The UGC fights back

The University Grants Committee (UGC) has mounted a spirited defence of the British university system - and launched a stinging attack on the damage caused by the cuts of the last three years - in a report to the Secretary of State for Education.

In its strongly worded advice to Sir Keith Joseph, the UGC states that the United Kingdom has a university system of outstanding quality ... Any policy that diminished the role and status of the universities would damage many aspects of our educational, cultural and industrial life.*

More resources, additional academic staff and a rise in student numbers are the key recommendations in the report, entitled "A Strategy for Higher Education into the 1990s" and published on September 14.

It was prepared by the UGC in response to the call from Sir Keith late last year for an open and wide-ranging consultation on the nature and scale of higher education in the 1990s.

This call resulted in the now famous 28-point letter sent to vice-chancellors by the UGC last November, and their responses have been used in the preparation of the UGC advice.

The report was given further weight by being released on the same day as that of the National Advisory Body (the equivalent of the UGC for polytechnics nd colleges of higher education). The two reports contain a common chapter reinterpretating the Robbins principle of access to courses in higher education "for all those who are able to benefit from them and who wish to do so".

Among its demands for an end to cuts in support for the universities, the UGC report calls for:
- the Government to provide at least a minimum recurrent grant for the next two years;
- an increase in student numbers in 1987-88 with home in-
itial entrants raised to 170,000 and full-time postgraduates raised to 36,000;
- at least 900 new academic staff appointments per year;
- a minimum annual recruitment of 3.5 per cent of total academic staff;
- an immediate increase in the equipment grant by at least 25 per cent;
- the maintenance of the capital grant at its current value in real terms for the next two years, after which it should be sympathetically reviewed;
- an explicit statement from the Government revoking the principle of deficiency funding so as to encourage universities and potential donors;
- the introduction of a larger planning horizon for the recurrent grant.

The report also comments on aspects of the organisation and management of universities, including what it describes as "the need to tackle the problem of small departments."

The UGC has asked its Subjects Sub-Committee to make a detailed study of the issues involved and it points out that universities will have to choose between covering many subjects patchily and covering a few subjects adequately.

The UGC also intends to be more selective in allocating funds for research, and says universities must develop research strategies and improve their management.

The report has received a warm welcome in higher education circles.

The Chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, Lord Flowers, commented: "I am particularly pleased to see the forthright manner in which the UGC has told the Government that it simply cannot continue to cut university costs and expect from the universities the results which it seems to want."
Efficiency study begins

Management consultants begin work this month on a study into the workings of six selected universities, as the Jarrett efficiency enquiry gets underway.

As well as a general examination of the management structures and administrative systems of the six universities - Edinburgh, Essex, Loughborough, Nottingham, Sheffield and University College London - there will also be a special study at each institution.

The Rayner-style enquiry into university efficiency is being conducted under the aegis of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals (CVCP) with a grant of up to £300,000 made available by the government.

It is being overseen by an independent 12-man steering committee, chaired by Sir Alex Jarrett, chairman of Reed International and Chancellor of Birmingham University, which includes Sussex Registrar and Secretary, Geoff Lockwood, in its membership.

The special studies will be conducted as follows: financial management at Edinburgh and UCL; purchasing, including the purchase and maintenance of scientific equipment at Essex; and Sheffield; maintenance and servicing of building and plant, minor works, and the allocation and use of space at Loughborough and Nottingham.

The individual reports are expected to take around three months to complete. The steering committee will then report to the CVCP and the University Grants Committee with its comments and recommendations.

Government to end tenure

The government is to go ahead with legislation to limit the security of tenure of academic staff in universities, Education Secretary Sir Keith Joseph announced in August.

Sir Keith warned in May that he was prepared to introduce legislation - affecting new appointments only - unless the universities brought about their own changes.

But a letter from Lord Flowers, Chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, to the Education Secretary in July said: "It is evident that the light of the most recent enquiry we made of all Vice-Chancellors and Principals that the majority do not believe their institutions could bring about the changes you envisage by your own volition within the timescale you have in mind."

In response to the announcement that the government is to introduce legislation, the CVCP said that it welcomed Sir Keith's assurances that there was no intention to interfere with existing contractual rights and that there would be no threat to academic freedom.

