Three of the country’s most distinguished legal figures were awarded honorary degrees by the University on 21 November. Lord Elwyn-Jones, Lord Hailsham and Lord Nathan received the degree of Doctor of Laws from the Vice-Chancellor at a special graduation ceremony in the Meeting House.

All three have local connections. Lord Nathan lives in Petworth and as President of the Sussex Downsmen has made a significant contribution to the preservation of the South Downs as an environmentally sensitive area. Lord Nathan practised as a solicitor in the City of London for 40 years. He was Vice-Chairman of the Goodman Committee which reported on the law relating to charity and voluntary organisations, and Chairman of the Working Party on Energy and the Environment. He is currently Chairman of the House of Lords Select Committee on Murder and Life Imprisonment and active in several charities; for example, he is a past President of the Jewish Welfare Board and has worked for many years for the British Empire Cancer Campaign.

Lord Elwyn-Jones was called to the Bar in 1935. During his subsequent distinguished legal and political career, he was a prosecuting counsel at Nuremberg, active in international human rights, and involved in some of the most notable cases heard in the post-war period, such as the Moors murders, Torrey Canyon and Ronan Point. His achievements in legal reforms are too numerous to mention, but his high offices include those of Attorney-General and Lord High Chancellor.

Lord Elwyn-Jones has lived in Brighton for many years; one of his daughters is a Senior Lecturer at Brighton Polytechnic and her husband, Joe Taylor, is a Lecturer in Mathematics at Sussex.

When he was young, Lord Hailsham used to visit the Pelham family at Stanmer House, and 30 years ago he attended a meeting in the Royal Pavilion which discussed the possible location of a university in Stanmer Park; it is therefore particularly appropriate that he should receive an honorary degree from Sussex. Lord Hailsham’s eminence among lawyers and his political prominence are such that few need reminding of his distinctions, but to be twice Lord High Chancellor is sufficiently rare to warrant recording.
IN CHINA

Dr. Stephen Yeo paid a five-week visit to China earlier this term as the fourth Sussex historian to go to China under the University's History Exchange Scheme with Tianjin Normal University and Beijing University. He gave seminars and lectures at both these universities and at the North-Western University and Shaxi Normal (both in Xian), Hubei University (Wuhan), Chongqing Normal, and Zhongshan University (Guangzhou). His host was Professor Pang Zhou-hen of Tianjin who was at Sussex last year. In Beijing he was looked after by Liu Chao-Xiong, the first visitor to come to Sussex under this scheme. Next April, Sussex historians will be welcoming Professor Gao from Tianjin for a six-month visit.

Dr. Yeo is pictured here with Professor Yang Shi-Zhien, Vice-President of Tianjin Normal University, after an official banquet given to welcome Dr. Yeo.

GRADUATES RECOUNT THEIR EXPERIENCES

Mr Lloyd Seawar, a former MA student in International Relations from 1970 to 1971, who attained the rank of Ambassador in the Guyanese Foreign Service, returned to the University on 9 November to talk to current undergraduates and postgraduates on Caribbean States and International Organisation.

The week before, at an International Relations Subject Group residential conference at the Isle of Thorns which was devoted to Latin America, five other former IR students, now working in the mass media, in international banking, and in major international relief organisations, contributed talks from their own experiences within that region and in relations towards it.

LIBRARY NEWS

The catalogues of most university libraries, and several polytechnics and DES-funded research establishments, can now be searched across JANET, the Joint Academic Network. Recent connections include several of the London colleges: King's, Queen Mary and the British Library of Political and Economic Science at the LSE. A summary list of services available can be obtained from Information Services in the University Library.

UNIRAS - a great advance in computer graphics

The phrases 'presentation graphics', 'solid-modelling', 'application oriented graphics' and 'scientific visualisation' are fashionable in the computer graphics world. This jargon masks a growing acceptance that graphics can be a very effective means of communication. We open a newspaper and see charts and diagrams that immediately convey details of the latest feat or fad. On television, our attention is caught by images of 3-dimensional coloured objects which we know are produced by computers but deceive our eyes.

