UNIVERSITIES’ GRANT FOR 1987-88 ANNOUNCED

Education Secretary Kenneth Baker has announced how much money will be available for universities next year, following the Chancellor of the Exchequer’s Public Expenditure Statement in the Commons on November 6. Mr. Lawson has allowed an extra £93 million for university recurrent and equipment grant in the government financial year 1987-88, as compared with 1986-87. He also announced an extra £39 million for the science budget.

The figures for the universities given by Mr. Baker, with some elaboration by the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals (CVCP), are:

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The figures for 1987-88 and 1988-89 (government financial years), which are cash increases and have to cover inflation, are £54 million (4.0 per cent) and £63 million (4.5 per cent) higher than those announced by the University Grants Committee (UGC) in May.

In a statement on the Government’s expenditure plans Mr. Baker said that, within the increased amounts of recurrent grant, he expected the UGC to make provision for several improvements, including:

- redundancy and premature retirement and other costs to facilitate rationalisation and the recruitment of new, young academic staff;
- essential repairs and maintenance of plant and buildings;
- increases in library purchases;
- special initiatives in teacher training to help deal with the teacher shortfall in mathematics, physics and technology;
- the expansion of continuing education.

"I have welcomed the universities’ proposals for changes in the structure of academic pay. I shall be willing to provide some further additional funding for pay re-structuring if structural improvements can be agreed at a cost that can be afforded," Mr. Baker said.

The recurrent grant for 1986-87, at £1,365 million, is £24 million more than the UGC distributed in May. The UGC has to decide how much of it should be allocated to universities in the general grant distribution and how much should be held back for special allocation in support of the five improvements listed above. The same applies to the extra cash in 1987-88.

The standard undergraduate tuition fee in 1987-88 will be £356, an increase of 3.7 per cent on 1986-87.

The value in real terms of each university’s income in recurrent grant and tuition fees depends crucially on the level of pay awards. The award for academic and academic-related staff with effect from April 1986 has still not been settled.

The equipment grant for both years includes additional grant of £10 million so that selected research groups might be equipped to the highest international standard. The UGC has already announced that this additional grant is being distributed to the universities with cost centres assessed as ‘outstanding’ in research in the recent planning exercise, weighted by 1989-90 student load and the average level of equipment spending.

Mr. Baker reiterated that the Government’s willingness to provide additional funding for the universities depends crucially on evidence of real progress in the development of the policy of selectivity, rationalisation of small departments, better financial management and improved standards of teaching. He has now agreed with the UGC and the CVCP a major programme of work in these areas. Details have been announced and he expects individual universities to co-operate fully and positively. Progress will be closely monitored and the future funding of the universities would depend significantly upon its implementation year by year, he said.

UNIVERSITY RADIO FALMER WINS AWARD

University Radio Falmer has won the Best Campus Radio Programme Award in the 1986 Guardian/National Union of Students Media Awards.

The winning entry was a documentary by Sarah Parrish, a second year student in the School of Social Sciences, on the University’s Open Day last summer. Her seven-minute tape beat entries from ten other student union radio stations.

The award, a plaque and £250 to spend on new studio equipment or repairs, was presented at the NUS journalism conference at Central London Polytechnic on November 8 by Guardian cartoonist Steve Bell.

Sarah Parrish in the University Radio Falmer studio displaying the award.
NOTICEBOARD

ELECTORAL REGISTRATION

Each year a Register of Electors is drawn up listing those persons entitled to vote in County, Borough and Parliamentary elections. All University students (other than foreign students, peers and others who may not vote) are entitled to register at their local, as well as home, address. Therefore, you should check that your name is listed in the 1987 Register.

University Residents

The University has compiled a register based on the accommodation records of students and staff only (i.e. spouses are not included). Whilst every effort is made to ensure that everyone eligible is included, you should check that your name is on the list. If your name is absent, you will be able to obtain a form from the Town Hall in Brighton.

