SUSSEX GEOGRAPHERS REPORT ON ROTTINGDEAN FLOOD

A team of Sussex geographers has been hard at work in the aftermath of the floods that submerged part of Rottingdean in several feet of water and mud on the night of October 7.

A Geography research group, under the co-ordination of Dr. Rendel Williams, is preparing a report for Brighton Borough Council on why the flood took place and what can be done to prevent a similar situation recurring.

The research group made an interim report to the Council within days, outlining the broad details of the rainfall and its impact on farmland which led to the flood, but it will take several weeks to provide a full analysis of the mass of data already collected.

The interim report describes the flood as the result of “exceptionally heavy rainfall” hitting the New Barn Valley at Rottingdean. Rainfall measurements show that October 7 was the wettest October day in 50 years in the locality following a five-day period in which 30 mm (1.2 inches) of rain had fallen.

The geographers report that 70% of the fields in the valley had been ploughed for winter wheat and barley. The soil had become relatively impermeable as a result of rolling and surface crusting caused by the impact of raindrops on the surface of the ploughed fields.

The rain on October 7 then resulted in a wall of water flowing down the valley engulfing about 30 houses and causing damage to many more gardens and outbuildings. The water was 4-5 feet deep in the upper valley, but the flow spread out and became shallower as it hit Rottingdean.

In the final report the Sussex geographers will give the Council suggested solutions to the problems of flooding. In the immediate term, the Council needs to know how much water the local sewers can hold and how much silt will be carried by a flood. Hydrological and soil erosion models are now being constructed to enable this to be done, but the geographers warn that temporary engineering works may not stand up to another major flood, and cannot be a long-term solution to the problem.

In the long-term, the geographers suggest that drainage must be improved and that some fields should be returned to grassland. However, the economic implications of such a move, for the farmer and the Council, need to be considered as downland farming is already a marginal activity.

The research group will also be investigating the social aspects of the flood damage, including the costs of repairs and levels of insurance claims.

The Sussex geographers involved in compiling the report for Brighton Council, which also owns the farm on which much of the erosion has taken place, are Dr. Rendel Williams, Dr. David Robinson, Dr. Alan Potts and Dr. Don Funnell. Also involved are Dr. J. Boardman, from Brighton Polytechnic and Dr. Tom Browne of the University Computing Centre. A second interim report will be made by the group once the models of soil erosion are in operation, and the final report is expected next month.

An aerial view of part of Rottingdean showing the path of the flow of water and mud down the New Barn Valley. The water came off the fields to the right of the picture, causing extensive damage to the houses in the centre. The channels out in an effort to prevent more flooding are visible in the upper part of the flow.
The Chancellor, Lord Marsh (second from left) reserving on behalf of the University the Paul Harris Fellowship from Mr. Bill Parley, President of the Brighton and Hove Seafarers Rotary Club. The Fellowship, the Rotary Club's highest tribute, was made to the University for its work in facilitating international mobility and goodwill. Mr. Parley said: "The University takes at least 500 overseas students every year as well as ten sponsored by the Rotary Foundation. They have done a considerable amount to further international goodwill." Also pictured at the ceremony held at the University on October 6 are the Vice-Chancellor, Mr. Leslie Fielding (left) and the Registrar & Secretary, Dr. Geoffrey Lockwood.

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**RESEARCH GRANTS NEWS**

Welcome European Research Fellowships 1988-89: Applications are invited from post-doctoral researchers in the natural and clinical sciences for awards, including the Trustees' special fellowships to Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, Hungary, Norway and Sweden. Long-term and short-term fellowships are available for working visits. Closing date: November 30, 1987.

ACU Senior Travelling Fellowships and Administrative Travelling Fellowships 1988 The above are open to members of faculty and the Administration to visit another Commonwealth country for one, two or exceptionally three, months. Closing date: January 31, 1988.

MRC Training Fellowships 1988-89: Applications are invited from science graduates with a higher degree and with research experience up to Lecturer or equivalent level to gain specialized or further research training in the biomedical field within the UK. Closing date February 1, 1988.