Traditionally, computer graphics has meant flickering line images on a screen, followed by the production of line drawings using a mechanical plotter. The media was low technology (pen, ink and paper) and the results simply a rapidly-drawn version of that produced by a draughtsman.

However, the high speed of the actual plotting masked the low speed of the whole process for the user. If any versatility was required, the user first had to learn a programming language, then identify and combine together 'subroutines', each producing an individual feature of a diagram, from a library of available subroutines. Alternative approaches offered an easily used set of computer programs, each complete, producing a simple selection of chart or graph styles. This approach failed as soon as any deviation from the 'normal' style was required.

Recognizing the above, the Inter University Software Committee (IUSC) set up a working party in 1986 to explore 'the provision of Information Graphics Software for all sizes of computers in British higher education establishments'. After evaluating many products, the 'UNIRAS' suite of programs was chosen as offering the best match between features and requirements. The capital cost was found by various national funding bodies such as the Computer Board for Research Councils and Universities. Over 70 universities, polytechnics and research institutions now have UNIRAS making it the de facto standard. For this reason, Computing Service resources will gradually be transferred from the older graphical facilities in order to fully support this standard.

UNIRAS allows both the simple 'package' approach and the 'advanced' programmer approach without prejudice, comprising three interactive programs and nine subroutine libraries. It is currently available on the Computing Service VAX computers. The interactive programs can be run from graphics terminals simply by requesting options from menus. We anticipate that this will prove very popular, as we get increasing requests for 'computer graphics' from users with little knowledge of computing and no knowledge of programming. UNIRAS allows all common categories of diagrams to be produced, such as line, bar and pie charts and two- and three-dimensional plots. Even four-dimensional plots may be produced! A graphical editor allows both text and diagrams to be freely mixed. Finally, UNIRAS can draw using the latest technology, ink jets, laser, film and so on, giving images vastly different from simple pen and ink drawings.

The 'subroutine libraries' do require some knowledge of programming but greatly simplify what were taxing problems. For example, it is simple to display images from data produced by medical instruments or satellites, to draw maps of any part of the world using a variety of projections or to produce solid models with shading and highlighting. We do not promise that you will be producing output like the title sequences of the television news programmes overnight but a lot is possible!

An introductory document entitled 'UNIRAS: An Overview', outlining the main features of UNIRAS, has been produced locally and distributed to all academic UNIRAS users. Free copies of the document may be obtained from the Computing Service Reception desks in Physics 3 and Arts B.

If you would like more information about UNIRAS, please contact Tom Browne (2967) or Roger Discombe (2953). Tom is the Computing Service graphics specialist and a member of the national UNIRAS User Group. Roger is the Computing Service Information Officer and a member of the Information Graphics Working Party that selected UNIRAS.
SUSSEX PHYSICISTS VISIT MOSCOW

Three Sussex physicists — Professor Douglas Brewer, Dr. Norman Dombey and Dr. David Waxman — spent a week in Moscow in October, visiting and lecturing in several institutions under the provisions of a protocol established last year between the University of Sussex and two Moscow institutes.

Strong, though informal, links have existed between Sussex and Soviet scientists for many years, covering several areas of experimental and theoretical physics. The possibility of a more formal arrangement for collaboration was discussed by Professor Brewer and the Director of the Institute of Physical Problems (Academician A.S. Borovik-Romanov) and the Director of the Landau Institute for Theoretical Physics (Academician I.M. Khalatnikov) during a visit to Sussex in 1986 by a group of Russian physicists. In October 1987 they signed the protocol, since confirmed by an exchange of letters between the USSR Academy of Sciences and the Royal Society.

Under the terms of the protocol, the three institutions have agreed to collaborate in the fields of quantum fluids and solids and of theoretical physics and astronomy. The collaboration will take the form of joint research projects, seminars, and the joint publication of research papers.

