Secretary of State's approach would be complete without reminding the reader of the profound views on aspects of the school curriculum. For example, the overall pattern of teaching should encourage understanding of economic reality, especially of the role of competition and profitability; and science syllabi which concern themselves with the social context of science will not be approved. It is important also to consider a number of practical issues which do not appear in Sir Keith's public thinking. For example in the context of the current debate on the recent University Grants Committee letter two problems must be considered:

In the first place, while reduction in undergraduate numbers has been the frame of mind imposed on the debate, those of us concerned with the PGCE course are already facing expansion. As the demographic trough looms ahead for undergraduate places, the beginning of the next wave of expansion in numbers is just reaching the primary schools and it is hoped in a significant increase in our targets for primary output. Looking ahead to the early 1990s, when the Swinnerton-Dyer projections foresee a drop in undergraduate numbers by up to 20 per cent, the initial teacher training target would be expanding considerably. Thus at Sussex the Education Area faces expansion demands within a University facing possible contraction.

But the impact of this expansion will be felt more widely. On present figures, the school system makes demands, in the form of graduate teachers, on the universities of the order of eight per cent of the graduate output by 1993 this will have increased to 20 per cent of total output. Disguised within the figures, moreover, is a projected demand on total Mathematics graduate output of 33 per cent, and of English of over 30 per cent.

There is a familiar reluctance to consider the resource implications of policies and a somewhat blind conviction that costs can be met from transfer of resources from elsewhere in the institutions concerned. It is not only the uncalculated costs of far too little involvement of the teachers in the selection, training and accrediting of students which LEAs are most reluctant to meet, but also the further squeeze which extensions of the training period will result. We feel that the post-experience work we do with mid-career educators and on the research base for DES policies which largely rests in the universities. On the other hand, we in the Education Area are in no way without considerable support for the principles embodied in aspects of the policies. We have established over many years an initial training course which achieves a highly successful partnership between faculty in the Education Area, together with colleagues in Arts and Science, and experienced teachers in tutorial schools in East and West Sussex. The students on the course spend three days each week, in the Autumn and Spring Terms, and a period of continuous experience in the Summer in schools, while on the other two days of the week they attend at the University for studies in the relevant subject areas of the curriculum and in educational theory.

Thus we certainly approve - and hope to develop with other professions - a model which unifies practitioners and academics in a fruitful partnership in the service of public needs. What is saddening is the inability - it seems - of Sir Keith to understand the "seamless robe" of initial training, post-experience work and research, or to recognize the impact on this of the continual, and now increased, resource of persons implied in his dirigiste activities.

PRIZE FOR DR. REYNOLDS

The French Ambassador presented Dr. Shan Reynolds of the S.H.E. Group with the Scott Moncrieff Prize for the best translation of 1982, at a luncheon at the French Embassy on January 31.

This prestigious award, which brings with it £1,000, was for her version of F. Baudel's "The Wheels of Commerce."
COURSES FOR THE COMMUNITY

More than 3,700 members of the local community benefit each year from the courses and classes run by the Centre for Continuing Education and shortly these activities are to be extended into new centres in West Sussex. The Centre's aim is to make available a significant part of the University's interests and skills to local people without pre-selection.

This is achieved through a range of evening and daytime courses and classes, residential weekend schools at the Isle of Thorns and Saturday Schools held at the University and at centres in Brighton and Lewes. In 1982-83 there were 727 evening and daytime classes, 13 weekend schools and 12 Saturday schools.

The bulk of the courses are offered in co-operation with more than 50 local agencies throughout East and West Sussex, including LEA adult education departments, museums and library organisations and a wide variety of local groups.

Some of the more unusual courses have included the much-publicised "Brain Train" classes which operate on the Brighton-London commuter services.

The programme is now being expanded with the approval of the Department of Education and Science and the University Grants Committee into areas of West Sussex previously receiving adult education courses from the University of Southampton.

The courses offered on campus are normally those requiring specialised facilities. This year two television workshop tutors in any one year. The part-time tutors are a mixture of University faculty, postgraduate students and other suitably qualified people from the local community.