The Register of Electors will be published in draft form on 28 November 1986 and can be checked between 28 November and 16 December 1986 at:

a) the Post Office, Sussex House
b) the University Library
c) the Town Clerk's Department, Town Hall, Brighton.

If you wish to vote in any elections during 1987 you are strongly urged to check the accuracy of the draft Register.

NEW V-C IN RADIO INTERVIEW

Mr. Leslie Fielding, the University's next Vice-Chancellor, will be talking about how he sees his new job, in an interview on BBC Radio Sussex next Sunday, November 23.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the new Vice-Chancellor should listen in at 3.20 p.m. when he will be talking to Dr. Brian Smith, Reader in Experimental Physics, who runs the weekly broadcasts of news and views from the University.

CATCH A COLD FOR SCIENCE

A shortage of volunteers is holding up the current research programme of the MRC Common Cold Unit on the possible ways of preventing or treating colds.

The Unit urgently needs the help of healthy people between 18 and 50 years. Volunteers spend 10 days isolated in pairs or threes in comfortable centrally-heated flats. On average only one volunteer in three develops a cold. The Unit says that students "find the conditions suitable for studying". All travel expenses are paid and in addition to accommodation and full board, each volunteer receives pocket money of £1.75 a day. There are facilities for indoor and outdoor games and for walks in the attractive countryside. Further details from Dr. Ian Barrow, The Common Cold Unit, Harvard Hospital, Coombe Road, Salisbury, Wilts., SW2 8BW (tel. 0722-22485).

FACULTY INVITED TO MEET EMPLOYERS

Many of the employers who will be visiting the campus next term to give first interviews to selected undergraduates and graduates of our University have expressed an interest in meeting and talking to members of the teaching faculty.

A warm welcome is extended to anyone who would like to meet any of these employers over a sandwich lunch in the Group Room, 2nd floor, Falmer House (above the Occupational Advisory Service). Careers Tutors in each of the Schools have a full list of the names, dates and the recruiting requirements of each employer.

The range covered is wide - from electronic companies seeking only engineering graduates to the Civil Service, banks and computer consultancies who are looking for people with a degree in any discipline. Norah Quinn, ext. 3377, if you would like to come.

As well as providing an opportunity to learn more about what particular employers are looking for in our students, and to explain to them the structure and content of Sussex courses, it could also be a time to seeking information about sponsorship schemes and for promoting the services that the University can offer to industry.

Kate Springfield
Occupational Adviser

SUB POST OFFICE

The Sub Post Office in Sussex House occasionally needs to employ trained staff at short notice to help out when a member of the permanent staff (I full-time, 1 part-time) is ill or on holiday. If you have a friend or relative who is Post Office trained, is available to work at short notice and might wish to be included on the list of 'relief assistants' for the University Sub Post Office, Tony Sims (tel. 3791) would be pleased to hear from them.

ATARI ST COMPUTER

A demonstration of Atari ST computers and a variety of software is to be held at the University tomorrow (Wednesday, November 19) in Room 4C10 in the Computing Centre. Contact Norah Quinn from 10.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. A seminar is to be held in the afternoon at which the following will be giving presentations and answering questions:

2.15 Les Price, Hardware Support, Atari UK Hardware
2.30 Robert Katz, Software Support, Atari UK: Communications, data bases and other software
2.45 Tim Moore, Kuma Computers: Transputer, KGraph
3.00 Haba Systems: Word processing, spreadsheets, video digitising
3.15 Metacomp: Programming languages
3.30 Question and Answer session.

All are welcome to attend. Enquiries to Leila Burrell-Davis, Research Data Analysis Unit, Arts E206 (tel. 2387).

BONE MARROW DONOR APPEAL

A major bone-marrow donor appeal is currently underway with tissue-typers working round the clock at the Anthony Nolan Laboratories to screen 2,400 samples a day. Every donor can save the life of patients suffering from leukaemia and similar diseases. The British Bone Marrow Donor Appeal needs to raise £900,000 over the next few weeks, or this ambitious project will collapse.

