Universities and their Communities

Universities are institutions of national and international significance; they are also important to their local communities. However, the significance of the inter-relationship between universities and their communities is not always sufficiently acknowledged. To remedy this the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals (CVCP) has commissioned a study which will assess the economic impact of universities upon their local communities, and collect new information on the wider policy approaches to community links.

Clearly universities such as ours have direct economic effects upon their community, not only as major employers and major purchasers of local goods and services, but also to the extent that student spending supports local employment, and local employers use universities as sources of training.

The indirect effects include technology transfer and support for industry and universities’ contribution to the arts, sports and cultural life as well as to social and community development.

The results of the study will be available in early 1994.

CHRISTOPHER THORNE MEMORIAL LECTURE

The first in a series of biennial lectures in memory of Christopher Thorne, Professor of International Relations at Sussex until his death in 1992, will be given on Monday 22 November at 6.30 pm in MOLS Lecture Theatre.

The lecturer, Professor Anthony Giddens from King’s College, Cambridge is to speak on THE FIRST GLOBAL SOCIETY: A NEW AGENDA FOR SOCIAL SCIENCE.

Alumnus Offers Challenge

Pictured above is Geoff Dennis, a 1977 Sussex graduate of the School of Cultural and Community Studies, with TV presenter Annette Rice. Geoff is now the International Director of the British Red Cross, controlling over £30 million of aid each year; as part of their rehabilitation programme, the BRC challenged Annette to rebuild a school in the former Yugoslavia. The school, situated on the Croatian side of a UN protected area, had been destroyed by fighting two years ago, with children having to be taught in makeshift buildings. The project, which was under Geoff’s supervision, was successfully completed within the allotted four days.

University Christmas Card

Pictured right is this year’s Christmas card, once again designed by Keith Allfrey in the Printing Unit. Individual cards will be on sale shortly from the Bookshop and Students’ Union Shop.

Bulk orders may be made through the Information Office, Room 230, Sussex House, ext. 3766. Prices are: £3.50 for 10, £8.00 for 24, £18.50 for 60 and £30.00 for 100.
Deaths
We are sorry to record the deaths of:

Bernard Scott (1915—1993) founding Professor of Mathematics at Sussex, died on Sunday 7 November. A tribute will be published in a later edition of the Bulletin.

John Smith, MAPS technician, died on 26 October. We send our sympathy to his widow, Phyllis, who also worked in MAPS and later in CCS. She left only last term to join him in retirement.

AROUND THE SCHOOLS

MAPS

MAPS has undergone a facelift. Both the building itself and the School’s publicity material are brighter and more attractive than before.

John Venables, the Dean, has encouraged experimental groups and workshops to ‘come out’ from behind their doors, and use the corridor walls to show off what they do. Applicants will receive their information in new folders, prepared in bold colours by the previous Dean, James Hirschfeld with Katy Bignell of the Design Unit. More effort is also going into School contacts and visits. James, now in charge of Maths admissions, notes that this year we have the second highest Maths intake ever. He and David Betts (Physics admissions), believe that next year may be even better.

“Everyone in MAPS is very proud of what they do; we want all the University, applicants and visitors, to know about it too,” says John. “One display highlights the large number of Visiting and Exchange students in the School, where they come from, and the fact that MAPS faculty organise the Science and Europe, Science and Japanese, and Science and Management Studies programmes. All of these are contributing centrally to the international and interdisciplinary image of the University.”

Overcoming the Stiff Upper Lip
by Michael Brooks

Woody Allen has built his career on it, the ‘New Yorker’ thrives on it. And so does a Professor in EURO. Psychoanalysis, often portrayed as the favourite pastime of American society (along with lawsuits and shooting people) is one of the research areas of Edward Timms, and he wants it taken seriously.

Psychoanalyst and therapists have become part of public culture in the US, but in Britain, they are a more slowly emerging body. “Psychoanalysis is much less strident in this country,” says Professor Timms. “The ‘Stiff Upper Lip, Bite the Bullet’ ethic has had a devastating effect on whole generations of people, but more openness is developing. Twenty years ago it was inconceivable to talk about things like pre-menstrual tension and the mid-life crisis. People are now much more open to acknowledging certain things: we can accept that in mid-life there are very painful adjustments which have to be made: it is almost a universal experience.”

The basic principle that you can sort yourself out with a little help from your friends (or a therapist) seems to be catching on. At Sussex over 650 students received counselling and psychotherapy from the university’s counselling service last year. However, psychoanalysis is not just a welfare tool, according to Professor Timms. “Almost regardless of how therapeutic and effective it is, it has nourished creative developments in all kinds of fields. Part of the mistake was to suppose that psychoanalysis was somehow a branch of medical science, to be looked at in rigorous scientific terms. It shouldn’t be seen as a marginal and suspect branch of science, but as a central, co-ordinating dimension of the humanities.”

