FUND FOR DISABLED STUDENTS

A fund to promote the education of disabled students at the University is being set up with a generous donation from a former Sussex student, who is now a prominent local businessman.

John Spiers, chairman of the Brighton-based Harvester Press Group, has covenanted £10,000 a year to establish the fund which, with tax rebates, will grow to about £60,000 over four years. It will be named the Kate Spiers and Kate Root Award in memory of John's mother and grandmother.

The Award's objective of helping students with disabilities will be met in a variety of ways, including:

- a welfare fund to assist disabled Sussex students with bursaries for equipment and assistance
- helping handicapped people in the local area to take part in courses and activities run by the University's Centre for Continuing Education
- in the long term, scholarships for applicants with disabilities, to help them study at Sussex.

The Award, which was inaugurated with the first payment of £10,000 earlier this month, will be administered by a small group of Trustees, including John Spiers' uncle, Mr. A.J. Root, and the Vice-Chancellor or his nominee.

John Spiers, who has been Chairman of the University's graduate association, the University of Sussex Society, since its foundation in September 1983, took a first in History in the School of English and American Studies in 1968. Over the last 16 years he has built up the Harvester Press, founded when he was still a research student at the University, into a major publishing group with an annual turnover of more than £2.5 million.

Welcoming Harvester's "munificent gift", the Vice-Chancellor said: "This University has always made a special point of trying to help those in our society who are disadvantaged, so it is particularly fitting that the money which John is covenancing to the University will enable us to carry forward this area."

John told the Bulletin last week: "I owe all the success and happiness I've had in life to my family who were very committed to education - to my mother who was disabled, to my grandmother, and to my uncle who taught me to read when I was a tiny boy and who keenly supported my going to university. I also owe a great deal to Sussex as the University gave me all the opportunities which have led to the success of Harvester Press."

DIVING TRAGEDY

We are sad to report that one student was killed and a second injured in a diving accident earlier this month.

The two students were diving with other members of the University Sub-Aqua Club near Owers Light, six miles south of Selsey Bill, when the accident happened.

The student who died, Camilla Howland, was a first year Law with French major in the School of European Studies. The second student, Karen Schumacher, an English major in the School of Cultural and Community Studies, has now returned to Brighton.

A memorial service for Camilla will be held tomorrow, Wednesday, June 25, in the Meeting House Chapel at 1.00 p.m.

Lord Shawcross and the Vice-Chancellor studying the former's portrait following its official presentation last week. The portrait was commissioned by the University from the well-known portrait painter Bryan Organ to mark Lord Shawcross' 30 years as Chancellor from 1955 to 1985. The portrait, which was formally presented to Lord Shawcross by the Vice-Chancellor, will hang on perpetual loan in the University Library.
STUDENT GRANTS REVIEW ANNOUNCED

The Government last week announced that it is to undertake a comprehensive review of the student support system, examining the maintenance needs of students and alternative sources of support.

The announcement, made by the new Education Secretary, Mr. Kenneth Baker, was also made with a statement by the Secretary of State for Social Services, Mr. Norman Fowler, that the Government had modified its plans to spend £66.5 million from social security payments to students.

Announcing the review, Mr. Baker said that the Government wanted to return to a system in which students were supported through a single channel of educational maintenance rather than through social security payments, and that the changes in the social security proposals marked a limited step towards that objective.

The proposed benefit cuts, announced last December, proved unpopular not only with students and their parents, but also with Tory backbenchers. In place of the benefits the Government proposed a flat-rate compensation payment of £36 for all students. Those living in areas where the housing accommodation is expensive stood to lose hundreds of pounds from the changes.

The Department of Education and Science (DES) has now said that the extra £36 is to stay, doubling the two per cent increase planned in the grant to four per cent. In addition students in private accommodation will be able to continue claiming housing benefit during term-time and vacations, and until next summer, students will be able to claim for flats left vacant during the long summer vacation.

However, as Mr. Fowler had originally intended, students will no longer be entitled to claim supplementary benefit or unemployment benefit during the short vacations.

The review of student support, which will be chaired by Mr. George Walden, Parliamentary Under Secretary at the DES, will take evidence from interested parties and is expected to be completed next year.