Friends of Allon White, a Euro faculty member being treated for leukaemia, whose illness was publicised in the Bulletin last summer, may like to know that he has now had his marrow transplant. If you would like to convey your encouragement and sympathy, donations to the British Bone Marrow Donor Appeal can be made through the National Westminster Bank, the Ulster Bank and the Bank of Scotland, and through Woolworth stores.

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY STUDENTS: REIMBURSEMENT OF COURSE FEES

Students who are nationals of European Community countries or the children of EC nationals, and UK students living in the European Community when they register for the necessary conditions and who do not otherwise qualify for support and who are studying first degree courses or the PGCE courses may be eligible for reimbursement of the block fee of £536 in accordance with the announcement made by the Secretary of State this summer that the course fee for eligible students from EC countries would be reimbursed by the Government with effect from September 1, 1986.

If you think that you may be eligible for the reimbursement of your fees, you should contact the Undergraduate Office, Room 348, Sussex House, to obtain an application form and further details of the conditions for eligibility. Application forms will need to be returned to that office by November 28, 1986.

THESIS BINDING

W.E. Baxter Ltd of Lewes regret the closure of their book binding section. Students wishing to obtain the names of alternative binders should contact the Graduate Office in Sussex House.

NATIONAL REMOTE SENSING CENTRE - MOBILE DEMONSTRATION

The NRSC's mobile display demonstration unit will be on campus from Monday November 24 to Friday, November 28. People interested in using the facilities should initially check with Dr. D.C. Funnell, c/o Geography, or direct to the operators, Communications Direct, tel. 0494-41674.

SUSSEX ANTI-APARTHEID GROUP TALK

The Sussex Anti-Apartheid Group presents a film screening "Treason" and a talk by Geoffrey Bindman (of Bindman & Partners - Clive Ponting's solicitors), at 6.30 p.m. on November 25 in the Debating Chamber, Falmer House. Mr. Bindman has recently returned from South Africa.
CAN I QUOTE YOU ON THAT?

A helpful guide to dealing with the press, "Can I quote you on that?", has been published by the Conference of University Administrators (CUA) as the first in a series of Good Practice pamphlets. Its author, Frank Albrighton, Birmingham University's Information Officer, gives practical hints on dealing with newspapers, radio and television, aimed at those who may have little knowledge of how the press works.

The booklet has received a warm welcome from the press. Michael Kenward, Editor of the New Scientist (and a Sussex graduate), commented: "If everyone in academia read this pamphlet and followed its advice, universities would get a much better press. They might not avoid keeping bad news out of the press, but at least reporters would be better informed. On the other hand, the pamphlet does give away some of our trade secrets, so it might make it harder for me to pull a fast one in future."

Copies of "Can I quote you on that?" may be borrowed from the Information Office, Sussex House, which is always pleased to advise on dealing with the press. The booklet can be purchased, price £1.00, from Roger Clark, CUA Publications Officer, University of Reading, P.O.Box 217, Whitknights, Reading, RG6 2AH.

Hugh Brogan (right) receiving the Ralph Lewis Award from the Vice-Chancellor.

PRESENTATION OF FIRST RALPH LEWIS AWARD

Biographer and author Hugh Brogan was presented with the first Ralph Lewis Award by the Vice-Chancellor on October 28. The award was for his manuscript "Kipling and Scouting" and will contribute towards the costs of the manuscript's publication as a book by Jonathan Cape.

Hugh Brogan is a Lecturer in History at the University of Essex and is particularly known as the author of "The Life of Arthur Ransome" and "Toqueville". Ralph Lewis, Brighton author and art collector, left money to the University to fund annual awards for promising manuscripts which would not otherwise be published. The award won by Hugh Brogan was the Special Kipling Award, made this year to acknowledge the 50th anniversary of the death of Rudyard Kipling, whose personal papers are held in the University Library, and the University's Silver Jubilee.