Prompted by a fascination with dream interpretation (he frequently remembers his own dreams), his own research centres on the imaginative and artistic dimensions of psychoanalysis. “Freudian theory has become, as W. H. Auden said, ‘a climate of ideas’. These ideas filter through into art theory, literary criticism, social studies and many other branches of academic...
SOAPBOX

A new welfare initiative
Peripatetic staff counselling comes to Sussex

University counsellors’ cars will now carry a backkit Yin Yan sign to indicate, when hit, that counselling is available. They can be found at most hours of the day circulating around campus. Potential clients should flag down available cars with the words, “I work at Sussex University and I’ve had enough.”

Mobile sessions will be of variable length dependent on the availability of parking spaces but will rarely last less than twenty to thirty minutes. Longer sessions will be available in the 5.00 pm traffic jam. Regular non-peripatetic appointments can no longer be guaranteed but disappointed clients can often reach us, c/o Brighton Car Pound.

Whilst we appreciate that Security and Estates personnel are subject to special stress we must emphasise that we cannot respond to requests for priority in the form of notes under the wipers.

Negotiations are in hand with the Enterprise Scheme for the funding of a new Counselling Department of the Open Road, we look forward to our “Wind down and wind down” anti-stress patrols on the A27. A post-modern manual accompanies the course, “Towing the double line and endless defer.”

In the light of proposals to defer any action until 1994 we look for news of similar initiatives from other departments, call us on carphone 678156, or Boiler House Hill any evening from 5.00 pm onwards.

Michael Burton
Personal Counsellor

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thought; Jungian theory is in some ways even more oriented towards artistic creativity.”

Professor Timms would like to see a focus on psychoanalysis at Sussex, not in the science area, but in the humanities or social sciences, and would be interested to hear from people with similar interests. “There has been a very understandable hostility towards psychoanalysis from the scientific community, because it claimed to be a science. It is not satisfactory in those terms.” But it is, he says, a lively and evolving subject. “Almost every night of the week in Brighton there are DIY therapy, encounter, and co-counselling groups. Existential psychoanalysis groups in the US are finding out how individuals adjust to their inescapable death: there are all sorts of different directions in which psychoanalysis as a theory, and psychotherapy as a practice have developed.”

There is, it seems, some hope that we will eventually sort ourselves out.
What's on...

Monday 15 November – Sunday 21 November

Lectures, Seminars, Colloquia

Monday 15 November
1pm Experimental Psychology Seminar: The Reminiscence Bump: Further Explorations and a Possible Explanation. A. Janarsi. EP3.9. BIOLS.
4pm Women's Studies Seminar: Women’s Studies: the SE Asia Connection. K. Morton and E. Yeo, Arts A70.
4.30pm Economics Seminar: Fiscal Policy and the Political Business Cycle. B. Lockwood (Exeter), Arts D741.
4.30pm Neuroscience Seminar Series: Mechanisms of Signal Transduction in Olfaction. H. Breer (Stuttgart), Biology Lecture Room.

Tuesday 16 November
2pm Condensed State Physics Seminar: Chemical Effects in Ion Implantation of Materials. Prof. G. K. Wolf (Heidelberg), PB1A1, MAPS I.
3pm SEI Research-in-Progress Seminar: Social Thought in Periods of Transition. I. Vejvoda, A70 SEI.
4pm COGSS Seminar: Title awaiting confirmation. W. Newman (Cambridge), PB5C1, MAPS III.
4pm Hopf-algebras Lectures. PB2C1, MAPS I.
4.15pm Biochemistry & Genetics and Development Seminar: Genetic Dissection of Protein Translocation in Yeast. C. Stirling, Biology Lecture Theatre.

Wednesday 17 November
12.30pm Environmental Science Seminar: Innovation in Agrochemicals. G. Hartnell, MS1, MOLS III.
2pm Quokey Seminar: In Defence of Lesbian Heroes. S. Munt, Arts D730.
2pm Algebra Seminar: Combinatorial Species II. G. Wraith, PB2A1, MAPS I.
4pm IDS Seminar Series: AN INQUIRY INTO WELL-BEING AND DESTITUTION. Seminar 5: Poverty and the Environmental Resource Base. R. Mears, Room 221, IDS.
5pm Media Voices Seminar: Informal discussion with those working in the media. Ed Boyce (Head of Training. Meridian Broadcasting), Arts A103.