The Centre has also made long-standing provision for courses for social workers, probation officers, senior magistrates, general practitioners and medical trainees. The large measure of provision for doctors is more than that given by any other university without a medical school.

A more recent development has been the Centre's contribution to more than 3 courses run by Sussex Police Headquarters in Lewes for all ranks in the field of human relations and a course on Family Therapy for workers in the social services.

The Centre is also responsible for a full programme of open lectures which attract substantial numbers of local people and the Pe.Ham Lecture which is organised in co-operation with the Brighton and Hove Regency Society.

Anyone interested in teaching for the Centre or finding out more about the Centre's activities is welcome to contact the Director or the Administrative Officer in EDH.

CVCP sets up new advisory committee on industry

The Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals has set up a new committee to advise on ways of developing links between universities and industry.

The Committee, which will be chaired by CVCP Chairman Lord Flowers (Rector of Imperial College London), will examine topics such as the interchange of staff between universities and industry; ways in which changes in the tax laws might make it easier for companies and universities to work together; and closer co-operation in the development of short courses for people from industry.

Its members include senior industrialists, representatives of finance and venture capital companies, lay members of university councils, and vice-chancellors and senior academic members of universities.

ESRC launches research programme into relations between government and industry

The relations between government and industry are to be studied in a programme of comparative research just launched by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC).

There is widespread dissatisfaction in Britain about this relationship, the ESRC says. "Not only do the political parties have differing images of what the relationship should be, the view is heard that on the whole we handle the relationship between government and industry less well than our major industrial competitors."

The research programme, which should be underway by next autumn, will investigate, analyse and clarify the various linkages between government and industry that exist both in this country and in our major competitors.

60 YEARS OF GIVING US THE PIP!

The 60th anniversary of the six-pipes time signal was celebrated earlier this month.

The signal is currently derived from an atomic clock at the Royal Observatory at Herstmonceux. But the first time signal was derived directly from the seconds escapement of a long-case pendulum clock at the Royal Observatory at Greenwich.

Electrical impulses were sent by landline to the 2LO Base Station Hill for wireless transmission over the British Isles as six "dots", the last indicating the beginning of the minute.
Copyright - a warning

Recent causes célèbres in the area of copyright infringement include the following:

1. An action as a result of which the University of New South Wales was held responsible for a breach of copyright occurring on one of its self-service copiers.
2. An inconclusive action against the U.S. Government based on the photocopying practices of the National Library of Medicine.
3. A successful action brought by the Performing Right Society against a chain of record shops on the grounds that the playing of records in their showrooms constituted unauthorised public performance.

From these examples, and from the many column-inches devoted to cases of illicit copying (nowadays of videos and computer software as much as of books and journals) in the press, it is clear that copyright law is a minefield in which institutions such as universities do well to walk warily.

Libraries in particular are very vulnerable to accusations of illicit copying, partly because of the volume of photocopying transacted on their premises - much of it on self-service copiers whose use cannot be reliably monitored - and partly because their basic remit of promoting the free flow of information predisposes librarians to take a liberal view of copyright issues.

With this in mind the University Library has recently undertaken a review of copyright law as it affects various of its activities, including photocopying, use of unpublished materials, and off-air recording of television broadcasts. Copies of the resulting code of practice are available from the Librarian.

The Copyright Act 1956 is not an easy piece of legislation to summarise. Nevertheless it may be useful to indicate what are the major constraints on individual and institutional freedom of action.

1. In general, works remain in copyright for 50 years after the author's death. During this time limited copying is permitted to individuals for purposes of private study or research, but this permission does not extend beyond 4,000 words of continuous text or a single journal article. In no case may multiple copies be made. Special conditions attach to the copying of music scores, illustrations (including photographs) and unpublished manuscripts.

In operating its own reprographic service the Library must abide by the provisions of the Act and of the associated Copyright (Libraries) Regulations 1957, and must also require its readers to remain within the law in their use of self-service photocopying machines.

2. The Library's Reserve Collection is an area of special difficulty in this regard, since one of its functions is to administer loans of material belonging to members of faculty and deposited in the Library to support individual courses. Depositors are reminded that such material must comply with the terms of the 1956 Act; in particular that multiple photocopies or photocopies of complete copyright works (including short stories, poems, etc.) will not be accepted for deposit without written evidence of permission to copy.