NAB becomes permanent

The National Advisory Body for Local Authority Higher Education, which was set up on an interim basis more than two years ago, is to become permanent from next February, the Education Secretary, Sir Keith Joseph announced during the summer.

The body will be reconstituted along broadly the same lines, but its formal remit is to be extended and it will become known as the National Advisory Body for Public Sector Higher Education. Its Board will be enlarged to bring in two extra members to increase representation from industry, commerce and the professions.

Its role will be to advise the Secretary of State on a wide range of matters, including the planning of courses, student intakes and the allocation of resources, in particular in the arts, but also in other local authority-run, higher education facilities, such as further education colleges and voluntary colleges in respect of courses leading to qualifications higher than GCE 'A' level.

At the same time, the Education Secretary announced the setting up of a Voluntary Sector Consultative Council which will advise the above Body as well as the government on the planning and funding of voluntary colleges.

These are mostly religious foundations which were originally involved in teacher training, but have since diversified. They are funded directly by the Department of Education and Science.

Motorists who commit traffic offences on the main campus roads are now liable to police prosecution, following recent changes in the status of certain roads.

The changes are the result of a new agreement between the University's legal advisers and the police, under which some of the campus roads are designated as "Subject to the Road Traffic Act" and treated just like roads outside the University.

Motorists offences committed on the designated roads (indicated by thick black lines on the map here) are no longer an internal University matter, but will be dealt with by the police.

This means that compliance with traffic signs and the 15 mph speed limit throughout campus is now legal requirements. It will also be necessary to wear seat belts and crash helmets.

"The police are fully aware of the changes and will take formal action now that it has been publicised in the Bulletin," warned Estates Manager Laurie Taylor.

"Motorists should also make sure that their insurance policy covers them for driving on private property (i.e. the whole of the University campus) as some policies exclude such cover.

New road signs erected on the campus will indicate those roads not covered by the Road Traffic Acts.

Increased sponsorship levels for students

The financial support which students may get from employers under sponsorship schemes (which paid by employers for their employees in return for training) is now more than £1,100 per year. For students under the National Engineering Scholarship scheme the increase is from £795 to £1,500. Students may now receive, from all sources, a total of £1,600 ($1,900 for National Engineering Scholarship students) without their grant being affected.

A recent survey by the Institute of Manpower Studies showed that more than 10,000 students were sponsored in 1983 and that these students were on engineering courses. Sponsorship on courses related to the new information technologies was on the increase.
DURING THE SUMMER....

MORE FUNDS FOR THE SPORTS INJURY CLINIC

Good news for the Sports Injury Clinic was the announcement during the summer of a further grant - this time of £600 - from the Sports Council towards the cost of additional equipment. The Council originally gave £500 towards setting up the Clinic. In addition, in the past two years they have given the University a grant of £3,000 towards improvements to the Sportcentre.

DISEASED ELMS

Sadly, the University park has again suffered the blight of Dutch Elm Disease - some elms have had to be cut down and others have undergone major surgery during the summer.

ON THE MOVE....

The Health Centre moved to Kent House during the summer vacation. Reception can be contacted on int. tel. 05-178. Also on the move were the Occupational Advisory Service - from the top floor of the S.W. wing of Falmer House to the floor below (1st floor), with the Counsellors moving upstairs to the top floor.

GRADUATES IN THE NEWS

Sussex graduate Cathy Foster, the first woman ever to be selected to skipper an Olympic class boat, achieved 7th place overall in the Los Angeles Olympics with her crew Peter Newlands in the 470 class. Cathy had a marvellous runaway win in the final race of the series to bring her up from 10th to 7th place overall.

Peter Jonas, who graduated from the School of English and American Studies in 1968, is to succeed Lord Harwood as Managing Director of the English National Opera in June 1985.

He is currently artistic administrator of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and director of artistic administration for the Orchestral Association, the governing body of the Chicago Orchestra. He has held these posts for eight years and was administrative assistant to Sir George Solti in Chicago for two years before that. He is married to the soprano Lucia Popp.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FOR SUSSEX SAILOR

Dinghy sailor Dr. Peter Bennett of Operational Research and his crew Giles Weston won the Hornet World Championships held in Holland in August, and then returned home to win the National Championships at Shoreham. Dr. Bennett, who has been sailing for "donkey's years", is a member of the Sussex Motor Yacht Club.