Further details of the above are held in the Research Grants Office, Room 201, Sussex House.

INTACH (UK) Trust invites applications from British nationals for pursuing studies and research in India in the fields of: archaeology, ancient Indian art, architecture, iconography, epigraphy, history, numismatics, museology, history of technology, scientific applications for humanities and craft disciplines, including textiles, and any other related disciplines in humanities.

Applicants must possess an academic qualification in the discipline of their choice and be either graduates, wishing to follow courses of post-graduate study at an Indian University leading to a PhD degree, or research students, already registered for a higher degree at a British university and wishing to undertake field work or study in India, or post-doctoral researchers or teachers intending to do research in an Indian University or at an institution of higher education. The scholarships are tenable for periods ranging from six months to two years, depending upon the course of study/research applied for.

The scholarship, apart from free air passage to and from India, and the payment of all University fees, carries with it a subsistence allowance of Rs. 3000/- p.m. in addition to a further allowance of Rs. 1000/- for those accompanied by their spouse, plus reasonable allowances for medical insurance, purchase of books and equipment, typing of thesis, clothing and internal travel.

Application forms may be obtained from the Occupational Advisory Service, Falmer House.
Three hundred of the 605 mature trees in the central part of the campus, some of them 200 years old, have been lost in the Great Gale. Elms which had survived the ravages of Dutch Elm Disease, giant beeches, oaks and sycamores were among the trees toppled as the storm in the early hours of Friday, October 16 raged across campus.

Russell's Clump, to the north-west of the Gardner Centre, is a tangle of massive fallen beeches. Ninety per cent of the trees have been lost here. Many elms along the centre spine of the campus, which had been cossetted by Grounds Staff for years in what was proving to be a successful fight against disease, were brought down.

Despite the severity of the gales, no-one was injured and little damage was caused to campus buildings. Worst hit were the Sportcentre and the Central Stores, which both suffered holes in their roofs.

Falling trees hit Kent House and one of the Engineering buildings but no major structural damage was reported. However, a catering supplies van along with a number of vehicles in the Sportcentre car park were crushed by trees.

Sixteen Grounds Staff and paviours worked throughout the Friday of the gale and over the weekend to clear access to roads and car parks. Painters and fitters joined the carpenters in boarding up broken windows and making buildings safe; Bob Carrett, the fitter on emergency stand-by, worked throughout the weekend.

Laurie Taylor, Estates Manager, paid tribute to the Estates and Maintenance staff: "They deserve full marks for a magnificent effort in dealing with the damage."

Fortunately, most of the memorial trees survived the gale and the University's tree planting policy will pay off: some of the clumps of 12-year-old stock are now due for thinning-out and these trees will be planted around the campus. In addition, fifty disease-resistant Dutch Groeneveld elms were already on order before the storm.

It will be after Christmas before all the tree roots have been grubbed out and next autumn before tree-planting goes ahead. In the meantime, a new tree-planting scheme will be drawn up and the University is likely to call on the advice of a professional landscape consultant.

As the Bulletin goes to press, people in various parts of the University are planning to contribute to funds for new trees.

WANT ANY LOGS?
Timber from the fallen trees is being cut up into manageable chunks and University staff and students are welcome to remove the wood for their own purposes. The timber can be collected from where the trees fell.
AWARD FOR SUSSEX GEOGRAPHER - AND MORE PREHISTORIC DISCOVERIES

Dr Helen Rendell, of the University of Sussex Geography Laboratory, has been selected to receive a top award in the field of Engineering Geology for a paper written in conjunction with Dr David Alexander of the University of Massachusetts.

The 1987 AEG Publication Awards for the most outstanding paper published in the Bulletin of the Association of Engineering Geologists last year. The award was presented in Atlanta, Georgia on October 11, although Dr Rendell was unable to attend the ceremony.

The paper was entitled "Stability of the Lucanian Dolomites Sandstone Outcrop, Southern Italy", and was published in the AEG Bulletin Vol. XXIII, No. 3 in August 1986.