The maximum student grant for 1986-87 will now be £1,901 for an undergraduate living away from home and £1,480 for a student living at home. The basic postgraduate grant will be £2,736 away from home and £2,000 living at home.

DISCIPLINARY PANEL

Two students have been fined and otherwise penalised by the Disciplinary Panel for disorderly conduct on campus.

Meeting earlier this month, the Panel found one student guilty of physical assault and throwing an egg at a window in one of the residences. The other was found guilty of throwing an egg and breaking a glass door.

The penalties determined by the Panel under the University's Ordinance on Student Discipline were:

* both students should be deemed ineligible during the remainder of their University careers for allocation to student accommodation on the University campus;
* both students should be barred until the beginning of the Autumn Term 1986 from all licensed premises on the campus, including the East Slope Bar;
* in addition, one student was fined £50, and the other £30.

The students concerned did not exercise their right of appeal.

IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF YTS

Many Youth Training Schemes concentrate too much on teaching people to do a particular job and not enough on longer-term training for the future. This is the main finding of a report by members of the Education Area published earlier this month.

The report, entitled 'Improving the Quality of YTS', is by a team of researchers headed by Professor Michael Erout and Margaret Burdett. It shows that many Youth Training Schemes are finding it difficult to meet the guidelines laid down by the Manpower Services Commission. The MSC's design framework for the Schemes stresses training for the future as well as the need to learn how to do a particular job, but the report says that this emphasis is not shared by many of the Schemes' supervisors or trainees.

The report is based on an independent evaluation of 19 YTS schemes. The evaluation, produced under contract with the MSC, studies attempts to improve the quality by using a revised design framework and record of trainee achievement.

"This report produced by Sussex University provides a timely contribution to the debate on the place of YTS in the emerging pattern of education and training in the United Kingdom," comments Gilbert Jessup of the MSC's Quality and Standards Branch in his preface to the Report.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN SCHOOLS

A grant of more than £30,000 has been awarded to Dr. Michael Erout for a study of the teaching of information technology (IT) in schools.

The project, funded by the Economic and Social Research Council, has two aims:

* to provide an independent account of a range of new approaches to teaching IT, involving case studies of six or more IT initiatives, chosen for their diversity of aim and approach; and
* to develop from these accounts an analysis of policies for incorporating information technology into the whole curriculum. This will focus on the relationship between the curriculum aims of these IT initiatives and whole school curriculum policies for the 9 to 14 age range.

£153,000 FOR PSYCHOLOGY

Psychologists from the School of Social Sciences have received two research grants totalling £153,000 to study aspects of children's social and cognitive development.

One grant, made by the Economic and Social Research Council to Dr. Barbara Lloyd and Dr. Gerard Duveen, is for an investigation into the impact of schooling on social identity. They will observe the social organisation of primary school life, and the means whereby children find their place in the world during their first year at school.

This work leads on from Dr. Lloyd's earlier research on the construction of social gender identity in the preschool years. As a result of this work, she now feels that observing young children's entry into the world of formal schooling should enable the research to identify the influence which this institution brings to bear on controversial aspects of children's social development.

The second grant is a commission from the Home Office for Dr. Lloyd and Liza Catran to implement a longitudinal study of the psychological and physical development of infants who accompany their mothers into prison. It aims to provide information on the outcome of existing policies and provision for infants within the prison system.

HELP NEEDED

BLOOD DONORS NEEDED

Allan White, a Euro faculty member being treated for leukaemia, would like people to know of the urgent need for blood donors.

If you would like to enrol as a donor, please telephone the Euro School Office (8001) or pick up an enrolment form.

CAN YOU HELP AT THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS?

Will you be 'someone special' at the Second Special Olympics UK National Games, 1986 - a 'Souki Special'?

The Games will be held at Withdean Stadium from Thursday, August 28 to Tuesday, September 2. The Special Olympics are for mentally handicapped young people and with 1400 competitors coming to Brighton, a small army of volunteer helpers is needed in such areas as: secretarial, catering, stewarding, car owner/transport, athletics, fundraising, sponsorship, programme production, entertainment, medical/first aid, computer, chaperone.

If you would like to find out more about being a 'Souki Special' write to 'Someone Special', SOUKI, c/o East Sussex Special Services, 251 Preston Road, Brighton, BN1 6SE.
ENGINEERING CONFERENCE FOR SIXTH FORMERS

A two-day conference for sixth formers considering a career in engineering, to be held at the University next month, has attracted more than 60 students from schools throughout the UK.