Entries for the next Ralph Lewis Awards, which are open to all living or working in East or West Sussex and have no subject limitations, are invited by December 23, 1986 and September 30, 1987. Details are available from the Librarian.

Professor Christopher Freeman, first Director of the Science Policy Research Unit (1968-81), pictured opening his gifts at a farewell party last month to mark his official retirement. Former Vice-Chancellor Lord Briggs presented Professor Freeman with a book of essays written in his honour by colleagues from SPRU and other Institutions. The 'first-shot!', "Technology and the Human Prospect, Essays in honour of Christopher Freeman", edited by Roy MacLeod and published by Frances Pinter, is available from Sussex University Bookshop, price £9.5. Although now formally retired, SPRU hopes that Chris Freeman will continue his association with the Unit for many years to come.
ACADEMIC DIVERSITY AND THE NEXT 25 YEARS

Many recent feature articles in Bulletin have been concerned with the history of the University, as it reached its 21st and 25th birthdays. The reminiscences of the early days and the assessments of what has and hasn't been achieved in the first quarter century have been fascinating. But we felt it would be appropriate - and more in keeping with the spirit of Subben - to conclude Silver Jubilee Year with a look to the future. Chris Darwin begins our two-part series with his view of what is likely to happen in the next 25 years.

One of the good things for me about Sussex, on a clear breezy autumn afternoon when it is easy to persuade yourself that you aren't going to achieve anything behind the desk, is to be able to take off over the Downs and let the grass, sky and sea absorb academic frustrations. One of these illicit walks makes a circular trip from the Sunblust Factory, above Woollingean, round the back of Castle Hill and then up over Newmarket Hill. On the return part of the walk there is a fine panorama of the northern part of the Downs between Brighton and Lewes, and it is striking how the University and South Park stand out by form and texture on the edge of the great wire-fenced fields of stubble that roll North and East towards Blackcap and Mount Harry. Variety on the edge of the bread factory's single crop. Such pockets of variety, parkland or scrubby bushes on steep slopes are the salvation of the Downs. Without them the stubble fields would be merely tedious.

Well, what has this got to do with the face of the University in 25 years? It concerns what I see as a university's main role, to convey knowledge and understanding and to provide an appropriate environment for the birth and development of new ideas; and it concerns the long-term consequences for this role, of changes recently forced on this and other universities. These changes have brought a reduction in the diversity of research expertise represented in the University by the almost random removal of individuals and research groups. The removal has not quite been random, since often the more able have left and not been replaced, exacerbating the attrition in expertise. Coupled with this reduction in diversity has been a rapid expansion in some selected areas, mainly as a response to the training needs of the country. We thus have seen a concentration of our resources into fields that are of immediate national interest. The long-term effect of such concentration is difficult to judge. At best it can lead to strong new lines of research and teaching, but in new fields it is hard to judge where next year's intellectual growth points will be, let alone those that will continue to be vital in a decade. What concerns me (as a potential resident here for the next 25 years) is that the ability of the University to respond to future demands is being weakened in much the same way that an agricultural economy that depends on a single crop is less able to weather disease, a changing climate and changing market forces. The problem is all the more acute for the smaller universities. How can we expand rapidly in some areas, while keeping enough resources to maintain existing successful research groups and new enterprises in some academic balance?

My own area of research in experimental psychology - hearing and speech - overlaps substantially with neuro-physiology, linguistics, electrical engineering and AI. The last two subjects are expanding and will probably continue to expand over the next few years both in this University and in others, and unless an increase in university resources takes place, this expansion will be in general at the expense of the first two, not because the intellectual excitement or the potential for discovery in, say, neuro-physiology is any less than in AI, but because the country presently needs to produce more programmers than physiologists or linguists. Now personally I find it stimulating to have an increased number of computer scientists on campus, but I also find it essential to my work to talk to, say, neuro-physiologists, and indeed (here is the main point of this personal digression) computer scientists may be more creative if they also have neuro-physiologists to talk to.