Dr Rendell has also been in the news recently following the discovery of 2-million-year-old artefacts in Northern Pakistan by the British Archaeological Mission to Pakistan.

Several stone tools, believed to have been made by early humans, have been found and this has led to a re-assessment of the previously held view that man evolved in Africa, and began to disperse around Asia and Europe around 1 1/2 million years ago.

As yet, no human remains have been found in Pakistan dating back as far as the tools, but some researchers now believe that the first type of man to leave Africa was homo habilis, a more primitive form of man than homo erectus who, it was previously believed, started the migration.

Dr Rendell was closely involved in the dating of the artefacts in conjunction with Dr Ernie Hallwood of Southampton University. The geological strata in which the artefacts lay were analysed using paleomagnetic techniques, based on a knowledge of changes in the polarity of the Earth's magnetic field over time. The materials in the geological strata were dated as between 0.7 and 2.5 million years old using this method.

A more precise date was obtained by applying knowledge of the geological history of the area. Previous work had established that the rocks in this area had been subject to folding between 2.1 and 1.9 million years ago. The artefacts can therefore be dated as around two million years old.

The discovery of the stone tools has received much attention in the press, both here and in the USA. However, the process of dating the artefacts has been arduous, and they were in fact found in 1983. Dr Rendell here describes how she found them:

"At the end of a particularly arduous survey down a small but thorn-bush infested channel, I sat down to rest on the lip of a small waterfall ... I looked down to my left, I saw what appeared to be a stone artefact - a large quartzite core from which flakes had been struck - embedded in the gritstone/conglomerate stratum."

The next step will be to find human remains that can be dated, so as to establish whether it was homo erectus or homo habilis who was in Northern Pakistan two million years ago. If this can be achieved, Dr Rendell believes that studies of human prehistory will be revolutionised.

UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY MUST WORK TOGETHER, SAYS VICE-CHANCELLOR

A powerful call to the University community to re-examine its values was made by the Vice-Chancellor when he preached at the Opening of Session Service on October 8.

"Do we treat our University caringly, and with the respect that such a first-class, but also such a fragile, institution requires?", he asked. "When trouble strikes the campus, and self-inflicted wounds threaten the well-being and good name of the University, do we find it easier to play the ostrich and to pay the danegeld? Or do we get out there together, all urging self-discipline, responsibility and good sense?"

"Is Faculty Jack all right, or Student Joe Soap, as long as no-one tramples his particular academic cabbage patch and ruffles his own lecture notes or personal possessions or does he see himself, as John Donne put it, as 'a piece of the Continent, a part of the main'?"

In his opening remarks, the Vice-Chancellor referred to his predecessor, Sir Denis Wilkinson's, definition of the important functions of a university as being "the preservation and transmission of universal culture and the management of Man's awareness of himself and of his environment; the sharpening of the critical mind." For these functions to be served and for the University to bear fruit, research, teaching, learning and administration each needed to flourish, Mr Fielding said. But they were merely the bones of any university. "The living flesh is the cohering collective reality of campus life. Universities are holistic, living organisms endowed with a personality and teleology of their own."

A university worthy of the name should be pluralistic and tolerant of unorthodoxy, Mr Fielding maintained, "a happy place, free and fecund," where academic liberty was respected and scholarly creativity flourished. If it was not, it was our Christian duty to try to make it so, he told the congregation in the Meeting House.

Mr Fielding, a Lay Reader in the Church of England, said that the University should be 'user-friendly', a familiar and welcoming place with importance given not only to the accretion of knowledge for its own sake but also to the welfare and optimal physical, social and especially intellectual development of the individual student.

"The University should be a Socratic City State with leaders and some form of participatory governance, but also respecting the rights of the individual and permitting diversity of academic goals and multiplicity of schools of opinion," he added.