3. Restrictions on the copying of non-print materials are if anything more stringent than those applying to books and periodicals. In particular the 1956 Act prohibits off-air recording of broadcasts from the general output of the BBC and IBA. In acknowledging this prohibition in 1976 Planning Committee made it clear that individuals or units found to be in breach of the law could not expect the support of the University (Minutes of the 148th meeting of the Planning Committee) a statement which the Library, in common with other campus units, recognises as official University policy. Open University broadcasts are, however, not included in the general prohibition, and the Library has a licence from the OU entitling it to copy and hold a limited number of these broadcasts.

4. Public performance of films and video recordings (including the use of such materials in libraries) is also subject to specific restrictions under the 1956 Act. However the Library is actively interested in promoting the use of films on campus, and in certain instances has obtained the permission of rights holders to include video-recordings in its stock.

The Library welcomes enquiries from University members who are unclear about the application of copyright law in respect of library materials and services.
Conditions of service and consultancy work

With the publication of a substantially revised edition of the brochure "Services for Industry" for mailing to companies later this month, it is opportune to consider the issues surrounding this activity, its ongoing advice and the conditions of service governing faculty's participation in consultancy work.

INDUSTRIAL AWARENESS

The University is placing increased emphasis on its links with industry, from aiding companies especially local ones with a technological problem through to co-operative ventures via the Managing Directors' Club, to providing the right environment for appropriate organisations to develop research laboratories on campus. For these worthwhile initiatives to succeed the support of faculty and staff is needed.

INCOME GENERATION

These developments are taking place not because Sussex needs to keep in step with the activities of other universities in the field of aiding industry and developing Science Parks, but for a number of different and related reasons.

As a university with major research interests we should be seen to be helping industry. Through the development of such links, employment opportunities arise for Sussex graduates and project work for final year students. Lastly, but not least, with government reducing in real terms the block grant, and encouraging business awareness, this is seen as an opportunity to generate income.

However, the University must be concerned about the magnitude of such activities, even though carried out in the individual's 'spare time'. The main consideration is that teaching must have absolute priority, and research and administrative work must not be adversely affected by the acceptance of outside commitments.

CONSULTANCIES

Members of faculty's freedom to involve themselves in consultancy work is governed by their conditions of service. "Consultancy" is being used in this context as an umbrella term to cover all extra-curricular or outside activities, whether or not the individual is undertaking short-term contracts, or acting as a director of a company. These are examples, the list is not meant to be exhaustive.

CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

All such activities require notification and in certain cases permission, and the level within which the organisation of the University that permission is sought from depends upon the degree of involvement. Those who undertake such activity without following the prescribed procedures are technically in breach of their contract.

The document "Guidance to teaching faculty on consultancies and other outside activities" as circulated by the Vice-Chancellor and dated March 1980 states the circumstances in which the permission of the Dean is required to undertake consultancy work. Where the consultancy is of a continuing nature the permission of the Vice-Chancellor is required. A consultancy of a continuing nature is not defined but can be assumed to be either one requiring more than one day a week, or one requiring work over a period of four weeks or more. Only five members of faculty currently have the Vice-Chancellor's permission to undertake consultancy.

LIMITATIONS

The aforementioned paper also suggests limits. Aggregate outside activities should not exceed one day per week on average and income should not exceed one-third of the member's University remuneration. Those who do exceed these limits are asked to consider whether they are justified in combining such activities with a full-time academic post.

PRIVATE CONSULTANCY

The attention of members of faculty who undertake private consultancy is drawn to the following. Under no circumstances should they mislead the client that they are undertaking the work on behalf of the University, i.e. all such correspondence between the parties should be on private letterhead. Facilities of the University for such activity are not available, unless properly assessed and paid for. This includes using University premises such as an office, telephone, computing equipment, technical and secretarial resources. The University's professional indemnity policy does not provide insurance cover for private work. It could be argued that those involved in private consultancy work are in direct competition with the University which is establishing a marketing strategy to benefit the institution. For this reason alone there is a need to ensure that facilities used are properly charged and paid for.