As an example of the sort of development that could take place, let us speculate about the future of research in computing, brain function and cognition. It is very likely that there will be major developments over the next decade or two, both in our understanding of the behaviour of very large networks of elements and in our ability to construct them. These developments may change profoundly the types of explanation that we offer and accept for cognitive functions. There is also a revolution in progress concerning our understanding how nerve cells influence each other's behaviour. The bewildering variety of chemical substances by which cells communicate has added a new dimension to our understanding of functional brain organisation. Within the next 25 years these two developments could combine to give rise to a new understanding of the brain, but it is extremely unlikely that the varied scientific demands made by this endeavour will happen to coincide with the needs of the country for science graduates.

I can see two ways to reduce the detrimental effect of what will undoubtedly be occurring diverse demands on the University for a particular product. First, numbers of permanent faculty (if that privileged status still continues) will have to be determined less by teaching in order to maintain research groups. As a consequence, the style of teaching is bound to change in popular areas, with undergraduate teaching becoming less personal and more lecture-based as it has been for some time in the US and Germany. Increased use of computers in teaching and assessment will no doubt ease this burden in many scientific areas. Second, administrative structures that can adapt to new groupings of traditional subject areas need to be formed. Coalitions of mutually related research groups that cross existing School, Area and even university boundaries for interative research may perform at least some of the functions that Schools have previously performed for research and teaching. The recently formed Institute for Cognitive and Information Sciences is an example of such a coalition, with shared resources and a varied approach to common problems. Such groupings can involve those who work in areas that overlap considerably with other Schools, the reduction in variety that I described earlier and can serve as a focus for determining the academically motivated areas in which the University should concentrate its resources.

Back to nature: shortly after I was asked to contribute this piece, I came across a report in New Scientist that the Smithsonian Institute and the National Academy of Science had jointly promoted a conference on preserving rain forests from destruction - a crisis of interest in this potential ecological catastrophe that had previously been lacking in the American scientific establishment. One of the main points made at the conference was that, putting aside any moral or aesthetic grounds, preservation of the ecological diversity of rain forest makes sound economic sense. I hope the view from Newmarket Hill in 25 years will still show an academic community flourishing in its diversity.
The University's first Vice-Chancellor, Lord Fulton, died on March 14 at the age of 83. He was appointed Vice-Chancellor in 1939, two years before the grant of the University's Royal Charter, and retired in 1967.

At a service of thanksgiving for the life of Lord Fulton, held in the Meeting House Chapel on October 24, David Ditches, Emeritus Professor of English, gave the following address:

I first met John Fulton in the Autumn of 1934, when I had just come down from Edinburgh to Oxford to do postgraduate work at Balliol. He was then 32 years old, exactly 10 years older than I, and like me he had come to Oxford from Scotland. So I first encountered him as a popular young PPE don known among the undergraduates for his sympathetic interest in their concerns. I soon learned from those who were tutored by him that what they liked most about his tutorials was his encouraging openness to all the points they made in their essays. He drew people out, rather than pumped ideas into them.

In 1936 I became Bradley Fellow of Balliol, and thus a colleague of John's, and I got to know him as a friend. Again, it was his intellectual curiosity, his lively interest in both people and things, that impressed me. His boyish eagerness in conversation was attractive and he was well liked by his colleagues.

The war changed all our lives. John went to work in the Ministry of Fuel and Power with Sir Andrew Duncan as Minister and almost immediately made his mark as a brilliant organiser and administrator and, most of all, as a communicator. The job of keeping coal supplies moving to fuel the war effort was a difficult one, and involved not only complicated statistical work, the task of his colleague at the Ministry, Harold Wilson, but also proper communication with the miners' leaders. John achieved this communication brilliantly. At a farewell dinner the miners' leaders gave for him they presented him with a recording of the speeches made on that occasion - a remarkable, and I believe a unique, tribute.