Learning could be fun, but was also hard. For some, the process had to be conducted in a state of initial 'culture shock' in a foreign land. "Many students find themselves away from home for the first time, in a rootless, permissive and emotionally unstable environment, and far from immune to money worries," Mr Fielding said.

Of universities generally, Mr Fielding said that financial and other problems had given rise to a crisis, to quote the Vice-Chancellor of Hull, "not only of public confidence but also of internal purpose", creating what he had called "an atmosphere of anxiety and defensiveness". "This is no way to have treated such delicate organisms as universities - just as they should not have been treated over-indulgently at an earlier stage," Mr Fielding said.
VICE-CHANCELLOR SPEAKS TO UK PENSION FUND MANAGERS

The Vice-Chancellor spoke at the Institutional Investor UK Pension Fund Seminar held at the Grand Hotel, Brighton, earlier this month. Mr. Fielding, the former Director General for External Relations of the Commission of the European Communities, spoke on "The EEC's Role in World Trade Policy" to an audience of UK pension fund managers.

The New York-based Institutional Investor organised the three-day seminar entitled "Smirking Towards The Nineties". Other speakers included Raymond Barre, former French Prime Minister, and Michael Heseltine, former Secretary of State for Defence.

Dr. Geoffrey Lockwood, Registrar & Secretary, welcoming Miss Amy Sul-Lan Hong to the University as the first recipient under the Sir Run Run Shaw Scholarship Scheme which extends the close links between the University and the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Amy, who is undertaking an MA in Education, was also the first recipient of the Fulton Prize at the Chinese University earlier this year; the prize recognises the key role of Lord Fulton, the founding Vice-Chancellor of this University, in the creation and development of the Chinese University.

SUSSEX WOMEN AT THE AWARDS

One of the "Women of the Year" attending the annual luncheon, held in London at the Savoy Hotel on October 26, was our own Professor Margaret Boden, Dean of the School of Cognitive Sciences.

The luncheon, televised by the BBC, is held in aid of charity and those invited to attend have been recognised for having achieved success in their chosen field during the past year.

Professor Boden is a Fellow of the British Academy and a pioneer in the field of Artificial Intelligence. As the founding Dean of the new School of Cognitive Sciences, she has helped bring a new interdisciplinary approach to the study of intelligence and the mechanisms underlying it.

Professor Boden has for the past five years attended the Women of the Year Luncheon, which this year was held in aid of the Greater London Fund for the Blind.

* And two former Sussex undergraduates were among the two hundred youth women invited to attend the Cosmopolitan Women of Tomorrow awards held at London's Hyde Park Hotel on October 1.

Nicola Swann (nee Rees) graduated in 1980 with a BA in French, and now works for Barclays Bank, Hatton Gardens branch, where she specialises in diamond trading. She was chosen as the winner of the industry and commerce category at the Women of Tomorrow awards.

HONORARY DEGREE FOR MARIE JAHODA

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UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN

Miss Elizabeth Rodger, University Librarian since 1980, took early retirement last month. Mr. Adrian Peasgood has taken over the duties of Librarian and the appointing committee for the post has recommended to Senate and Council that he should be appointed Librarian. Mr. Peasgood was appointed Deputy Librarian in 1979.
VARIETY IS THE KEYNOTE

Variety continues to be the keynote at the Gardner Centre with contemporary comedy and cabaret, folk roots music, American dance theatre, Celtic music and opera all featured this week alone.

Tonight (Tuesday, Oct. 27) the delightful Japanese duo the Frank Chickens headline a cabaret evening with their eccentric spoofs on Japanese and British culture. Their blend of music, dance, mime and surreal anecdotes made them one of the biggest attractions on the British cabaret circuit. Also on the bill are poet and comedienne Joolz and Sandi Toksvig.

The hottest high-energy folk band in the country at the moment is undoubtedly The Oyster Band, who are in concert at the Gardner Centre. Leaders in the field of what is now generally dubbed folk roots, the band's new album has shot instantly to number one in the Folk Roots magazine charts.