Thursday 18 November
12.30pm Inorganic Seminar: New and Old Transition Metal Chalcogenides Prepared From Metal Carbonyls. S. Hibble (Reading), MS1, MOLS III.
1pm IDS Seminar Series: Managing Risk: How Vulnerable People Feed Themselves. S. Davies, Room 221, IDS.
2pm Theoretical Physics Seminar: Computation Relations for Macroscopic Electromagnetic Fields. I. Ralph, PB1A9, MAPS I.
4.30pm Experimental Psychology Colloquium: Explaining the Distortions of Schizophrenia. John Harris (Reading), EP3.9. BIOLS.
5pm History Work-in-Progress Seminar: Children of Caern During the German Occupation. J. Sturdee, Arts A155.
5.30pm Meeting House Lecture: The Supernatural Belongs to Every Human Being. Fr. Raglan Hay-Will, Quiet Room.

Friday 19 November
2.15pm SPRU Seminar: British Manufacturing Industry from 1960 to the 1990’s: What Went Wrong and Has it Been Put Right? Sir G. Owen (LSE), South Committee Room, 1st Floor Refectory Court.
4pm Chemical Physics Seminar: A Parametric Model for Mixed Valence Cluster. R. Macrae, MS3, MOLS.
4pm Astronomy Centre Seminar: QSO Absorption Systems. The Milky Way and the Early IMF. G. Gilmore (Cambridge), PB1A7, MAPS I.
4.30pm Philosophy Society: Political Obligation: the 'Natural Duty' Theory. J. Wolf (UCL), Arts A155.

Career Workshop Programme

Career Development for Linguistics – Tue 23 Nov, 10am – 12noon.
Publishing and Media – Tue 23 Nov, 2 – 4pm.
Making Applications Succeed – Wed 24 Nov, 10am – 12noon.
Not for Profit Organisations – Thur 25 Nov, 2 – 4pm.
Career Development for Humanities Students – Thur 25 Nov, 10am – 12noon.
Environment and Conservation – Fri 26 Nov, 10am – 12noon.
All courses in Falmer House and must be booked in advance. For details on the above and on various Career Talks contact the CDU on ext. 84269.

Centre for Continuing Education

University Day Schools – 27 Nov
Further details from Sue Pasquelle on ext. 8537.
Popular Culture and Imperialism: £15/ reduced £10/ minimum £4.
Introduction to Word Processing: £26/ reduced £17.50/ minimum £8.50.
Anthony and Cleopatra: Concentrating on the play's theatricality. £15/ reduced £10/ minimum £4.

Gardner Centre

ANDY SHEPPARD: Rip-roaring 10-piece big band. Tue 16 Nov, 7.45pm. £8.50/£6.50.
CAPRICORN: The Gardner’s new Ensemble in Residence. Wed 17 Nov, 7.45pm. £8.50/£6.50.
The SPHINX: Rumbustious new comedy. Thu 18 Nov, 7.45pm. £8.50/£6.50.
THE INDIA RUBBER ZOOM LENS: Starring the Britonioni Brothers. Sat 20 Nov, 7.45pm. £6.50.

Christopher Thorne

Prof Anthony Giddens delivers the first Christopher Turton Memorial Lecture entitled The First Global Society: A New Agenda For Social Science on Mon 22 Nov, 6.30pm. MOLS Lecture Theatre.

Teacher Training

One-week full-time course for TEFL Teacher Training from 13 – 17 Dec. £90. Contact Language Centre for details on ext. 2003 or 2016.

Miscellaneous

MEETING HOUSE RECITAL: John Birch (organ). Tue 16 Nov, 11.58am.
CD-I AND VIDEO CD presentation by Ros Sutton (Epics Interactive), Tue 16 Nov, 12.45pm. Arts D520.
TRAINING SESSION for School and Subject Reps on Wed 17 Nov, 1.30pm. Debating Chamber, Room 126, Falmer House. Further details on ext. 8545 or 3357.
ANTI-CENSORSHIP festival throughout Nov. Films, videos, discussions etc. Details from David Stanton via EENGAM ph.

Small Ads

TO LET: 2 rooms and own kitchen in house near London Rd BR. Share bathroom with faculty member. Suit female faculty or p/g. £240pcm. Contact ext. 8523 or 621872 (home).
TO LET: Delightful 1 bedroom flat near London Rd BR. Fully furnished. Suit mature person. £70pw. Contact 0843 580412.
BRIGHTON / PARIS SWAP: Pig wants to swap central B’ton account. spring vac / summer term 1994 with similar in Paris. Contact ext. 8523 or 621872 (home).
ACCOMMODATION SOUGHT by Dutch couple in B’ton/Lewes from end Dec. £100pw. Contact ext. 2063 or 472926 (home).
FOR SALE: Citroen AXGT. 5 yrs old. 48,000 miles. Full service log and 1 yrs MOT £3,800 ono. Contact ext. 2563 or 0825 767407 (home).

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