I did not see John during the war years. I knew of his post-war success as Principal of University College, Swansea, but our paths only crossed again when, at the suggestion of Asa Briggs, he wrote to me at Cambridge where I was then teaching asking if I would like to play a major part in the emerging new University of Sussex.

It was as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Sussex that John Fulton found his greatest role. None of us who worked with him in those early planning days, meeting regularly in his house in Grand Avenue, Hove (long since pulled down), will forget the combination of enthusiasm and shrewd practicality with which he approached the many problems involved in founding a new university. Nor shall we forget the warmth and hospitality shown to us by him and his wife Jacqueline at that time.

John got the university off the ground a year before anyone believed it was practicable. He took full advantage of the immediately pre-Robbins as well as the immediately post-Robbins feeling for university expansion to invest the University with all the promise and excitement of that era and to realise in people, in buildings and in the structure of the curriculum the implications of that promise and that excitement. He got Sir Basil Spence to design the first University buildings. He got the Queen's Trumpeters to play a fanfare at the magnificent opening ceremony, attended by the Rectors of all the great universities of Europe. He took great pleasure in planning that ceremony, which he approached with an endearingly childlike excitement. He wanted to have fireworks operating from a ship out in the Channel, but somehow that wasn't managed. But practically everything else envisaged by John for Sussex was managed.

Active and enthusiastic though he was in running the University of Sussex, John made time for many other activities, including drawing up a report about the structure of a new Chinese University for Hong Kong, and of course the famous Fulton Report on the Civil Service. During my years as a member of the University Grants Committee of Hong Kong I was able to see for myself how much John had done for the Chinese University there, how his report was constantly studied and quoted, and how his recommendations were applied. It is particularly appropriate therefore that the Vice-Chancellor of the Chinese University of Hong Kong is one of our readers today.

It was his work in all these areas that won John first a knighthood and then a peerage, honours which gave his friend and admirer, the late Sir Donald Maclean, human sympathy that won him so much affection in so many circles.

John always had a wistful regret that he did not remain a teacher. "I was a real turtle once", he said in his retiring speech as Vice-Chancellor, quoting the Mock Turtle in Alice in Wonderland. But he remained a great inspirer of good teaching in others. His true role was that of a mentor of the great world who hobnobbed with politicians and men of power and who at the same time retained his idealism, his optimism, his concern for people, his interest in the young, his ability to look beyond the immediate issues of the day, and also something quite unique: a certain youthful charm that never left him. Sussex was lucky to have had him as its first Vice-Chancellor; the country was lucky to have had his mind and heart at its disposal in so many ways and we who were his friends and colleagues were lucky in our association with this very special personality. His influence and his memory will endure for a long time. We think of him with love and gratitude.
TAKING STOCK

A businessman falls in love with a pig. A house sprouts trees. There's an alcoholic acupuncturist and members of the Convoy. These are just some of the bizarre characters and events which make up A Mouthful of Birds, the ambitious new Joint Stock play which is at the Gardner Centre until Saturday (November 22).

Caryl Churchill and David Lan have loosely based the play on Euripides' The Bacchae. Churchill is well-known as the writer of Top Girls, Cloud Nine and Fen, all of which have had successful runs in both London and New York. Lan combines his work as a playwright with an anthropology career.

This startling and unusual production is directed by Les Waters, an Associate Director of London's Royal Court Theatre, and Ian Spink, choreographer with Ballet Rambert and Second Stride. The play, which is co-produced by Joint Stock with Birmingham Repertory Theatre, comes to the Gardner prior to a month-long run at the Royal Court.

The Gardner's twentieth century theatre season ends with Channel Theatre's production of The Birthday Party, Harold Pinter's first full-length play. Compelling, sinister, threatening and yet also very funny, it is now firmly established as a modern classic. The cosy world of a seaside boarding house is shattered by two mysterious and menacing intruders. The Birthday Party is on Thursday - Saturday, November 27 to 29.