The Urban Bush Women are an exciting and original six-strong all-woman dance theatre company from New York. They come to the Gardner on October 29 and 30 at the end of a short British tour. Originally formed in 1984 by Jawole Willa Jo Zollar, now one of the most sought-after choreographers in the USA, and blend western contemporary dance technique with African, Caribbean and black American folk styles in a vibrant and theatrical mix.

As founder and guiding force of the Incredible String Band, Robin Williamson was a legendary figure in the psychedelic era of the late 60s. Twenty years later he is still a gentle but compelling performer, a multi-instrumentalist particularly skilled with the Celtic harp, and you can see him on October 31.

Soprano Josephine Barstow has received extensive publicity in recent weeks for a variety of acclaimed operatic performances. On November 1 she sings in a gala concert in aid of the British Heart Foundation which includes excerpts from operatic and operetta works such as La Traviata and Madam Butterfly, together with songs by Stephen Sondheim.

The brilliant Brazilian pianist Arnaud Cohen continues the Gardner's centenary celebrations for Villa-Lobos on November 3 with a recital which includes the composer's Alma Brasileira and the Prelude from Bachianas Brasileiras No. 4 together with works by Chopin, Schumann and Liszt.

Celebrating their 21st birthday are the People's Show, surely Britain's oldest surviving experimental theatre company. Their inspired blend of surreal humour, music and brilliant design has maintained their reputation down the years and on November 4 to 6 they present Whistle Stop, a hilarious and inventive parody of horror film you have ever seen. They have been awarded for this production by a founder member Jeff Nuttall, author of the 60s cult book Bomb Culture.

Loose Tubes percussionist Steve Arguelles is back at the Gardner on November 7, this time with Foli, a band fronted by the brilliant jazz pianist John Taylor. Foli combine with Vocal Summit, a remarkable jazz singing trio which includes Norma Winstone, for a concert of real contemporary jazz virtuosity.

On November 10 and 11 the Gardner presents Phoenix Dance, the exciting all-male black dance company from Leeds who burst on to the British dance scene as a major new force just a few years ago and were featured on the South Bank Show.

Brighton director Sue Pomeroy brings her national touring company Good Company to the Gardner on November 12 and 13 with a specially commissioned new play Crowned With Fames, which deals with the fascinating life of the brilliant but now sadly neglected black British composer Samuel Coleridge Taylor.

And on November 11, 12 and 13 there is a short series of lunchtime performances in the Gallery by women artists Monica Ross, Ethelreda and Anne Bevan. The programme also includes discussions and a day forum on women in art.

ORGAN AND CHORAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Two Organ Scholarships are available in the Meeting House; value £200 p.a. At least two Choral Scholarships are available in the Meeting House Choir: £75 p.a. For details and audition arrangements, please contact Colin Thompson, University Chaplain.

SUSSSEX UNIVERSITY VOCAL ENSEMBLE

The Ensemble is a chamber choir that meets regularly under the direction of Haig Utidjian. Rehearsals are on Thursdays at 7.15 p.m. in the Chapel. Although the emphasis is on interpretation, some vocal tuition is also provided through regular workshop sessions. Membership is open to University members and the local community. Further details from Ana Barbou (Euro) or Haig Utidjian (Eaps).

SUSSX AID5 CAMPAIGN CO-ORDINATOR

Gill Savage, a former staff nurse at Brighton General Hospital, has been appointed co-ordinator for the Sussex University AIDS Campaign. Her brief is to inform and educate the University community about the risks and problems associated with HIV.

Gill took up her post, which is funded by the AIDS Virus Education & Research Trust and the University, in September and she will be on campus until the end of December.

A series of AIDS workshops has already been held for first year students and part of Gill's job is to conduct a number of surveys to monitor the effectiveness of campaigns to increase awareness of AIDS. The results of a survey conducted last term, as well as the first national AIDS and Higher Education Conference hosted by the Sussex Students Union in September, have shown that there is still more to be done both in addressing individual fears and prejudices and developing more effective training programmes, Gill says.