For the scientific part of the visit, Professor Brewer — a low-temperature experimentalist working mainly on quantum fluids — spent most of his time in the Institute of Physical Problems. This is the famous Kapitza Institute, named after Peter Kapitza who was the joint discoverer in 1938 of superfluidity in the heavy isotope of liquid helium, for which he was many years later awarded the Nobel Prize. He worked with Rutherford at Cambridge in the 1930s and returned to Moscow in 1934 where, a year later, the Institute was founded with Kapitza as Director.

Professor Borovik-Romanov and his colleague Professor Y. Bun'kov continue the tradition of making important discoveries at the frontiers of superfluidity, but now in the light helium isotope, \(^3\)He, which becomes superfluid only at extremely low temperatures, within about 1 millidegree (one thousandth of a degree) above absolute zero, that is around 273 degrees centigrade below the freezing point of ice. They are both expected to visit Sussex in 1989.

Both at the Institute of Physical Problems and at the nearby Lebedev Institute there is a great deal of experimental activity on high-temperature superconductivity, in common with other countries such as the USA, Japan and the UK. Professor Brewer also gave a lecture on the interaction of quantum particles with solid surfaces — a subject which, although in its aim very different from superfluidity in \(^3\)He, has certain experimental aspects which may be relevant to some of the most recent Moscow observations which are difficult to understand.

Norman Dombey and David Waxman are both theoretical physicists whose interests are in the fields of particle physics and low temperature condensed state systems. David Waxman is currently working on the microscopic properties of the A - B phase boundary of superfluid \(^3\)He and gave a lecture at the Institute of Physical Problems on the subject. Dr. A.V. Markelov of that Institute is working on related problems involving a hydrodynamic treatment of the phase boundary. Professor I.G. Fomin at the Landau Institute is working on the related subject of domain walls in the B phase associated with Professor Bun'kov's experiment.

Also at the Landau Institute is Professor G.E. Volovik who is working on an approach to superfluid \(^3\)He using the topological properties of quantum field theory. This subject is also being pursued at Sussex by Drs. Dombey, Waxman and Bailin with the aid of a research grant from the Science & Engineering Research Council, and Professor Volovik accepted an invitation to visit Sussex in 1990 to continue work in this area.

Dr. Dombey visited the Institute of Theoretical and Experimental Physics (ITEP) of the Atomic Energy Commission to discuss elementary particle theory and to give a seminar on composite gauge bosons (work which is being pursued at Sussex with Fawzi Boudjema). There are many theorists at ITEP with similar interests to Sussex researchers — for example in the areas of composite models, CP violation, superstrings and left-right symmetric models — and it is hoped that a similar exchange scheme can be set up with ITEP.

The three Sussex faculty reported that the physics they saw and the physicists they met were of a very high standard. Nevertheless, facilities we take for granted in this country were lacking. Norman Dombey commented: “Although both the Institutes I visited were elite establishments, there were very few microcomputers to be seen: there seem to be more, for example, on the fifth floor of Physics 2 than in the whole theoretical section of ITEP which must employ 50 physicists. Similarly copiers were noticeably absent.”

For Norman Dombey, this was a return visit to a city where he had spent a year at Moscow University in the 1960s. Douglas Brewer was last there in 1986. “We found Moscow much changed, but mainly in intangible things such as the ability to speak openly and without inhibition, and the knowledge that it is now much easier to go to than it used to be; and also it is much easier for scientists and their families to go abroad,” Professor Brewer commented.

But shortages of goods are, if anything, even more evident now than they were then. There was little to buy and it was difficult to visit theatres in the evenings, the visitors reported, unless reservations had been made well in advance.