The conference, on July 2 and 3, is being organised by the University as part of its contribution to Industry Year 1986, and to mark the University's Silver Jubilee and the 21st birthday of the School of Engineering & Applied Sciences.

Entitled GRAD ENG 90, the conference is designed for pupils who are considering a career in engineering but who may not have made a firm decision regarding a particular engineering discipline. It should be especially useful to high-calibre students aiming to enter University in 1987 and graduate in 1990.

Professor B.V. Jayawant, Dean of the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, will open the conference. The keynote address will be given by Dr. John Brown, a Past President of the Institution of Electrical Engineers and Director of University Liaison at the General Electric Company.

The main emphasis of the meeting will be on working in the laboratories on projects designed to illustrate technological applications in industry. But there will also be lectures and seminars and a chance to see some of the current research work being undertaken by faculty in Engineering and Applied Sciences.

A careers exhibition will be staged during the conference and representatives from the Engineering Council, the IEE School Liaison Service, industry, the School of Engineering and the Occupational Advisory Service, will be available for advice and discussion.

GRADUATION CEREMONY AND INSTALLATION OF THE CHANCELLOR

A special ceremony on Tuesday, July 15, will incorporate the Silver Jubilee Graduation Ceremony and the installation of the new Chancellor, the Earl of March and Kinnara.

It is expected that nine honorary degrees will be awarded at the ceremony which, by tradition, will include honorary graduates who are the personal choice of the new Chancellor.

The ceremony will take place at the Brighton Centre, starting at 10.30 a.m.

OPEN DAY

The weather was gloriously hot and sunny for the University's Silver Jubilee Open Day on June 14. A packed programme of events, displays and tours had been arranged involving virtually all parts of the University.

Arts and Science Schools and the Education Area all laid on their own displays and other activities. Star attractions included the Language Centre, the TV studio and the Gardner Centre, which with its all-day licence proved very popular in the late afternoon! Handel's Music for the Royal Fireworks, conducted by David Osmond-Smith, was performed live in Fulton Court by members of University orchestras. And the Media Services (MSU) set up its own TV station for the day, transmitting live programmes and news bulletins across the campus. MSU also played host to Radio Sussex, which did live interviews in the TV studio.

There were more than 60 lectures, on a wide range of topics from an anthropologist of death to Chinese agriculture.

Dr. John Haigh, Lecturer in Mathematics, found that his Open Day contribution actually started before the day itself. His lecture, 'Horses and football pools - why you should expect to lose', was mentioned in the Open Day Programme, available before the event, and he received a 'phone call from a member of the public asking for his advice on the best system to use to pick winners!

The Language Centre's 'Spot the Language' competition also received some interesting responses, the best of which was from someone who wrongly identified the person speaking Gujarati as coming from Newcastle upon Tyne! And in the Social Sciences Dr. John Dearlove, Reader in Politics, reports that the Chairman of a local District Council and his son spent half an hour trying out John's computer programme which predicts the outcome of local elections from opinion poll results!

"The wonderful weather obviously affected the numbers who came to the Open Day," commented Jennifer Platt, the Open Day's organiser, last week, "but everyone reports that those who came were keenly interested and enjoyed themselves - and several stopped at the Information Desk on the way out to tell us.

"So thanks to all who took part and put so much effort into making it a successful day."

INSTALLATION SERVICE

The University's new Chancellor, the Earl of March, intends to dedicate himself to the service of the University at a special Service to be held on the evening before his Installation. He would like to issue a general invitation to attend to all associated with the University who would wish to join with him in this dedication. The half-hour Service will take place at the Meeting House at 6.30 p.m. on Monday, July 14.
NEWS

M-O BACK IN BUSINESS

The project, Mass-Observation in the 80s, under threat of closure from lack of funds, has been saved by a major new grant from the Nuffield Foundation.

The award of £50,000, announced last month, is being made to the Mass-Observation Archive, housed in the Library. The original Mass-Observation (M-O) was set up in 1937 by Tom Harrisson and Charles Madge to conduct what they called an 'anthropology' of Britain. The Archive contains a wide variety of material from 1937 until the early 1950s.