SUSSEX HOSTS ENGINEERING COMPETITION

Engineering and Applied Sciences hosted the regional heat of the prestigious Queen's Silver Jubilee competition of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers on September 25. The competition is designed to foster the engineering student's communication skills and candidates had to speak for 20 minutes on each of the four projects presented at Sussex and then answer questions from the four judges and the audience for a further 15 minutes. Sussex graduate Geoffrey Hurrell returned to present his final year project but was beaten on the day by a strong two-man team from Surrey.

ACADEMIC HONOURS

Mr. P.K. Chaudhuri, Reader in Economics, and Miss J.D. Cooper, an Honorary Visiting Fellow in Social Administration, have been awarded Leverhulme Fellowships.

Mr. Chaudhuri's award is for a critical review of recent writings in modern Indian economic history, and Miss Cooper's for an analysis of personal social services in Britain, 1974-84.

Chairmanship of CCETSW

It was also announced during the vacation that Miss Cooper had been appointed to the Chairmanship of the Central Council for Education and Training in Social Work, an important national body. Miss Cooper, who has been associated with the School of Cultural and Community Studies for some years, will be chairing a small committee of Government-appointed representatives.

DEATHS

It is with sadness we report the following deaths:

Dame Flora Robson, DBE, on July 7. She was an honorary graduate and long-standing friend of the University. She served on the University Council and Court for many years.

Mr. J.C. Manger, a night porter in Park Village, died on June 23. He had been in the service of the University for 12 years.

Mrs. Joyce Haggar, Senior Assistant in the Post Office, died on June 30. In her three years at Sussex she became known to many on campus.

Mr. Ted Blaber, a porter in Sussex House, died of a heart attack on his way to work on October 7. An orchid-grower in his spare time, he had worked at the University since 1972.
KULUKUNDIS GROUP

The Kulukundis Group would like to thank all those areas of campus which contributed to the Marathon Run fundraising project. It is very pleasing to announce that so far £870 has been raised towards the cost of the Alpavision reading aid for the partially sighted, which has now been installed in the Library. Details about its use can be obtained from Chris Ravillious on the Readers' Advisory Desk in the Library.

A special thank you is due to the four people who took part in the run - Hugh Turner, Lise Grande, Richard Smart and Dave Helmore - without them the fundraising would not have been possible.

If anyone still has some sponsor money for the Group, will they please hand this in to me as soon as possible.

The first meeting of the Kulukundis Group for the Autumn Term will take place on Wednesday, October 17.

NEWS FROM THE GARDNER CENTRE

adaptation of Gogol's "Government Inspector", entitled "Don't Touch Him He Might Beset You", plays from October 18 to 20.

Booking is already well advanced for this year's Christmas show which is a revival of the Gardner's most successful show, David Wood's musical adventure "The Gingerbread Man".

MUSIC

The Chilirigian Quartet return this month for their seventh season as quartet-in-residence. Between overseas tours they will spend nine weeks as Gardner coaching and giving lectures and open rehearsals as well as concerts. They are the subject of a TV documentary to be transmitted next spring in the "Putting on the South" series. Their concert at the Gardner is on Thursday (11th).

Philip Mead, a young pianist with a growing reputation, particularly for contemporary music, will play two piano sonatas and two by Tippett at the Gardner on October 17. The concert will be preceded by a talk from Michael Hall, Lecturer in the CCE, at 6.30 p.m. Celebrated mime artist David Glass features in "Peter and the Wolf", the first of two children's Sunday afternoon events, at 3 p.m. on October 21.

The full diary of events including Drama, Dance, Music and the Visual Arts is now available from the box office.

Meeting House events

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Mervyn Stockwood, former Bishop of Southwark, will be the preacher at the Opening of Session Service to be held this Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Meeting House Chapel. The service will be followed by a wine and cheese party on the lower ground floor.

On Saturday, the 13th, there will be 'open house' at All Saints', Laurence House, Falmes, from 7.30 p.m. when there will be the chance to meet Bishop Dinis Sengulane of Mozambique. The Bishop will be the preacher at a Celebration Service with the Diocesan Liturgical Dance Group at 6.30 p.m. the following evening in the Meeting House.

