Books for Romania

During the recent revolution in Romania, the Central Library of the University of Bucharest was destroyed. An appeal has been launched for books — on any subject and in any language but preferably hardback and in good condition — which could be useful to a university library.

If you have any books you think could be sent to Romania, please send details (NOT the book yet) to Nicola Barnes in the Information Office, Sussex House.

Donations of money for the purchase of books can also be made; full details of payment methods are available from Nicola Barnes.

Student grants go up by 5 per cent

Student grants will rise by five per cent from 1st September, 1990, Mr. Robert Jackson, Minister for Higher Education, announced during the vacation.

The grant for undergraduates living away from home outside London will rise from £2,155 to £2,265. The grant for students living in college or lodgings in London will rise to £2,865 and for undergraduates living at the parental home to £1,795. If the Government goes ahead with its top-up loans scheme these will be the figures at which grants will be frozen. From September students will be entitled to take out a £420 loan at a rate equal to inflation.

The income threshold, which determines how much parents will be expected to contribute, has been updated: from September parents with a residual income below £11,500 will not be expected to make any contributions.

Andrei Sakharov

We regret to record the death of Dr. Andrei Sakharov on 14th December. The Soviet nuclear physicist and dissident was awarded an honorary doctorate by Sussex last June.

University funding

— Guide prices for student places

The Universities Funding Council has announced the guide prices for student places in 20 main subject areas, which will provide the basis for grant allocations to individual universities during the next four years (1991-95).

Under the new funding system, universities will bid for an allocation of funds based on student numbers in each subject and on a price per student place. The price quoted by universities may either match the UFC guide price or be set at a lower level.

Universities are being invited to submit bids by 22nd June and the results will be announced early in 1991 when the offer prices will be converted to form the teaching component of the block grant for 1991-92.

The funding for research will be decided on the basis of information gathered during the recent research assessment exercise.

In assessing the universities’ bids, the UFC will take account of the contributions they make to the achievement of the Council’s aims to make the most effective use of available resources, the effect on teaching quality, the range of subject provision and the balance between subjects as well as the cost.

The guide prices quoted for the main subject areas taught by Sussex are:

- Biological Sciences £4,300
- Physical Science £4,600
- Mathematics & Stats etc £2,700
- Computer Science £3,100
- Economics & Geography £2,700
- Engineering & Technology £4,700
- Languages £2,900
- Humanities £2,800
- Education £3,500
- Politics, Law £2,200

— Pay Settlements

The Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals has expressed its concern that much of the £170 million increase in government funding for universities in 1990-91, announced in the Autumn Statement by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, will be taken up by

- UPC earmarking for building maintenance
- additional provision for early retirements
- the need to provide for the under-funding of last year’s pay settlement for academic and related staff

In view of other calls upon the sum remaining (e.g. the increased cost of books and equipment), the vice-chancellors’ committee has calculated that the available money will only fund basic pay settlements below the rate of inflation and its chairman, Sir Edward Parkes, has written to the Secretary of State for Education to convey the Committee’s disquiet.

The Association of University Teachers, in submitting its pay claim for 1990-91, has argued that there has been a considerable decline in academic salaries in relation to comparable professions and has claimed a basic increase of 27 per cent in academic and related salary scales.
Gardner Blast Off

The Gardner Centre blasts off the New Decade with a spectacular programme of art and entertainment featuring a diverse range of local, national and international artists. So resolve now to keep your finger on the cultural pulse by regular visits to your very own arts showcase.

A rare opportunity to hear three of this country’s most exciting young jazz pianists comes on 18th January with Piano Triad. London’s three most talked-about piano soloists demonstrate a vast range of styles and technique. Django Bates, founder member of Loose Tubes and leader of his own band Human Chain, shows his remarkable solo talent. Also on the bill are Alex Maguire best known in Europe where he plays with Hans Bennink and Sean Bergin. Finally, Akemi Kuniyashi-Kuhn has led her own trio, worked extensively as an improviser and performer and has recorded extensively.

Much loved, widely travelled and warmly welcomed back to the Gardner Centre — the Chilingirian String Quartet perform Haydn’s opus 71 no 2 in D major, Martinu’s No 5 and Beethoven’s opus 59 no 3 in C major on 25th January.