CONTRACTS

Before agreeing terms of the contract for consultancy work, the Research Grant Office in the Council Secretariat (Sussex House, int. tel. 5321) should be involved. It is not least to ensure that the work required is complementary to accepted University research activity and that the job is properly costed, including overheads.

SUMMARY

1. The ability of staff to undertake consultancy work is in part due to their position in the University.
2. The conditions of service state that before undertaking consultancy work the Dean of the member's School must be notified and permission sought where required.
3. If the Dean considers the work to be a continuation or substantia in volume the Vice-Chancellor's approval will be required.
4. The cost of using University facilities must be assessed and included in the project price.
5. Undertaking private consultancy does not entitle the member of staff to free use of University facilities however small, nor protection under the University's professional indemnity policy.

 Registrar and Secretary

Spotlight on the Media Service Unit: the team which provides the University with photographs, television, audio-visual and design services, including the photographs which appear in the Bulletin.

Pictured from left to right are: Peter Palmer, Ken Whittington, Bob Morela, Gillian de Jong, Peter Morela, Keith Hunt, Debbie O'Neill, Sandy King, Jerry Lawrence and Keith Wileam.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF INDIA

Photographs by Sussex student Elizabeth Bjelke can be seen in the Gardner Centre foyer until March 9. Her photographs of India, taken during extended visits in 1981 and 1982, attempt to convey the prevalent beauty of the country, rather than the poverty and deprivation.

CONCERT

St. Bartholomew's Church, Brighton - March 10 - 7.30 p.m.

University Choir and Sussex Philharmonic Orchestra - Brahms - German Requiem

Handel - Zadok the Priest

Beethoven - Symphony No. 5

Tickets: £2.30 and £1.30 on the door.
NON-ACADEMIC VACANCIES

The Personnel Office has issued the following summary of non-academic posts to be filled. Advertisements for these vacancies have been sent to Section Heads for circulation to their staff and to union representatives. Copies of the advertisements (and further details, if available) and application forms are available from the Personnel Office, Room 296, Sussex House. The list was compiled on February 13.

All posts are full-time, full-year, permanent, for male/female, unless otherwise stated.

Clerical and Related
Clerk/Typist, Grade 1/2, EAPS. Conference Assistant, 4, temporary for 3 years. Librarian, 5, from as soon as possible, IDS. Library Assistant, 1, part-time, Library, Machine Operator, 1/2, SPRU. Secretary, 1/2, EAPS. Secretary, 3, EAPS. Secretary, 1/2, MAPS. Secretary, part-time, 1/2, temporary until end of March 1983, Sportcentre. Secretary, 1/2, SPRU.

Technical

BRITISH ASSOCIATION (symposium)
Weight and Overweight - Scientific Basis of Body Weight Control

The BA is to hold a one-day symposium on the above topic at the Scientific Societies Lecture Theatre, Savile Row, London, on March 1.

The meeting is being organised jointly with the British Nutrition Foundation, and hopes to attract an audience drawn not only from nutritionists and scientists, but also from those whose work or pursuits demand an accurate and well-informed background to the subject.

The speakers are: Professor I. Macdonald (Guy's Hospital), Dr. M.S. Stover to staff, and Dr. C.Williams (Loughborough) and Dr. J.S. Garrow (MRC Clinical Research Centre, Harrow).

The fee, to include buffet lunch, is £20. For further details contact the Symposium Secretary, on 01-734 6010, ext. 372.

RECENT BOOKS

Recent books by Sussex authors include:

Two titles in the New Essential Psychology series from Methuen: SELVES IN RELATION. An Introduction to Psychotherapy and Groups by Keith Oatley. Paperback, £2.95, and COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION by John Turner. Paperback, £2.95.

CHAPTER AND VERSE. Bible Poems by Laurence Lessing. Secker & Warburg. £5.95.
SELECTED POEMS by Laurence Lerner, drawing on his first six books. Secker & Warburg. £7.50.

RUSSIAN SOCIAL DEMOCRACY AND THE LEGAL MOVEMENT 1906-14 by Geoffrey Swain, a Sussex Graduate in Russian Studies. Macmillan. £9.50.