With only limited funds available, Gill sees the University's educational resources and access to specialist information as a potentially valuable asset: "I would welcome the help of University members, particularly academic staff who even though they may not have expert knowledge of the virus, or AIDS counselling, may well have something to offer Sussex AIDS Campaign from their own professional area."

Gill is based in the Link-Up office in Falmer House (tel. 8194) where she is available to deal with enquiries and provide confidential advice.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS IN UNIVERSITIES

The Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals (CVCP) has published a report on universities' methods and procedures for maintaining and monitoring academic standards in the light of advice given by the Reynolds Committee. The report includes Codes of Practice on

- the external examiner system for first degree and taught master's courses;
- external involvement in the maintenance and monitoring of academic standards;
- postgraduate training and research;
- appeals processes at postgraduate research degree level;
- universities' internal procedures for maintaining and monitoring academic standards.

New regulations for MPhil and DPhil students in the light of the codes were introduced in October. The postgraduate committee will be reviewing procedures in the light of the report at their meetings this term. Any members of faculty wishing to obtain further information on the report should contact Dr. D.E. Tutt, Senior Assistant Registrar, in Sussex House (tel. 3809).
SURFACE PHYSICS GROWS AT SUSSEX

Two Sussex physicists working in the rapidly developing field of surface science are continuing to attract significant support from the Science and Engineering Research Council (SERC), in addition to collaboration being undertaken with industry.

Dr John Venables and Dr Mike Hardiman of the School of Mathematical and Physical Sciences have received four new grants from the SERC in the last year worth a total of £325,000. These grants supplement those received previously for new equipment between 1982 and 1985, totalling more than £325,000.

The study of surface science is of great importance to many areas of research and technology, as it deals with the part of a structure which interacts with the outside world.

The electron industry is very interested in surfaces at present and, in particular, in the way in which artificial "layered" structures can be grown. Several new classes of semi-conductor material, with layers only teams of atoms thick, are being grown under clean ultra high vacuum (UHV) conditions.

Dr Venables has long been interested in the microscopic details of the growth mechanisms involved when one material is deposited on another. Much of his research involves the use of the UHV scanning electron microscope (SEM), and he and Dr Chris Harland are currently constructing a new machine for such studies.

Dr Venables now also holds a one-third time faculty appointment at the High Resolution Electron Microscopy Facility at Arizona State University, where another new machine is being designed to refine the processes used in surface physics down to atomic resolution.

Dr Hardiman is starting work in another area of surface science: the study of the magnetic properties of surfaces. This complements his present studies of surface electrical properties. The most recent SERC grant received by him and Dr Venables will be used to equip the existing SEM with a spin and energy resolving electron detector. The Sussex surface physics group will be the first in the UK to be able to study the magnetism of surfaces and very small particles using this technique.

A fundamental understanding of magnetic structures, particularly on a very small scale, is of great importance to the recording industry in their quest for higher information storage capacity on magnetic tapes or discs, and interest has already been shown by some companies in the research at Sussex.

The surface physics group has built up strong connections with a number of industrial companies involved in the manufacture of the instruments used in this specialist field. The Vacuum Generators (VG) group, based in Sussex, has provided studentships and is building the new machine designed by Dr Venables in collaboration with his colleagues in Arizona. Initial contacts are world leaders in this field, and much of their success is based on collaborations with UK universities.

DATA PROTECTION ACT

By the time the next issue of the Bulletin appears, the provisions of the 1984 Data Protection Act will be fully implemented. The right of subject access comes into force on November 11, 1987. From that date individuals will be entitled to know of any computer-held personal data on them, that is, data held by others for the purposes of processing. Any person or body that holds personal data is under an obligation to give information about the source of the data, the type of data and its uses, and any persons or bodies to whom the data has been disclosed.

The University's registration under the Act is in three parts - relating to the Library, the central Administration and the rest of the University. A copy of the registration may be seen in the Documents Section of the Library.

The University adopted a Code of Practice relating to the Act last year. Copies may be consulted for reference in School Offices, the Library or the Personnel Office.