Here archivist Dorothy Sheridan writes about the new project.

In 1981 we received a small donation from Granada Television and Professor David Pocock, the Archive's Director, decided that we should use it to recruit a volunteer panel of correspondents. He thought it would be interesting to see whether people today would be as willing as their counterparts in the late 1930s to write regularly about their everyday life.

We recruited through newspapers and local TV and radio and we were overwhelmed by the response. By last summer we had about 800 people on our mailing list. Some of these chose to write diaries, but we sent most of them a regular 'directive' containing open-ended questions which they complete and return. These directives cover everything from their reactions to current events to aspects of their own personal lives. Most people seem to be frank in their replies - they know that their writing will eventually be read by historians and other researchers, but that their identities will be protected.

Since 1981 we have collected a mass of material on events such as the Falklands War, the Royal Wedding and the Miners' and Teachers' disputes and on family and community matters, personal experiences of unemployment, health problems, eating habits and so forth. This new material is already being used, some extracts have been incorporated into the BBC's Omnibus project video disc on life in the 1980s.

With this new award we plan to re-start the project in September, to run for three years. We shall have to take on two part-time clerks during school term-times to help with the work.

In addition to the project there are a number of other ways in which the Archive material is being used. I am preparing my third book based on the material - an anthology on cinema-going and films from 1937 to 1949. We are also working on ways of exploiting the early material, to make it available to a wider range of people and to put it into a form in which it could be used by schools for history and humanities teaching. We are hoping to set up another Community Programme to fund the preparation of teaching materials. The Archive has already received funds from the Manpower Services Commission for four previous Community Programmes which were designed to assist with the sorting work.

And in the autumn we are looking forward to watching a film on the original Mass-Observation, 'Stranger than Fiction', and a ten-part series made in collaboration with the Archive, The People's War, both of which will be shown on Channel 4.

The Brighton and Hove Ixla and Coopex Company has offered its best wishes to the University on its 28th birthday in the most public way it can - by painting a congratulatory message on the front, sides and back of one of its buses in the Company's new colours of red and cream. The No. 28 is pictured outside Sussex House last week.

JOOBS HOLLAND AT GARDNER

Coming soon to the Gardner Centre will be Jools Holland, presenter of "The Tube" and "Walking Back to New Orleans". He was a founder-member of the group "Squeeze" which had Number One hit singles including "Cool for Cats" and "Up the Junction". Recently voted Channel Four's TV Personality of the Year, he has also usurped Terry Wogan in a Daily Express popularity poll.

Jools can be seen at the Gardner this Friday, June 27, at 7.45 p.m. with drummer Gilson Lavis presenting a programme of Boogie Woogie, New Orleans jazz, and piano rock. He will be supported by Gary Howard, a "one-man jazz quartet", who combines a slick Forties' swing image with a staggering vocal range and extraordinary impressions of string bass, drums, trumpets and other brass instruments.

Tonight (June 24) the University Orchestra and Choir is to give a concert to celebrate Magpie", Mozart - Horn Concerto No.2, Handel - Coronation Anthem "The King Shall Rejoice", Byrd - Fantasia, Gabrieli - Canzon, and Beethoven - Symphony No. 6 "Pastoral".

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MUSIC THEATRE - From July 7 to 18, E. Sussex County Council will be running a Summer School for Young Musicians on campus at the Gardner Centre, and at the Polytechnic. This is the first Summer School which the County Council has run and it will include orchestral courses and music theatre courses. There are still some vacancies for people in the older age group (15 - 19) and further information can be obtained from the County Music Centre, Watergate Lane, Lewes.

Further information on all Gardner Centre events can be obtained from Alison Macconochie on 685667 or 4255 (internal), and from the Box Office (685861).
Virginia Wade, former Sussex student and honorary graduate, has been awarded an OBE in the Queen’s Birthday Honours List for services to tennis.

Professor John Murrell, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Science) and Professor of Chemistry, has been appointed to the E.A. Moshinsky Memorial Chair of the Universidad Nacional de Autonomia de Mexico for 1986. He will be visiting the University for two weeks in December.

Professor Norman MacKenzie and his wife Jeanne have been awarded the Society of Authors Travelling Scholarship for 1986. The award, worth £1,000, was presented to them on June 10.