They were lucky on one occasion to be entertained by the British Embassy's Scientific Counsellor and his wife, and on another occasion they met by chance the former Chancellor of the University, Lord Shawcross, himself a visitor to Moscow, and were able to dine in his superior hotel restaurant. “Otherwise, it was necessary to use the facilities of the Academicia Number 1 Hotel, or to book several days in advance,” Professor Brewer said.

“And the best Georgian wine, previously plentiful, is now virtually unobtainable except in the hard currency 'Borjoka' shops. They are the only places, too, where you can buy jars of black caviar — if you can afford £10 an ounce,” he added.
RESEARCH GRANTS NEWS

Scholarships, Fellowships and other Awards
Wellcome Prize Studentships
The University has been invited to nominate two students or recent graduates for Wellcome Prize Studentships to commence in October 1989. The scholarships, which are designed to attract outstanding students towards a career in biomedical research, carry a tax free payment of £4,000 p.a. over three years, together with tuition fees and up to £2,000 p.a. for research costs. Details have been sent to Science Deans, and are also available at the Information and Research Grants Offices in Sussex House. The Science Deans' Committee has been asked to make the final selection of the two people to be nominated, for submission to the Vice-Chancellor's office by 3 February.

Tebbutt Research Fund
Individuals and groups are invited to apply for grants towards research into the Wealden Iron Industry. Approx. £200 will be available. Anyone interested should write giving relevant information to Mrs. V. Broomfield, Hon.Sec., Wealden Iron Research Group, 8 Woodview Crescent, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 9HD, by 31 March 1989.

Academic Study Group
ASG, a British foundation which seeks to enhance the interchange between British scholars and their Israeli counterparts, is offering 10 modest travel bursaries to British academics for working visits to Israel. Further information from: John D.A. Levy, Director, Academic Study Group, 25 Lyndale Avenue, London, NW2 2QB.

NEWS FROM THE GARDNER CENTRE

GETTING DOWN TO BRASS TACKS
When Philip Jones retired from trumpet playing in June 1986 after 35 successful years, a new band was born — London Brass. This Thursday (8 December) sees a visit to the Gardner Centre as part of their first extensive nationwide tour.

The ensemble has moved right away from the traditional ‘oomph, oomph’ image of brass bands to gain a name as a group of great skill, versatility and enterprise. Made up of leading London brass players, their combined experience covers everything from medieval to chamber music, symphony to jazz. The group have appeared on TV and radio, and visited the United States, Japan, Hong Kong and most of Europe. A third LP, ‘Dances’, has just been released. The programme for the tour includes Janacek’s Capriccio, Triasgion by John Taverner, Breakdance by Poul Ruders, and Iannis Xenakis’ Eonta for which London Brass will be joined by a young pianist, Roil Hind.

Two new exhibitions featuring the art of printmaking open on 14 December. The Sycamore Collection is a fascinating personal anthology of British printmaking spanning the period from 1900 to 1950 being shown in the Gallery until 2 January. The apparent simplicity of William Nicholson’s lithographs and woodcuts provide calm before the storm of ghastly images of the First World War by Paul Nash and C.R.W. Nevinson and the themes of wasteland, industrial England by Edward Wadsworth. The inter-war years are represented by a fine series of prints by David Jones and Eric Ravilious pointing to a revival of wood engraving. Examples from the modern art movements of surrealism, abstraction and neo-romanticism are on show, plus the strong individuality of artists such as Eric Gill and Edward Ardizzone.

The Foyer exhibition Printer-Printmakers is a complementary collection of prints by artists who are usually engaged making prints for other artists. By looking at their own work we can see a deep understanding and knowledge of etching, lithography and screen printing. Artists include Noreen Grant, Alan Cox and Terry Gravett.

Christmas wouldn’t be Christmas without the Gardner Centre Christmas Show which always provides something a little different and more exciting than the average pantom. Following on from the successes of shows like The Gingerbread Man, Fantastic Mr. Fox and Christmas Cat and the Pudding Pirates, this year the Gardner Centre brings you Holly and the Magical Oak, specially written for the Gardner by local writer Christopher Bailey. It opens on 21 December and runs until 14 January.