The delightful Playboard Puppets are back with another show based on their extremely popular children's television series. Mr. Spoon On Button Moon is a show for all the family aimed particularly at children aged 3 to 9. The puppets are brilliantly imaginative and the show is full of music, humour and audience participation. There are two performances on Sunday, December 7 at 2, 30 and 5 p.m.

The Hungarian composer Gyorgy Kurtag (Concert - November 26) two performances on Sunday, December 7 at 2, 30 and 5 p.m.

The latest Contemporary Music Network concert to come to the Gardner features the work of Hungarian composer Gyorgy Kurtag, and also offers a rare opportunity to hear traditional Hungarians and East European folk music. Performing Kurtag's vocal works will be the Hungarian soprano Adrienne Csengery, for whom Kurtag writes exclusively. The instrumentation includes the cimbalom, the main instrument of Hungarian folk music. The Gardner concert next Tuesday, November 25, is the only date in the south of England outside London for this unusual and fascinating programme.

CHISTMAS ... CHRISTMAS ... CHRISTMAS ...

MEETING HOUSE CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The 1986 Meeting House Christmas Appeal is for SUSSEX AIDS HELPLINE and THE LIGHTHOUSE TRUST. The Lighthouse Trust is a new hospice for those dying of AIDS, while the Sussex AIDS Helpline is a local charity. Money is urgently needed for research and for care of the victims of a disease which is spreading into the whole community. Please give generously. Donations, please, to Barbara Barber, Room 3, The Meeting House. Cheques should be made payable to 'The University of Sussex'.

CAROL SERVICE

The University Carol Service by candlelight will be on Sunday, December 7, at 6 p.m., in the Meeting House Chapel. Mulled wine and pies will be on sale after the service - proceeds to the Christmas Appeal.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Three designs of Christmas card are available at the Meeting House, price £1.00 for six cards.

CHRISTMAS FARE

The traditional Christmas lunch in the Refectory "Scramble" will take place on Thursday, December 4, and Tuesday, December 9, from 1.15 to 2.15 p.m. Roast turkey with stuffed bacon roll, bread sauce, garden peas and roast potatoes, costs £2.50. Homemad Christmas pudding and rum sauce is 50p, and a glass of wine 50p. A limited number of tables can be reserved for large parties.

From December 1 to 22, special Christmas lunches will be available in the Private Dining Rooms in the Refectory. The menu is: chilled honeydew melon; Roast Sussex turkey, bacon roll, walnut stuffing, Cranberry sauce or cider baked gammon with peaches, served with button sprouts, sliced carrots and roast potatoes; Home-made Christmas pudding with brandy sauce or fresh fruit salad; coffee with mince pie; glass of port.

The cost is £6.00 per head plus VAT at lunchtime, £6.30 per head plus VAT in the evening. Tel. 8221 to reserve a table.

Christmas puddings (1lb) at £1.20 each, large sausage rolls at £2.33 a dozen, mince pies at £1.80 a dozen, as well as flans, cheese straws and other items can be purchased from the Refectory. For full details of what is available, and to place an order, ring 8221. (Four days' notice is needed for large orders and all orders should be placed by December 12. The last date for collection is December 17.)
RESEARCH ON SOIL
EROSION ON DOWNS

Work on soil erosion on the South Downs by Dr. David Robinson of the University’s Geography Laboratory, and Dr. John Boardman of Brighton Polytechnic, is to be supported by the award of a research studentship by the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC).

In recent years, the spread of cereal growing on the South Downs has led to increasing problems of soil erosion. The NERC Special Topic Studentship (Agriculture and the Environment) will enable the investigation of how the structure of soil aggregates is weakened by permanent arable cultivation, thereby increasing the likelihood of soil loss.

The study will also consider whether short rotation grass leys can successfully restore soil structure or whether other soil conditioning practices are required.