Also on Sunday, the 14th, the Rt. Rev. Cormac O'Connor, Bishop of Arundel and Brighton, will celebrate Mass at 7.30 p.m. There will be a Howard Society Party at 8.30 p.m.

New student chaplain

Nigel Douglas, who has just completed a PhD at Manchester, is the new student chaplain. His duties include liaison between the Chaplaincy and students, and co-ordination of the on-campus student residential advisors scheme. Nigel is living on campus and has taken over the flat of his predecessor, John Revell. He can be contacted at Flat 3, ground floor, Lancaster House (tel. 08-163) or in the Meeting House, Room 2 (09-013). Do get in touch with him if you would like a chat or he will be pleased to meet you.

Computing purchases

The Computing Committee and the Equipment and Furniture Committee recently considered the results of an audit of computing equipment, and the funding of future purchases. In doing so, account was taken of encouragement generously given to universities by the University Grants Committee to provide internal advice on computing purchases, to monitor purchases and to ensure that the best possible terms were negotiated.

It was decided, amongst other things, that in future the Computing Committee should become more active in advising on policy regarding the needs of users of computing equipment, especially in those areas considered to be under-provided.

Also, expenditure from UGC or University funds on computing items, or groups of items, costing £5,000 or more must be approved, prior to commitment, by the Chairman of the Computing Committee, who would decide whether consideration by the full committee was necessary. It was hoped that those using research grant and other non-UGC funds for such purchases would also seek advice, for the reasons of economy and compatibility.

Advice on computing equipment should be sought from the Manager of the Computing Centre and his staff. Applications for approval to purchase should be addressed to the Secretary of the Computing Committee, who will refer them to the Chairman for consideration.

The Computing Committee normally meets once early in each term and, consequently, this needs to be borne in mind if delay is to be avoided on those items requiring consideration by the full Committee.

The Supplies Officer should also be consulted at an early stage regarding the selection of a supplier, terms of trade and whether any discounts are available.
SEATNE AND COUNCIL

Items from the meeting of Senate on June 27 and of Council on June 29, included:

PROFESSORIAL APPOINTMENTS

Gabriel Josipovici, Mike Land and Tony McCaffery have been promoted to professorships, as from October 1, 1984.

Professor Josipovici, formerly Reader in English, came to Sussex in 1963. He is a distinguished novelist, playwright and essayist.

Professor Land has been promoted from a Readership in Neurobiology. He joined the University in 1971 and was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1982. He is particularly concerned with physiological optics and visually guided behaviour.

Professor McCaffery is currently Dean of the School of Chemistry and Molecular Sciences. He has been at Sussex since 1968. His research interests are concerned with the interaction of radiation with molecules and the transfer of energy between molecules.

Chair in Community Medicine

Senate welcomed the Regional Health Authority's proposal to appoint a senior specialist in Community Medicine, located in the Centre for Medical Research. The post will be financed by the Regional Health Authority but support services will need to be provided by the Centre. Senate agreed that the post should carry with it a professorial title in Community Medicine.

INSTITUTE OF COGNITIVE AND INFORMATION SCIENCES

The establishment of an Institute of Cognitive and Information Sciences from this October was approved. It will be principally concerned with research and graduate work.

The creation of a School of Cognitive and Information Sciences and of a single Psychology Subject Group are to be discussed further.

CHAIRMANSHIPS AND APPOINTMENTS

Mr. T.H.B. Myorns has been re-appointed Chairman of Council. His term of office runs until July 31, 1985. Mr. D.S.V. Baker has been appointed Vice-Chairman in succession to Sir John Barnes.

Professor Margaret McGowan's appointment as Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Arts and Social Studies) has been extended for two years from September 1, 1984. Professor Tony Becher is to serve for a further two years, from July 1, 1984, as Chairman of Education and Director of the School of Education.

Dr. Tony Bailey is to remain Chairman of Community Services for a further two years from July 1, 1984.

Mr. David Streeter has been appointed Dean of the School of Biological Sciences, for three years from September 1, 1984, in succession to Professor John Maynard Smith.