Chris, who used to write for the popular television series, Doctor Who, tells the story of Holly who tries to save the magical old oak tree on the hill, due to be chopped down. She enliststhe help of Hare, mischief maker and master of disguise. But Hare is being chased by the evil gamekeeper Stripp. . . . During their hazardous journey they encounter ghosts, mud-demons and accomplices. With plenty of songs and audience participation the show is in the best tradition of the Gardner’s previous hit Christmas shows.

Holly is played by ex-Sussex student Rebecca Stevens, well-known for her association with the highly successful Brighton-based theatre company Cliffhanger. Peter Leabourne, who excelled at the Teapot in last year’s show, returns in the role of Stripp. Apart from the team of actors, the show mobilises a force of Gardner talent in the design and making of the set, costumes and props including a full-size replica of an old-style red British Telecom kiosk. Details of these and other activities are contained in the Gardner Centre’s Diary of Events.
UGC RESEARCH SELECTIVITY EXERCISE 1989

The UGC'S Purpose, Procedure and Timetable

The University Grants Committee has launched its second 'research selectivity exercise'. The purpose of the exercise is to produce new research ratings, superseding the 1986 ratings, which will be used by the Universities Funding Council primarily to determine the 'JR' element of grant from 1990/91. 'JR' is that part of the block grant for a given cost centre, to be distributed for research by exercise of judgement to nearer than by formulae.

The UGC and the UFC will conduct the exercise broadly as in 1986, by using information provided by universities as a basis for detailed work and recommendations by advisory groups formed from the present subject sub-committees. The advisory groups may establish panels (including outside members) for particular subjects, consult outside experts and draw on information from the Research Councils. The information requested from universities is to be submitted by 31 March 1989. The UFC is expected to announce the outcome of the exercise in autumn 1989. The UGC is recommending the UFC to disclose at the same time, the identities of outside experts who had been co-opted, with full voting rights, to advisory groups or panels, but not of others from whom help or advice had been sought.

The main criteria to be used in determining ratings are:

• publications and other publicly identifiable output;
• success in obtaining research grants and studentships;
• success in obtaining research contracts;
• professional knowledge and judgement of advisory group and panel members, supplemented where appropriate by advice from outside experts.

These criteria are to be common to all assessments, but their relative importance will vary according to the nature of research activity in particular subject areas. A common rating scale of 1 (lowest) to 5 (highest) is to be used, without any descriptive terminology being applied, and is to be applied consistently such that each point will imply a particular level of performance across all 'units of assessment'. A rating will be given for each university's research submitted to a given unit of assessment; and also a single rating will be given for all of a university's research which falls within each of the UGC's 37 departmental cost centres. The UFC will recommend that the UFC reaffirms the ratings to be of research only and not to be taken as applying to other activities, particularly teaching; and will not make provision for appeals against individual ratings.

Information is being collected for the five calendar years from 1 January 1984 to 31 December 1988 (for financial information, the years from 1 August 1983 to 31 July 1988).

'Research' is defined as original investigation in order to gain knowledge and understanding. In the humanities it includes scholarship which leads to new or substantially improved insights. In science and technology it includes the use of existing knowledge in experimental development to produce new or substantially improved materials, devices, products or processes, including design and construction. It excludes routine testing and analysis of materials, components and processes (e.g. for the maintenance of national standards), as distinct from the development of new analytical techniques.

The UGC has established a list of subjects and subject areas to be used as the basic 'units of assessment' in the exercise. For each unit of assessment, the UFC will publish ratings for each institution's research which is deemed to fall within the scope of the unit. It is open to a university to propose to the UGC that it establishes additional units of assessment to accommodate research activities in the university which do not fit easily into the basic list. There must not be any double counting between units of assessment.

Information Requested

Each submission should contain:

Staff return (section RS1)
A list of all staff whose function is teaching and/or research.