Friday, 26th January, sees a wholly different approach to music when comedians Miles and Millner (pictured left) assault the pomp, if not the circumstance, of the classics. Complete with bow ties, tails and flowing locks the duo are competent musicians in their own right with enough technical expertise to produce perfect parodies in a show encompassing musical styles ranging from Mozart to mid 70’s funk. Including old favourites such as a rewrite of the Oedipus legend in the style of Elton John and a synchronised swimming encore, the show will also introduce many new variations. Miles and Millner are supported by leading stand-up comedian Judy Pascoe.

Atilla The Stockbroker, trenchant poet, musician and football fanatic is joined on 27th January by unique songwriter Leon Rosselson for an evening of raucous and powerful humour. Atilla returns to his Brighton roots to rant about his favourite obsessions, which range from Rupert Murdoch to Radio One and vegetables. His ability to make hard-hitting, caustic comment in a witty manner is shared by Leon Rosselson who presents a programme of songs which are fierce, funny, cynical, outraged, challenging and anarchic. The tunes are quite good, too.

Rosemary Butcher is one of the most important and influential dance choreographers working in Britain today. On 30th January the first part of a unique three-part project Atelier34, will be held in the Gardner Centre Gallery. Rosemary has brought together four dancers, international architect Zaha Hadid and composer Jim Fulkerson in a piece which examines the relationship between ourselves and the created environment of the city: its space, light and vertical power. Atelier34 will be developed over the next ten months to become Atelier3D (two-dimensional), which will be performed in London and 3D (three-dimensional) to feature as part of Glasgow 1990.

The Gardner Centre’s galleries feature the work of four Sussex-based artists with exhibitions starting on 15th January. The large-scale canvasses of internationally renowned artist Roy Oxlade can be seen in the main Gallery. A two-woman show features in the Studio Gallery with the work of Mary Palfrey, based in Hove, and Sylvia Dingwall from Seaford, who have called their collections Fabulous Fictions and Angels and Madonnas respectively. Finally the work of cartoonist Victor Cartin can be seen in the Foyer. Now studying at Sussex as a mature student, Cartin’s cartoons were regularly featured in the national press of his native Costa Rica but manage very successfully to cut through all language barriers. Information on these and all Gardner Centre activities is available in the new Spring Brochure or by telephoning Brighton 685861.

Elderly photocopiels put out to grass — good homes wanted

Offers are invited for two photocopiels which have recently been taken out of use in the Arts building. The machines — a Canon NP400 and a Sharp SF820 — are no longer robust enough for the heavy wear and tear of self-service use. Treated carefully, however, they are still capable of giving good service in a more sheltered environment.

They are, therefore, available at a purely nominal sum, to go to a good home such as a charity, an educational establishment, or a similar organisation.

If you have such a use for either of these machines or could suggest a suitable organisation which would do so, please contact Keith Allfrey in the Printing Unit, Sussex House (8216) or Geoff Ivey in Sussex House (3845).

Travel loans to staff for season tickets

A new scheme of travel loans is being introduced from this month to help staff to benefit from the economies available through buying season tickets. Non-faculty staff who have completed six months service with the University are eligible.

The loans will be interest free and will be repaid through deductions from salary or wages. The deductions will be calculated so that the full sum borrowed will be repaid by the end of the period covered by the season ticket.

An employee wishing to apply for a loan should obtain a Travel Loan form, available from the Salaries and Wages Office or the Personnel Office. When completed, the form should be returned to the Salaries or Wages Supervisor. The applicant will need to give full details of the ticket (e.g. price, duration covered, route and issuing body) together with undertakings for repayment. If the loan is approved, the University’s cheque will be made out to the issuing body (e.g. British Rail) and will be sent to the applicant who will purchase the ticket. In cases where the season ticket has already been purchased, and is produced, a cheque may be made out to the applicant.

The scheme is being introduced on a trial basis and will be reviewed in the light of experience.

Sally R. Marriott
Assistant Personnel Officer

New Conference of University Administrators publications

Strategic Choice: Corporate Strategies for Change has been produced by a joint university/politechnic team of practising institutional planners in association with Touche Rose Management Consultants. It shows how universities and politytechnics are responding to the challenge of effective corporate planning for the market-oriented 1990s and gives practical suggestions on drawing up institutional plans and making them work. Using current case-studies and other real-life experiences, Strategic Choice points out the problems of corporate planning in higher education as well as the benefits — it confronts failure as well as success. Price: (inc. p & p): CUA members £5.95 (quote membership number), non-members £7.95, 10 or more £5.95 each.