RESIGNATIONS

The Vice-Chancellor reported that among those leaving the University were:

Dr. Roy Holmes (to a Chair at the University of Southampton), Dr. Barry Jones (leaving in December for a Chair at Leicester), Professor Laurence Lerner (a Chair at Vanderbilt University, USA), Professor John Lyons (the Mastership of Trinity Hall, Cambridge), Professor Tony Nuttall (a Fellowship at New College, Oxford), Dr. Peter Slater (a Chair at St. Andrews) and Dr. Dave Woollons (a Chair at Exeter).

CONTINUING AND PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

Proposals for the creation of a Continuing and Professional Education Area were approved, subject to further review of the word 'professional' in the proposed title. The Area will initially comprise the Education Graduate Division, the School of Education and the Centre for Continuing Education.

Green Paper on Gardner Centre’s future

The Gardner Centre Management Committee has published a Green Paper in a bid to settle the longstanding uncertainty about the Centre’s future on campus.

The Paper is intended to provide a basis for discussion within the University and with other bodies on a new operating structure for the Centre.

The Gardner Arts Centre has provided a very broad programme in the past: theatre, dance, opera, exhibitions, music - but cuts in funding in the past years have necessitated sharp cuts in both staffing and programme subsidy. This has been reflected in the restriction of the level of activity and the Centre’s scope for innovation.

However, during this period the Centre has continued to operate a range of activities, has mounted fund-raising and other events attracting favourable national publicity, and has kept within the severely reduced operating budget.

The Green Paper states that "the funds available for 1984-85 are unlikely to cover the Centre’s basic running and operational costs. Unless means are found to remedy a deteriorating situation, there will have to be a cessation of much of the present activities by the middle of 1985."

The three main proposals for discussion are:

* the Centre should concentrate on fewer themes and should focus more strongly on dance and music;
* a strong emphasis should be placed on assisting and reinforcing the local authorities’ education and practical arts activity, providing a focus for innovative work in schools in the region and stimulus to amateur activity;
* the creation of an independent charitable trust to manage the Centre’s activities, with trustees representing the funding bodies; but possibly also with a proportion of people having relevant professional or commercial experience and interest.

The Management Committee has circulated the Paper to local authorities and to the South East Arts Association. It is also available for general discussion within the University. It is hoped that responses to the proposals will be received by the Management Committee before its next meeting on November 7.

Copies of the Paper are available from Sally Marriott, Secretary to the Gardner Centre Management Committee.

Student Discipline

All members (faculty and students) and employees of the University are reminded that University Ordinances state that they should use all reasonable endeavours to prevent the occurrence or continuance of any breach of University discipline and that where they observe or have reason to believe such a breach of discipline they should report such conduct to the Registrar and Secretary.
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article does not comprise the whole issue of the journal in which case the limitations suggested for monographs should apply.

Monographs: No legal provisions are yet in existence, but the Publishers Association has stated that the following would generally be acceptable:

Up to 6,000 words (approximately 10 pages) from a book if in one sequence or up to 8,000 words (approximately 20 pages) if taken from various sections in a book providing that the total amount does not exceed 10 per cent of the whole work. Poems, essays, short literary works and (perhaps) chapters written by a contributing author must be considered whole works themselves and not as parts of the same book.

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NOTICEBOARD

OPERATION RALEIGH

Operation Raleigh, the most ambitious of all our international expeditions ever undertaken, begins in November.

This round-the-world expedition will extend over four years and will involve scientific conservation and community projects on land and sea.

A Sussex student, Victoria Field, has already been selected as one of 4,000 young people, aged 17 to 24, who will take part in one of 16 three to four month phases.

If you wish to find out more about participating in this venture, or sponsorship, contact: Operation Raleigh, P.O.Box 370, The Warehouse, 52 St. Katharine's Way, London, E1 9LB.

MOTOR VEHICLE LICENCES FROM SUSSEX HOUSE P.O.

Drivers will be pleased to know that the Post Office in Sussex House is now authorised to sell Motor Vehicle Licences. It would be appreciated if these were obtained before 12 noon - 2 p.m. period when only one counter is open.

FRIENDS OF COVENT GARDEN

If you have not reached your 26th birthday you can become a Junior Associate of The Friends for an annual subscription of £7.00.