Publications and other public output (section RS2).

1. Publications list. Each member of staff listed in section RS1 may name up to two publications as sole or co-author.

2. Publications. Numerical totals for all staff in the unit for each of the five years.

3. Other public output. Up to two other forms of public output (e.g. computer software and languages, conference proceedings, engineering designs, musical compositions, patents, and translations of published work) may be listed for each staff member.

Students and studentships (section RS3).

1. Full-time equivalent student load of undergraduate, taught postgraduate and research postgraduate students, for the five years 1983/84 to 1987/88.

2. Numbers of postgraduate research students at 31 December of each year 1984 to 1988, distinguishing full-time and part-time, and doctoral and masters research degrees.

3. Numbers of new research studentships, analysed by awarding organisation, in each year.


Research grants and contracts (section RS4).

Number (and associated initial value when awarded) of research grants, analysed by awarding body.

Statement of research plans (section RS5).

On not more than two sides of A4 paper:

1. what have been the unit's research objectives and priorities during the review period?

2. how successful has the unit been in meeting these objectives and priorities?

3. what mechanisms exist to manage and monitor the unit's research?

4. what will be the objectives and priorities of the unit for the next five years or so? Important work-in-progress should be described.

General observations (section RS6).

Summarize on not more than one A4 side of paper any matters considered to be relevant but not dealt with in Sections RS1 to RS5. The UGC does not require any overview of a university's submissions; no documentation beyond the unit submissions is called for.

Preparation of Sussex's Submissions

Planning Committee has recommended to the Council how Sussex's submissions should be prepared. These recommendations will be seen by Senate tomorrow (7 December) and reach the Council on 9 December. This report has been published before Council meets to make members of the University aware of the exercise; a more detailed note has been sent to Subject Chairs by the Planning Officer.

The UGC's list of units of assessment corresponds more closely to Sussex's list of Subject Groups than of Schools. A schedule of the UGC's units of assessment for which the Vice-Chancellor has decided that Sussex should make submissions has been prepared.

• First drafts will be prepared in collaboration between Subject Chairs and the Administration: target date for completion: 16 January 1989.

• The relevant drafts will be reviewed by Arts or Science Deans' Committee on 6 and 9 February.

• Final drafts will be submitted to the Vice-Chancellor for approval by 28 February.

After revision and duplicating, the 12 copies required by the UGC will be dispatched no later than 21 March.
**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 papers, 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 available from the Personnel Office, Room 227, Sussex House. This list was compiled on 29 November and is subject to revision.

**Teaching Faculty**

Chair in Law
Temporary Lectureship in Social Anthropology
Lectureship in Statistics
Lectureship in American History

**Research & Analogous Faculty**

Research Fellowship in Organisational use of Telecommunications, SPRU

**Secretarial, Clerical and Related**

Executive Assistant, full-time, grade 5
Admin. Computing Operations Control Clerk, F/T, grade 4
Secretary to Research Team on Armament & Disarmament, SPRU, 2 years, F/T, grade 3
Clerk, Superannuation Office, part-time, grade 3
Students Welfare Adviser, F/T, grade 3
Palmer Student Grocers Assistant Manager, F/T, grade 3
Secretary, Admin. Data Processing, P/T, grade 2
Secretary, Estates & Maintenance Dept., P/T, grade 1/2

**Craftsmen**

Estates & Maintenance Dept.: Carpenter/Joiner, Fitter/Plumber, Foreman Electrician

**General**

Porter, Pavillon, F/T
Porter, Arts Teaching Building, F/T

**University Library:** part-time cleaner for general office cleaning and book dusting required. Further details from the Librarian's Secretary, the Library (tel. 8158).

**CAR THEFTS**

Despite our own Security and special Police help, thefts from cars on campus are a serious risk, as they are anywhere in Brighton. People are therefore reminded to take precautions against such risk, as the University cannot accept responsibility for losses sustained in this way.