Universities and the Law (forthcoming February) is a major work from a CUA/CRS study group. It examines the many diverse ways in which the law impinges on university administration and management. Its main sections are: University and General Legal Setting; University Government and Management; Students and the Law; University Staff; Organisations of Students and Staff; University Trading and Enterprise Activities; The University Estate. Price £10.00, plus £1.50 p & p.

CUA publications are available from the CUA Publications Officer, Faculty of Urban and Regional Studies, University of Reading, PO Box 219, Reading, RG6 2BU.
Asteroid named in honour of Giuseppe Martelli

An asteroid — a small planet in orbit between Jupiter and Mars — has been named after Dr. Giuseppe Martelli, Honorary Reader in the School of Mathematical and Physical Sciences, and head of the Space and Plasma Physics Group from 1964 to 1986. The asteroid named in his honour was discovered in 1988 by W. Ferreri at the European Southern Observatory.

In announcing the award, a circular of the International Astronomical Union cites Dr. Martelli’s pioneering work on the development and use of explosive accelerating techniques for the study of macroscopic hypervelocity impacts. ‘His experimental and theoretical work constitutes a major contribution to the understanding of impact magnetisation of ferromagnetic rocks, a problem particularly relevant to the origin of lunar magnetism. Over the years he has organised numerous series of experiments to study catastrophic fragmentation of free falling bodies, thereby providing experimental input to theories of asteroidal evolution and other impact phenomena of astrophysical interest,’ the circular commented.

David Streeter on National Parks panel

David Streeter, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Science), has been appointed a member of the independent panel set up by the Countryside Commission, with the approval of Chris Patten, the Secretary of State for the Environment, to advise on the future of the National Parks.

The panel, under the chairmanship of Professor Ron Edwards, was launched before Christmas to mark the fortieth anniversary of the legislation which established the National Parks in England and Wales.

Co-incidentally, East and West Sussex County Councils are currently considering the feasibility of a National Park for the South Downs, an idea that dates back to the birth of the National Park movement in the late 1920s.

Two books from Dr. Taylor out this term

Dr. Roger Taylor of MOLS has written concurrently two major organic chemistry reference books which come out this term. The first, published by Wiley tomorrow, is Electrolytic Aromatic Substitution (520pp, 2,700 refs). It is expected that this will become the standard reference text for both qualitative and quantitative aspects of electrolytic substitution, a subject that is one of the cornerstones of organic chemistry. It provides a comprehensive coverage and critical evaluation of classes of reaction, reaction mechanisms, orientation by substituents and reactivity data for non-heterocyclic aromatic compounds.

The second book by Dr. Taylor will be published by Academic Press in March. Quantitative Aspects of Electrolytic Substitution of Heteroaromatics (470pp, 2,000 refs) will form Vol. 47 in the series Advances in Heterocyclic Chemistry, edited by A. R. Katritzky. Heteroaromatic chemistry is probably the largest single branch of organic chemistry and this text gathers together all of the quantitative reactivity data for all heteroaromatic compounds, an undertaking which proved immensely time-consuming. The collated data have permitted interpretation for the first time of the reactivity and orientation patterns observed with these compounds and their derivatives, and will considerably facilitate accurate prediction of experimental results.

Dr. Taylor commenced work on these books shortly after surfacing from organising the British Association for Science Meeting held at Sussex in 1983.

Scholarships and Fellowships

The Royal Society Royal Society University Research Fellowships: applications are invited from British Citizens (of the UK) with a doctorate or equivalent research experience. Appointments will be on the university lecturers’ scale for up to five years with possibility of renewal.

The Rutherford Scholarship: this is open to graduates under 26 on 1.5.90, for research in any branch of the natural sciences, with a preference for experimental physics. Appointments will be tenable for three years in some part of the Commonwealth other than where the applicant graduated.

Royal Society—BOC Research Fellowship: this is open to EC citizens, preferably under 33, for independent and original scientific, technological or engineering research of direct interest to BOC.

For further details and application forms for the above, apply by 2nd February to: Mrs. U.M.A. Tickle, The Royal Society, 6 Carlton House Terrace, London, SW1Y 5AG. Completed applications should be returned by 16th February.

NOTE: 'Kenny' Kenefick has been succeeded by Pauline Thorne as School Secretary of CCS.
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 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 15th December, 1989, and is subject to revision.