Privileges include priority booking, rehearsals, 'Lunch and Listen', introductions to operas, parties, tours of the Royal Opera House, lectures and concerts. Junior Associates can buy reduced price Amphi theatre tickets for themselves and a friend, giving a saving of up to £1.40 in a full year.

Further details from The Friends, Royal Opera House, London, WC2E 9DD.

DENTIST

Readers are reminded that the National Health Service dentist has a surgery on campus, located in York House. Anyone requiring dental treatment may make enquiries, or an appointment, by ringing the internal telephone 08-230 or (external) Brighton 602809.

In addition to the services offered last year, a dental hygienist will be present in the surgery in 1984-85 and scanning equipment is being installed.

LUNCHEON EVENTS

Music recitals take place on Tuesdays in the Meeting House Chapel from 1.15 to 2 p.m.

The Sussex Trugs play traditional/mainstream jazz in the Playing Fields Pavilion, 1 - 2 p.m. on Fridays.

The Chillingham Quartet give open rehearsals and lecture recitals, 1 - 2 p.m. in the Music Practice Room, Grand House - October 9, 10, 29 & 30.

FRIENDS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL

The University of Liverpool has recently formed an association of 'Friends of the University of Liverpool', one of the aims of which is to enable former students and staff to maintain links with the University and the city. The subscription is 53 per annum. Further details from David Bamber, Public Relations Officer, The University, P.O. Box 167, Liverpool, L69 3RX.

PROFESSOR BERNARD SCHAFER MEMORIAL LECTURE

"The Current Agenda in Institutional Reform" by Geoff Lamb, Adviser, Public Sector Management, World Bank (After his research as a post-doctoral fellow at Sussex, Dr. Lamb became a Fellow and Deputy Director of the Institute of Development Studies before taking up his current appointment.)

Wednesday, November 21, 4 pm Room 120, Institute of Development Studies, Andrew Cohen Building.
RESEARCH

Lymph cancer—earlier diagnosis?

Earlier diagnosis of lymphatic cancer—with a corresponding increase in the chances of a cure—may result from new research by Sussex scientists.

The research, an extension of collaboration between the Centre for Medical Research (CMR) and the Royal Sussex County Hospital in Brighton, will look at chromosomal changes in patients suffering from lymphoma.

The study of chromosome rearrangements in tumours is one of the most rapidly advancing areas of cancer research, and the discovery of a link between such rearrangements and the formation of tumours could improve both diagnosis and prognosis of lymphoma.

The three-year project will be undertaken the CMR and Dr. Nigel Kirkham, consultant histopathologist at the Royal Sussex, with funding of almost £40,000 from the South East Thames Regional Health Authority.

The South East Area Health District has approximately 15 per cent more malignant disease than the average for England and Wales, and much of this is malignant lymph cancer.

Researchers will examine biopsy samples from patients at Brighton hospitals to see if breakpoints occur at particular locations in cancer cell chromosomes (the genetic material contained within cells).

If particular chromosome breaks and rearrangements are linked to tumour development earlier diagnosis could be made, making treatment of the tumour more effective.

WATCHING THE WIND

A team of Sussex scientists are beginning to process results from experiments in the latest British space satellite, launched in August this year.

The space mission, arranged by the Science and Engineering Research Council (SERC) in collaboration with researchers in the United States and Germany, is designed to examine the solar wind (the stream of ions and electrons which flow from the sun) and the interaction between it and the earth's magnetic field.

The Space Plasma Physics Group in the School of Mathematical and Physical Sciences (MAPS) is making a major contribution to the UK satellite programme and, using the MAPS electronics workshop, designed and constructed one of the experiments carried by the satellite.

In all, the mission is made up of three satellites which are working together to examine the shock waves created when the solar wind hits the earth's magnetic field and to determine whether ions from the wind manage to penetrate the magnetopause (the boundary between the earth's magnetic field and the solar wind).

To enable the satellite to detect the wind more easily, re-appraisal of the concept of lithium gas released into the solar wind by the German satellite orbiting at 80,000 miles above the earth's surface last month.

The effect of the gas release on the local environment was observed by the British satellite nearby and the Sussex experiment began to send its first data back to earth.

"The UK satellite observed the local interplanetary magnetic field to drop to 30 per cent of its pre-release value, creating a magnetic cavity in the solar wind," reported Dr. Paul Gough, SERC Advanced Fellow with the Space Plasma Physics Group (SPPG).