**CAROLs, CANDLEDIGHT... AND MULLED WINE**

The festive season starts early for the students of Gothenburg University. Come and join in their celebration of the feast of St. Lucia on 9 December at 6 pm in the Grapevine Bar, Reactory building. There will be a candellit procession followed by traditional Swedish carols. Mulled wine will be on sale. Children most welcome.

**RECITAL**

A debut recital will be given by the young Japanese soprano Hatoko Oda, accompanied by Andrew Sherwood (violin) and John Walker (piano) on 9 December at 8 pm in the Unitarian Church, New Road, Brighton. Songs by Purcell, Arne, Britten, Nakada and Mozart. Tickets £3 or £2.50 available at the door.

**CHRISTMAS IN THE BOOKSHOP**

Solve many of your present problems — from luxuries to stocking-fillers — with a visit to the Bookshop’s richly decorated display of gift suggestions. Even these are only a sample of the tempting range of art books, fiction for all tastes in paperback, reference works, children’s books, the latest novels, history, funny books, cat books. Come and browse. As well as books, of course, we stock cards and stationery, pens and wrapping paper, calendars and diaries, water colours, calculators, celebrity masks, paper gliders, even hot air balloons.

Where better and more convenient to shop for Christmas than SUSSEX UNIVERSITY BOOKSHOP?

**SMALL ADS**

HOST (Hosting for Overseas Students) is looking for friendly families who would like to offer private hospitality to lonely overseas students over Christmas or at other times of the year. Please help if you can offer a warm welcome to one or two guests to join your family; they are longing to make friends and be part of a family for a few days. Ring 01-925 259/95 or write to HOST, 18 Northumberland Avenue, London, WC2N 5AP. Overseas students who would like to be guests of British families over Christmas are invited to contact HOST as soon as possible at the above address.


**FREELANCE ARTIST will do thesis diagrams and book illustrating. Animal portraits and wildlife illustration also undertaken. Contact: Pauline Cherry, 0273-476876, or EAPSI ext.2354. (I am booked up until Jan. 1989, so early booking is advisable.**

TO LET: country cottage, Tourni ne, nr. Loire valley, sleeps 8/9. Contact: N. Campbell, 11 St. John's Rd, Knutsford, Cheshire, WA16 0DL.

FOR SALE: upright piano, good condition, £300. Tel. Music Secretary, 2172.

**UNIVERSITY CLOSURES**

The University will be closed for Christmas and the New Year from 26 to 30 December and on Monday, 2 January. The Easter closure is on 23 and 24 March and from the 27 to 29 March. The University will also be closed for Bank Holidays on 1 and 29 May and 28 August.

**TERM DATES 1989**

Spring Term
9 January to 17 March
Summer Term
24 April to 30 June
Autumn Term
9 October to 15 December

**WINTER GRADUATION CEREMONY**

The Winter Graduation Ceremony will be held at 11.30 am on 23 January, 1989, in the Gardner Arts Centre. Any member of faculty who wishes to attend will be seated on the stage. If you wish to attend, please write to Dr. D.E. Tutt, Sussex House, as soon as possible; please let him know if you also wish to borrow a black gown for the occasion.

**CALLING LEICESTER GRADUATES**

Leicester University Convocation is currently expanding its active mailing list and will be glad to add to it the names and addresses of graduates who may have lost touch over the years. The Convocation Review will be sent annually without charge to all on the list, together with details of the activities of Convocation. Please send names and addresses to Tom Shearer, External Relations Office, University of Leicester, Leicester, LE1 7RJ.

**BULLETIN**

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

The first edition of the Spring Term will appear on Tuesday, 10 January, 1989, and copies should be received in the Information Office, Level 2, Sussex House, by 4 pm on Monday, 19 December. Publication dates for the remainder of the Spring Term are: 31 January (copy date 23 January), 21 February (13 February) and 14 March (6 March).

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

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