PRIZE

Dr. Ted Tapper of the School of English and American Studies and his co-author, Dr. Brian Salter of Surrey University, have been awarded second prize in the annual Best Books on Education awards of the Standing Conference on Studies in Education for their "Power and Policy in Education".

IN THE RUNNING

Professor Gabriel Josipovici’s novel "Contre-Jour" was one of three runners-up in the novel category for the Whitbread Awards announced on November 4. The winning novel was "An Artist of the Floating World" by Kazuo Ishiguro.

DUNNE TRAVELLING

Dr. Michael Dunne, Lecturer in American Studies in EngAm, recently visited Moscow and Leningrad as a guest of the Soviet Academy of Sciences. He was there for discussions on the so-called New Political Thinking of the Gorbachev era, with particular reference to international affairs, disarmament and the USA. His visit was made under the provisions of the Anglo-Soviet Agreement on Scientific, Technical, Educational and Cultural Relations.

Dr. Dunne also had time for some sightseeing and was able to indulge his amateur interest in the symbolic encoding of the environment, both built and 'natural'. One of the best-known examples, both before and after the October Revolution, is the writing and visual art concerning Falconet's monument to Peter the Great - the "Bronze Horseman" of Pushkin and others - on the Neva embankment in Leningrad.

Michael Dunne would be keen to hear from anyone who is interested in Adam Mickiewicz's Polish contribution to the literature of the "Bronze Horseman", who "carved a window on to Europe" by founding the city that was once called St. Petersburg.

DIARY

November 28:

Town and Gown Club meeting at Sotheby's, Billingshurst.

November 30:

Charity Football Match at 2.30 p.m. at the Goldstone ground. University staff eleven against a team of celebrities. Proceeds to the Jubilee Scholarship Fund for Handicapped Students. Further details from Dave Burrell, Education Development Building, tel. 2306.

December 2:

Public Lecture at 6.30 p.m. in the Molecular Sciences Lecture Theatre. (Admission is free and no tickets are required.)

The final academic event of the Silver Jubilee Year is, appropriately, an open lecture on the historical use of the idea of "jubilee" by former Sussex DPhil student Malcolm Chase. Dr. Chase, who currently works in adult education in Middlesbrough, has taken as his title The origin of jubilees: contested territory between radicalism and patriotism. He writes of his theme, which arises from his work on nineteenth century working-class history: "We rejoice in hopes of a Jubilee; would seem an unpromising slogan with which to mobilise a mass meeting today; yet such were the sentiments expressed in 1819 at a Yorkshire meeting in protest at the infamous events of 'Peterloo'. So stark a contrast with the modern understanding of the word jubilee demands explanation. I will be looking at popular religious and political writings, mainly of the 18th and 19th centuries, to discover how radicalism borrowed a biblical concept and hardened it into almost a synonym for revolution."

There will be contributions from the floor on other uses of "jubilee". Professor John Harrison will be in the chair.
CENTRE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

Two residential weekend schools will take place at the White House, Isle of Thorns, Chelwood Gate, on November 28 to 30.

Woyzeck play, film and opera, with lecturers Michael Hall, Janet Canetty-Clark and Terry Hodgson.

Theatre Workshop with tutors Terry Hodgson and Tony Wiles.

A Saturday school on The History and Use of Sussex Commons, with tutor Heather Warne, will take place at the University on February 7, 1987.

Further details of these and other courses are available from the Centre for Continuing Education, EDB.

VICE-CHANCELLOR’S MEETING WITH FACULTY

The Vice-Chancellor’s termly meeting with faculty will take place on Thursday, November 25, 1:30 p.m. in the Senior Common Room, Recastery Building.

HITACHI LECTURE

A reminder that the fifth Hitachi Lecture will be given tonight (November 16) by Ron Todd, General Secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union, at 6.15 p.m. in the Terrace Room of the Recastery. Admission is free and no tickets are required.

RECIENT BOOKS

Recent books by Sussex authors and editors include:


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son. Tavistock. £20.00.


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