The University's Data Protection Officer is Pat Tear, Deputy Secretary, in Sussex House.

The Data Protection Registrar has produced a series of Guidelines to the Act. These may be obtained free of charge by telephoning the Registrar's Enquiry Service on Wimislow (0622) 535777.

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The national crisis in student housing has again hit the headlines with the annual horror stories of camp beds for new undergraduates and damp and decaying conditions for others. The situation in Brighton is often highlighted as being particularly bad, but here Brian Reynolds, University Accommodation Office, reports on the progress made by the Accommodation Office this term.

In the two weeks preceding the 1987/88 academic year, a great deal of publicity was given in the local and national media to student housing problems in Brighton. A considerable number of homeless students were predicted, and in reporting on a serious housing shortage at Reading University where large numbers of students were sleeping on camp beds, television news claimed that a similar situation existed at Sussex.

So, what did happen at the University of Sussex?

All new first-year undergraduates and visiting and exchange students who had registered for University accommodation were housed by the Accommodation Office from the start of term, with just seven exceptions, all of whom lived locally. Subsequently, offered rooms in the first week of term. Even those students offered places through the clearing system were found rooms.

As in previous years, a waiting list was opened on the first day of term for students wishing to move into University accommodation. The first names on the list were of students who had been given a low priority for housing by the Accommodation Appeals Committee earlier in the year.

120 people in total went on to the waiting list, not all of whom were necessarily homeless, although some were undoubtedly sleeping on friends' beds. Non-arrivals to rooms during the first week enabled over forty to be offered to people on the waiting list.

An article in the Evening Argus on October 1 resulted in several new offers of accommodation and queries from people whose rooms had previously been offered but not filled. This confirmed the availability of private sector accommodation, although some of this would be unacceptable to our students due to the high rents being asked and an unwillingness to accept bedsits or lodgings as opposed to flats, caused by the natural desire of students for privacy and freedom which are not perceived as being present in the former.

The University is aware of the problems facing students over finding suitable accommodation, and three separate initiatives to increase the University's housing stock are being followed up. Unfortunately, there is a long lead-in time with any major construction work, and considerable financial difficulties are faced in producing a scheme which results in affordable rents.

Every effort is being made to ensure that the proposed closure of the Polytechnic sites at Eastbourne will increase demand on the rented housing in the private sector in Brighton and Hove.
NOTICEBOARD

VACANCIES

The Personnel Office has issued the following summary of posts to be filled. Advertisements for these vacancies have been placed in local and, where appropriate, national press, as well as being circulated to the relevant Section Heads and union representatives for circulation to staff and noticeboards. Copies of these advertisements, and further particulars if available, as well as application forms, are obtainable from the Personnel Office, Room 227, Sussex House. This list was compiled on October 20 and is subject to revision. All posts are for male or female applicants.

Faculty
Chair in Artificial Intelligence, School of Cognitive Sciences
Lectureship in Science and Technology Policy Studies, SPRU
Temporary Lectureship in Experimental Psychology, Laboratory of Experimental Psychology (for 1 year)

Secretarial, Clerical and Related
Recruitment Clerk, Personnel Office (grade 3)
Secretary to Research Team, SPRU (grade 3) (closing date 29/10/87)
Secretary to Research Team, SPRU (grade 2) (closing date 29/10/87)
Secretary, Accommodation Bureau (grade 1/2)
Secretary, Vice-Chancellor's Office (grade 1/2)
Secretary, Administration Data Processing (grade 1/2)
Finance Clerk/Typist, Estates & Maintenance Department (grade 1/2)
Cashier, Business Division (grade 3)

General
For Estates & Maintenance Dept.: Electricians Fitters/Plumbers Carpenters/Joiners Painters Maintenance Person Catering Supervisor, Playing Fields Pavilion (part-time) (UCNS Wage Rate A/B)
Cleaners, Student Residence (20 hrs. per week) (UCNS Grade A/B)
Cleaners, Off-Campus Residences (20 hrs. per week) (UCNS Grade A/B)
Catering Assistant (part-time)

CENTRE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

Saturday Schools to be held at the University:
November 7: The Kingdom of the South Saxons (Tutor: Mark Gardiner)
November 14: The Female Aspects of Divinity: A Present-Day Quest (Tutor: Asphodel Long)
November 21: Understanding Human Behaviour (Tutor: Helga Retke-Grover)

Further details of these and other courses are available from the Centre in EDB.