One of the best known (and liked) people on campus, Jacko, pictured in Arts C collecting together the last of the old internal telephones. Jacko - who says that his real name is Harry Jackson - started work on the campus in 1881 when Palmer House (then known as College House) and Physics I were being built. He reckons that he has worked for more years on campus than anyone else - which isn't bad going for someone not employed by the University. In the early 1960s he worked six days a week, 10 hours a day, to install 1000 internal telephones and associated switchboards for his employers, Telephone Rentals. Now, his hours here are down to a few each week as he removes the old telephones.

It is Jacko's proud boast to have been into "every building, every room, and every nook and cranny" on campus (except IDE). Jacko confesses to being sorry to leave the place where he has spent about half his working life. He (and the old telephones) will probably be gone by the autumn - but he would like to be here till Christmas.

Lloyd of the School of Social Sciences, three further meetings are planned for the next academic year on the themes 'Aging in Sussex', 'Community Organisation and Action', and 'Housing'.

Andrew Toovey, a Music MPhil student, has won the National Overseas League Composition Prize, worth £1,000, for a work for viola.

William Golding, an honorary graduate of Sussex, will be celebrating his 73rd birthday on September 19. To mark the occasion, a Birthday Book will be published, including a contribution from Stephen Medcalf, Reader in English.

Professor Toye
Professor John Toye has been appointed Director of the Institute of Development Studies in succession to Professor Mike Faber. Professor Toye, who is expected to take up his appointment in August 1987, is currently Professor of Development Policy and Planning, and Director of the Centre for Development Studies at University College, Swansea.

Deputy Estates Manager, Roger Bailey, has been awarded the Reserve Decoration by the Queen. Roger, who is a Lieutenant Commander in the Royal Naval Reserve, was awarded the decoration for 15 years' service.

The Whistler Prize Essay competition has been won this year by Mr. G.B. Thackeray, a student on a Centre for Continuing Education community course in Rottingdean, for his essay "A Biblical Briton". Mr. Thackeray will receive a cheque for £100.

Dr. Ivor Goodson is leaving Sussex to become Professor of Education at the University of Western Ontario. He is currently undertaking a series of Visiting Professorships in Australia, California, and New Zealand.

Following the recent successful 'Social Welfare and Community Involvement' meeting organised by Professor Peter
SMALL ADS

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INSURANCE - the Endsleigh Insurance office in Palmer House will remain open during the vacation on Weds. only (11.30 - 16.30) for motor/property/travel/life insurance. Tel. Penny - 604571.

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A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM - SUDS open air production in gardens of Stanner House. Tonight (June 24) & tomorrow, 8 p.m. No charge, but a collection. Bring a rug to sit on & picnic.


ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

This will be played on Thursday, July 10, at the Royal Eastbourne Golf Club. This is a superb course and provides an excellent setting for a day out. The tournament is open to all members of the University and anyone associated with it. The main event will be a handicap stableford competition. This enables golfers of all levels to have a chance of winning. For entry forms and further details, contact R.K. Eastwood, Arts E. Tel. 2471.

UNIVERSITY CLOSURES

The University will be closed for the bank holiday on Monday, August 25.

In 1986-87 the University will be closed from Wednesday, December 24, 1986 to Thursday, January 1, 1987, inclusive; from Wednesday, April 15 to Monday, April 20, 1987, inclusive; and on Bank Holiday Mondays, May 4 and 25 and August 31, 1987.

THE POLITICS OF PUBLIC SECTOR HIGHER EDUCATION

A one-day seminar on the above topic is being organised by the Association of Polytechnic Administrators at the Metropole Hotel, National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, on October 27. The seminar will bring together a panel of prominent party political figures. The fee for the day (inc. lunch, coffee and tea) is £25. Application forms from Mrs. H. Campbell, APA, Polytechnic of the South Bank, Borough Road, London, SE1 0AA.

This is the last Bulletin of the Summer Term. The Information Office would like to thank all those who have contributed in any way to the Bulletin during the past year.

The first edition of the Autumn Term will appear on Tuesday, October 7, and copy must be received by the Information Office, level 2, Sussex House, by 1 p.m. on Monday, September 29. Publication dates for the remainder of the Autumn Term are: October 28 (copy date October 20), November 18 (November 21), and December 1 (December 1).

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