Teaching Faculty
Lectureship in Music, EAM
Lectureship in Law, EAM
Lectureship in International Relations (2 posts)

Secretarial, Clerical and Related
Secretary, European Programmes, part-time, grade 3/4
Secretary, Residential Services, full-time, grade 3
Secretary to Research Teams, SPRU, f/t, grade 3
Secretary to Research Teams, SPRU, p/t, grade 4
clerk, Registry, p/t, grade 3
Secretary, COGS, temporary, f/t or p/t, grade 2
Secretary, BIOLS, p/t, grade 2
Library Asst., School of Education, p/t, grade 2
Welfare Receptionist/Asst., Students' Union, p/t, grade 2

General
Electricians, f/t
Porters, on and off campus, f/t, grade D
Cleaners, Residential Services, p/t
Catering Supervisor, Sports Pavilion, p/t
Teammakers, f/t

Lunchtime music
Meeting House Chapel
Tuesdays, 1.15 pm
16th January — John Birch (organ)
23rd January — Christopher Stormont (organ)
30th January — John Birch (organ)

Playing Fields Pavilion
Fridays, 1.00 pm
Sussex Trugs play mainstream/traditional jazz

University closure dates
If you already feel in need of a holiday, you may be pleased to note that the University will be closed for Easter from Wednesday, 11th April, to Friday, 13th April inclusive, and on Monday and Tuesday, 16th and 17th April. The University will also be closed for Bank Holidays on Monday, 7th and 28th May and 27th August.

Dates of terms
This term ends on Friday, 16th March. The Summer Term runs from Monday, 23rd April to Friday, 29th June. The next academic year starts on Monday, 5th October, 1990.

Recent books
Recent publications by Sussex authors include:

25 year reunion of Liverpool University Chemistry Graduates
Did you graduate in Chemistry from Liverpool University in 1965? Do you know anyone who did?
It is hoped to hold a reunion in 1990 so that the Class of '65 can see what effect one quarter of a century has had!
The Alumni Office at Liverpool University (OS1 and 2243) would be pleased to hear from anyone interested in the reunion as soon as possible.

News from the Library
A new door enabling easier wheelchair access to the Library, is now available in the north wall of the Library, facing the IDS bar. Wheelchair users will need to use the buzz door provided, which will summon a member of staff to unlock the door and admit them.

British Academy Postgraduate Studentships in the Humanities 1990
Sussex students who intend to apply for British Academy Studentships tenable at Sussex or elsewhere in 1990 should obtain details and an application form now from the Admissions Office in Sussex House.
The British Academy will accept applications only from candidates who already hold an offer of admission to postgraduate studies. The closing date is 1st May, 1990, and the procedures involved may take a considerable length of time to complete. Applications for admission should also, therefore, be submitted without delay, including those from current MA students who wish to proceed to research registration in 1990.

Scottish Education Department
Postgraduate Studentships in Arts and Humanities Subjects
Sussex students who are ordinarily resident in Scotland and who intend to apply for Scottish Education Department Postgraduate Studentships tenable at Sussex or elsewhere in 1990-91 should obtain details and application forms now from the Admissions Office in Sussex House.
The SED will accept applications only up to 1st May, 1990, and not thereafter, and Sussex students must submit them through the Sussex Admissions Office.

Overseas Research Students Awards Scheme 1990
Awards to cover the difference between the 'home' and 'overseas' rates of tuition fees are offered on a competitive basis to research students required to pay fees at the higher rate. Applicants must be expecting to begin full-time research registration or to continue full-time research registration in 1990-91.
Further details and application forms may be obtained from the International Office, Sussex House. Applications must be submitted to the International Office by 20th April, 1990.

Road to Playing Fields Pavilion
The lane from the top of Boileur House Hill leading to the Playing Fields Pavilion has now been opened to traffic on a trial basis for review at Easter.

Small ads
FOR SALE: rechargeable electric power screwdriver (by Skil Tools), new, £10.00. Olympus SLR camera OM10, exc. cond. with 55-70mm f/4.5-4.9 Zuiko zoom lens, new, £160. Refrigerator 4.6 cu.ft. under work top height, with 3 star freezer compartment. Good working order, £15.00. Please contact John Warton, int. ext. 3303, or home 604549.

Bulletin
The Bulletin will be published every three weeks this term. The next edition will appear on Tuesday, 30th January. Copy for this issue must be received in the Information Office, Sussex House, tel. 8208, by no later than 4.00 pm on Monday, 22nd January. Other publication dates are: 20th February (copy date 12th February) and 13th March (copy date 5th March).
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