THE WHISTLER PRIZE ESSAY 1988

A Prize of £100 is offered annually for an original essay on Natural History or Archaeology. It is endowed by the late Mrs. M.J. Whistler, of Battle, in memory of her husband, Hugh Whistler 3P, FZS, who had a special interest in ornithology.

The prize is open to all students of the University of Sussex, including registered members of classes run by the Centre for Continuing Education. Essays, which should not normally exceed 5,000 words, should be submitted by APRIL 30, 1988.

Full particulars and guidelines for the submission of essays should be obtained from Mrs. J.D. Skeet, Centre for Continuing Education, Education Development Building, University of Sussex, Brighton. Tel: Brighton (0273) 678025.

LIBRARY

NEWS

The Library will be conducting a comprehensive review of its periodical subscriptions in Spring Term 1988 along the same lines as the 1983 election. Further information will be sent to Subject Chairmen by the end of this term. All academic and research faculty will receive appropriate papers and voting instructions at the beginning of the Spring Term 1988.

Mobile shelving being installed this week in the former New Seminar Room in the Library will eventually house more than 40,000 books. After an initial period of use by library staff as a further store area the new shelving will accommodate publicly accessible collections. Its introduction postpones for several years the difficult questions which will arise when the Library building eventually reaches capacity.

UoS ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY TEACHERS

To all members of the AUT: a general meeting of the Association will be held on Thursday, November 3, 1988, from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Molecular Sciences Lecture Theatre. Among other things, the General Meeting will consider Resolutions for the AUT December National Council Meeting.

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LUNCHTIME MUSIC

Meeting House Chapel
Tuesdays, 1.15 p.m. Admission free.
October 27: John Birch (organ)
November 3: Sue Pogson (mezzo-soprano) and Rona Allan (soprano)
November 10: Adrian Stark (organ)
November 17: John Birch (organ)

Sussex Trugs
Fridays, 1-2 p.m. Playing Fields Pavilion Mainstream/traditional jazz

Gardner Centre
November 10, 1 p.m. Admission £1 (50p) Chilming (origami)

BULLETTIN

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The last edition for this term will appear on December 8 with a copy date of November 30.

Please remember to let us know about news events - we can only inform you, if you inform us.

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IDENTITY CARDS

Staff on temporary appointments holding blue identity cards will need to renew their cards for this academic year. Existing cards may be used up to October 31, 1987, and a new card may be obtained by filling in the form below and sending it with a passport-size photograph to the Personnel Office, Sussex House.

NAME

POST

BUILDING

WHERE TO EAT AND DRINK ON CAMPUS

Please note that the Sports Pavilion is open for food, bar snacks and sandwiches from 12 noon to 2.15 p.m., as well as 5.15 - 10.00 p.m., Mondays to Fridays.

RECENT BOOKS

Recent books by Sussex authors include:
Long Run Economics: An Evolutionary Approach to Economic Growth by Norman Clark and Caje Stoma. Pinter. £20.00.
Technological Change and Full Employment, edited by Christopher Freeman and Luc Soete. Blackwell. £29.50.
Managing Industrial Change in Western Europe, edited by Francisca Duchene and Geoffrey Shepherd. Pinter. £25.00.
Computers, Cognition and Developmental Issues in Psychology and Education. Edited by Jurgen Reckwitz and Charles Crocker, and with contributions by Benedict du Boulay, Julie Reckwitzka, Michael Scalfi, José Gerhard and Stephanie Thornhill. Wiley. £32.00.
All available from Sussex University Bookshop.