We regret that the title of Les Allen's new book, written with P.L.Knight, was wrongly transcribed in the last issue. It should read: CONCEPTS OF QUANTUM OPTICS (Pergamon, £8.75).

All available from SUSSEX UNIVERSITY BOOKSHOP

An exhibition on books in Politics and Economics, published by Basil Blackwell and Martin Robertson, will be held in the Bookshop from February 27 to March 8. Some bargain books, much reduced in price, are on sale in the Bookshop while stocks last.

CENTRE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

OPEN LECTURES

Thursday, March 1, 6.30 p.m. Professional Inaugural Lecture

DEREK AERTHON

Professor of Control Engineering, The Role of Simulation in Engineering

Applied Science 3 Lecture Theatre

Saturday, March 5, 3.30 p.m.

University Special Lecture

TOM PHILLIPS - artist, composer, author - translator & illustrator of Dylan Thomas' Hell-Bound: Trying to Picture Dante's Words

Molecular Sciences Lecture Theatre

Admission free; no tickets

EEC RESEARCH SUPPORT

The European Economic Community (EEC) has told universities that support may be given for research in the following activities: pharmacology, soil state physics, optics, combustion, photonetry, interface phenomena, and climatology.

Support in these seven areas will be considered for:

- projects put forward jointly by teams of researchers or engineers from various countries of the EEC;
- projects involving the secondment for relatively long periods of time of a researcher from a laboratory in one country of the EEC to a research centre in another EEC country; activities which enable communication and dissemination of information within the EEC.

Further information can be obtained from the Council Secretariat Research Grant Office, Sussex House.

DAAD SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GOETHE INSTITUTE LANGUAGE COURSES 1984

The Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) offers scholarships for German language courses at Goethe Institutes in Germany. The scholarships are open to current British undergraduates and postgraduates, between 19 and 32 years old, who are studying subjects other than German or German studies, but who have at least a basic knowledge of German.

The grants are intended for students for whom an improved knowledge of German is important for their studies or research. Two types of scholarship are available: 1) One-month courses for special purposes held from July 9 to August 3 in Rothenburg, and 2) Two-month courses held between June and October throughout the Federal Republic.

Further details and application forms (to be returned by March 21) are available from: German Academic Exchange Service, London Branch, 17 Borough Court, Borough High Street, C1A 2LP. (Details are also held by Sub-Deans and Information Office, Sussex House.)

EUROPEAN STUDIES LECTURE

Dr. Gerd Krumeich, University of Düsseldorf, will give a lecture on "Poincaré and the French Government in the Abyss of Crisis 1914" in the EDB Lecture Theatre at 11.30 a.m. this Friday, February 24.

LUNCHTIME EVENTS

Susssex Trugs play mainstream/ traditional jazz on Friday lunchtimes between 1 and 3 p.m. in the Playing Fields Pavilion.

Chilingirian Quartet in Residency: Thursday, February 23 1 - 2 p.m. Lecture Recital Schubert Quartet in A Minor; Monday, February 27: 1 - 2 p.m. Open Rehearsal. Admission free. Group Music Practice Room, Gardner Centre.

Meeting House recitals on Tuesdays at 1.15 p.m. today - John Birch (organ); February 28 - John Birch and Jonathan Grieves-Smith (organ duets and harpsichord concertos); March 6 - Paul Sparks and Jonathan Grieves-Smith (guitar concertos); March 13 - Mark Ritchie and John Birch (trumpet and organ).

Anyone who may be interested in performing at a Meeting House lunchtime recital is asked to contact Jonathan Grieves-Smith, Organ Scholar, c/o The Meeting House.

RESIDENTIAL ADVISER SCHEME

Students are reminded that the application period to be a Residential Adviser next year is from February 27 to March 5. Undergraduates and postgraduates who are interested in living on campus next year and assisting the new intake of students during their first year at Sussex, should contact John Revel, Room 2, The Meeting House, or Ann Eyles, Welfare Office, Student Union, Falmer House (or talk to their own RA if they live on campus).

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We can only inform you if you inform us - so please remember to let us know what you are interested in hearing about.

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