By examining the particles and the shock wave from the earth's magnetic field the SPPG hopes to learn more about how solar wind heats the outer reaches of the earth's atmosphere.

The satellite is expected to send back results for up to a year from its eccentric orbit between 800 and 30,000 miles above the earth.

NATO grant for Sussex mathematician

Dr. Christopher Mulvey of the School of Mathematical and Physical Sciences is one of three mathematicians to be recently awarded a joint NATO grant for international collaboration in research.

Dr. Mulvey, Professor Bernhard Banaschewski of McMaster University, Ontario, and Professor Francis Borceux of the Université Catholique, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium (at which Dr. Mulvey holds a Visiting Professorship) will be working together on a fundamental concept of space in the foundations of mathematics. They will in particular be working on the constructive foundations of non-commutative Gelfand duality and quantum mechanics.

The grant, amounting to £4,000 in the first year, is funded by the Science and Engineering Research Council in Britain and by bodies in Belgium, Canada and the USA.

BULLETIN

New Charter and Statutes approved

The Privy Council has approved the University’s proposals for changes in the Charter and Statutes. The Queen gave her formal assent to the revised Charter and Statutes on July 31 this year.

Arrangements for implementing the changes will be considered by the Senate and Council at their meetings on October 24 and November 2. The new Charter and Statutes come into effect from January 1, 1985.

Minor corrections make up the bulk of the changes, but they also include provision for the restructuring and reduction in size of the Senate and a fuller recognition of the Schools of Studies as the basic academic unit of the University.

Academics’ pay award

More than half of Sussex’s lecturers will gain an extra boost from the pay award recommended to the Secretary of State for Education and Science, Sir Keith Joseph.

The recommendation has been fixed at 6.6 per cent across the board with an extra £150 for lecturers stuck at the top point of the basic grade. The total package is worth 8.3 per cent.

The recommendation has angered the Association of University Teachers as it is only 0.1 per cent more than the 8.2 per cent it rejected in July.

The award has barely halted the continued erosion of university academics’ salary levels compared with other key groups, such as the civil service and teachers in higher education.

Small Ads

ACCOMMODATION for visitors to campus: the Institute of Development Studies can sometimes offer comfortable short-term accommodation on campus for University visitors. Single study bedrooms (with breakfast) and self-contained furnished flats are available within the IDS building. Further details from Nan Tattershall, Int. tel. 02-217, or Valerie Stephens, Int. tel. 02-272.

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BULLETIN

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 distribution to staff and to union representatives. Copies of the advertisements (and further details if available) and application forms are available from the Personnel Office, Room 206, Sussex House. The list was compiled on October 1.

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

Clerical and Related
Typist/VDU Operator, grade 1/2, EAM, temporary 3 months.
Audio/Copy Typist/Clerical Assistant, 1/2, SPRU, temporary.
Computer Operators

Manual and Ancillary
Electricians/Approved Electricians, Estates.
Groundperson, Estates.
Mechanical Fitters/Advanced Fitters, Estates.

Baperson, UCNS B, Sports Pavilion, part-time.
Porter, UCNS D, East Slope, temporary.
Technical
Electronics Technician, 3, Psychology, Arts.
Architectural Draughtsman/Technical Assistant, 3, Estates.

Technician, 3, Mechanical Engineering, EAPS, temporary 1 year.
Technician, 3, Electronics & Computer Science, EAPS, temporary 1 year.
Research Technician, Physics, MAPS, temporary 18 months.

RECENT BOOKS

Recent publications by Sussex authors include:
- INTERNATIONAL FINE ARTS AND LATIN AMERICA by Stephanie Griffith-Jones-Crommelin, Helm. £16.95.
- HARRISON S BIRTWISTLE by Michael Hall. In the Contemporary Composers series. Robson. £8.95.
- A new book of local interest is DAISY ASHFORD - Her Life by R.M. Malcolmson. This is the first biography of the child author, who lived in Lewes, where 'The Young Visitors' was written. Attractively produced and illustrated. Chatto & Windus. £8.95.

All books available from Sussex University Bookshop.

TRAVELLING AND SUSTINANCE ALLOWANCES

Current rates for staff who incur expenses while engaged on official University business include:

- Travelling allowances
  - Casual users: £24 per mile
  - Essential users: £4.26 per mile

- Maximum subsistence allowances
  - Not involved overnight stay: £4.70
  - 8 - 12 hours: £6.20
  - 12 - 24 hours: £7.52
  - Over 16 hours: £12.00

  - Involving overnight stay
    - London: £35.50
    - Elsewhere: £31.50

  - For travel overseas
    - Europe: £53.00
    - Elsewhere: £70.00

  (These are now only used for rates of pay for travel overseas, one relating to travel in Europe and one to travel elsewhere.)

CENTRE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

WEEKEND SCHOOLS

November 16-18 at the White House, Isle of Thorns.
Machiavelli - Shakespeare and Verdi: Images of Development
DAY SCHOOLS
October 13 in EDB: Continuity and Change in Late Life
October 20 at the Friends Centre, Ship Street, Brighton: Stanislavski & Chekov: The Individual and the Community - Eliot to Woolf: I - Middle March
October 27 in EDB: An Introduction to Making a TV Film
Inter-war Architecture in Sussex
November 3 in EDB: Inside the Psychology Laboratory
Microcomputers for Everyone - a beginners introduction
OPEN LECTURES
October 25, 25 p.m. in IDS 120: 1st Dudley Seers Memorial Lecture - KEYNES IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, by Hans Singer, Emeritus Professor, IDS.
November 1, 6.30 p.m. in MOLS: Great Centenaries Lectures - DENIS DIDEROT 1713-1803: PROTESTES DE L'ENLUMÉEMENT, by Peter France, Professor of French, Edinburgh.

Details of these and other events from the Centre for Continuing Education, Education Development Building.

WHISTLER PRIZE ESSAY

Entries are invited for the 1985 Whistler Prize, which this year has been increased to £500. The prize is offered annually for an original essay on Natural History or Archaeology and is open to all students of the University, including registered members of Centre for Continuing Education classes.

Essays, which should not normally exceed 5,000 words, should be submitted by January 31, 1985. Further information and guidelines for essay presentation are available from the Director's Secretary, Centre for Continuing Education, EDB.

The Whistler Prize was endowed by late Hon. Mrs. M.J. Whistler in memory of her husband, Hugh Whistler, JP, FZS, who had a special interest in ornithology.

TERM DATES 1984-85

Monday, December 24, 1984 to Tuesday, January 1, 1985 inclusive.

Thursday, April 6, 1984 to Tuesday, April 9, 1985 inclusive.

Bank Holiday Mondays - May 27 and 28, and August 26, 1985.

NOTICEBOARD

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Frank Knox Memorial Fellowships: these are available for four postgraduate students from the U.K. to spend the academic year 1984-85 studying in the United States of America. The value of each Fellowship is £6,500 plus tuition and health services fees.

Kennedy Scholarships: up to 12 Scholarships are offered for postgraduate study at Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1985-86. The Scholars cover tuition and healthservices fees, the cost of travel to and from the USA, and provide an allowance of £8,025 in the first year and £6,935 if the Scholarship is renewed.

Full details are available from the Council Secretariat, Research Grants Office, Sussex House. Completed application forms should be submitted to the Vice-Chancellor's Office, Southover House, by October 19, 1984 for the Frank Knox Fellowships and by October 29, 1984 for the Kennedy Scholarships.

HONORARY DEGREES

Nominations for Honorary Degrees to be awarded at next convocation are invited. Nominations and Ceremonies are now invited.

Nominations should be submitted in confidence to the Vice-Chancellor who is Chairman of the Honorary Degrees Committee, by October 26, 1984. As much information as possible should be given in justification of each proposal.

STUDENTS FROM CYPRUS

Application forms for students from Cyprus who wish to apply for fee support grants are available from Mrs. E. Wingfield, Arts D413.

Those eligible for a grant must be following full-time first degree courses, assessed as overseas students for tuition fee purposes, and not in receipt of other awards.

The minimum grant will be £1,000 but could be higher depending on the number of eligible students. Forms must be submitted through the Student Administration Section, Grants Office, in order to reach the British Council before November 16, 1984.

UNIVERSITY CLOSURES

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