A forgotten set of manuscripts has been unearthed in the Sussex University Library during a re-cataloguing of its Chester Music Collection. The manuscripts are for the parts of the only string quartet written by Moscheles, one of the most respected musicians of nineteenth century Europe.

Jo Rees-Davies, one of the Sussex librarians, found the *Quatuor de Moscheles* wrapped in brown paper. She had recently studied other nineteenth-century manuscripts, and this enabled her to recognise immediately the paper on which the quartet had been written. "I opened this brown paper wrapping, looked at the manuscript paper, and quietly died," she said. "This strange blue paper is very distinctive once you’ve seen and touched it."

Until its discovery the String Quartet had been totally forgotten – it does not appear in any thematic catalogue or biographical article, and the composer’s descendants knew nothing about it. A note on the front of the cello part, almost certainly in Moscheles’ own hand, states that a Mr. Wolff borrowed the principal violin part in January 1835. This, together with the colour of the ink, provides evidence about the manuscript’s probable age.

"Obviously it’s not on the same level as discovering something by Mozart or Handel," admits Jo Rees-Davies, "But Moscheles is quite a significant figure from an historical point of view." Moscheles studied under Salieri in Vienna, where he became a friend of Beethoven, and went on to teach Mendelssohn (who became a close friend), Grieg and Sullivan. Schumann considered Moscheles to be one of the finest sonata composers of his generation.

It is possible that the manuscripts were borrowed from Chester Music Publishers in the early part of this century, but misplaced on their return. The University acquired its part of the collection in the late 1960s, and has since put a great deal of work into improving the original catalogues. Unfortunately the discovery of these manuscripts comes too late for the Quartet’s inclusion in the Moscheles Bi-Centenary Concert (St. John’s, Smith Square, London, May 23rd), but it is hoped that there will be a performance of the piece during the coming year.

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The Gardner Centre’s ensemble-in-residence, ‘Capricorn’ (pictured above) will be performing a recital, including works by Beethoven and Mozart, as part of the Centre’s contribution to the Brighton Festival. Other Festival events at the Gardner include a new play written and directed by former Sussex student Howard Barker. ‘Hated Nightfall’ will be performed by Barker’s company The Wrestling School, which will also hold a workshop at the Centre. Another former student, Shobana Jeyasingh and her award winning dance company will perform ‘Romance...with Footnotes’ and ‘Delicious Arbour.’ For further details contact the Gardner Centre Box Office on 685861.

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**OU Summer School Gift To Kulukundis House**

The opportunity for students with disabilities to attend Open University Summer Schools at Sussex has been recognised by a generous donation to Kulukundis House. A cheque for £1,000 was presented to the Vice-Chancellor by Peter Princep, Director of the South East Region, at a special ceremony in Brighton to mark the Open University’s 25th anniversary.

The Director spoke of the close relationship between the institutions and the OU’s appreciation of the facilities which enable students with special needs to attend the Residential Schools.

In accepting the cheque, the Vice-Chancellor paid tribute to the Open University’s contribution to distance learning and to Peter Princep, who was retiring after 21 years as Regional Director. The reception also marked the retirement of Lord Asa Briggs (former Vice-Chancellor of Sussex 1966—1975) as Chancellor of the Open University after sixteen years in the post.


TIMETABLING Working Group

A small working group has been set up by Colin Brooks to look at the problems of timetabling. Members are: Alasdair Smith (Dean of EURO) (Chair), Owen Richards (Assistant Registrar), Richard Vogler (Lecturer in Law), and John Haigh (Mathematics Subject Group Chair). Their remit is to prepare proposals for the revision of the timetabling process and for the planning of timetabling needs by subject groups, Schools and units. The main issue to be addressed is whether a more structured timetabling process, which no longer seeks to accommodate all possible curricular choices, is feasible and necessary in order to avoid a breakdown in the administration of timetabling and a further increase of the timetabling of teaching in ‘unsocial’ hours. All members of the University with views on these matters are invited to communicate them to the working group through Alasdair Smith, Dean of EURO.

P60s

P60s covering the last financial year are now being sent out to University employees. Please hold on to them carefully as by law duplicate copies cannot be provided.

A27 CONTRAFLOW

Major resurfacing works will begin on the Falmer to Ashcombe section of the A27 (i.e. as far as Lewes) on 3 May. The work will take nine weeks; for the first week one lane of each carriageway will be closed. During the remaining time a contra-flow system will be in operation.

CONVOY TO CROATIA

Direct Action by Students in Higher Education (DASH) have organised a week of activities (1-8 May) to raise funds for the next convoy to Croatia. The group have organised a night at the Hothouse, collections and a stall at the Tuesday Market. DASH hope to send a convoy in June, and would be grateful for any donations of dried or tinned foodstuffs.

News

People

Dr Tony Binns, Lecturer in Geography in AFRAS became the first elected President of the Geographical Association at its Annual conference held at Oxford University earlier this month. He will hold office until the end of August 1995 instead of the usual twelve-month period.

With an international membership approaching 11,000, and over 60 local branches throughout the country, the Geographical Association’s aims are ‘to further the study and teaching of Geography.’ During his time as President, Tony hopes to strengthen the Association’s international profile, whilst there is also a need to monitor carefully the implementation of the National Curriculum following the Dearing Review. He will also be playing a key role in planning next year’s annual conference ‘Developing Geography’ at Lancaster University.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the Geographical Association and the very active Brighton Branch, of which Tony is also President, should contact him in AFRAS.

John Barrow, Professor of Astronomy in MAPS, delivered the Elizabeth Spreadbury Lecture at University College, London on 17 March. John has also been awarded a SERC/PPARC Senior Research Fellowship for a period of five years, commencing in October 1994.

Dr Jenny Taylor (CCS) and Professor Sally Shuttleworth (University of Sheffield) have each been awarded a Research Fellowship by the Leverhulme Trust, to produce Body, Mind and Gender, an anthology of Victorian psychological writings and their cultural contexts, to be published by Oxford University Press.

Rob Dobbs, Visiting Professor of Physics in MAPS has donated a copy of his postgraduate textbook, Solid Helium Three to the University Library in appreciation of the hours he has enjoyed there since his retirement from the Hildegard Carlisle Chair of Physics, University of London.

Dr Jennifer Temkin is to take over from Professor Christopher Gane as Director of the Centre for Legal Studies from 1 June.

Measuring Language Loss

Contrary to what you’d expect, once you have reached a certain level of skill in a foreign language you do not keep this forever. If you fail to practise the language, even for only a short time, ‘language loss’ sets in. This progressive deterioration in performance can even happen in your mother tongue, as countless people who spend long periods of time abroad speaking exclusively in foreign languages have witnessed.

Language loss is a major factor affecting how accurately a person’s certified level of skill in a language – for example GCSE or GCE ‘A’ level grades - reflects their actual proficiency. It has always been difficult to place students at their proper level on Language Centre courses for this reason.

Lost time and effort could be eliminated if University interviewers and Language Centre staff had a handy formula that allowed them to calculate, however roughly, a present language skill level for someone who acquired certified proficiency some time ago. What sort of knowledge of French, for example, could be expected of someone entering a first-year French language course who had gained an ‘O’ Level fifteen years ago, or a GCSE grade ‘A’ two years ago?

A prototype formula has now been worked out, thanks to empirical research being done by Michael Freeman at the Language Centre as part of a wider PhD project. Michael has examined other research results and collected empirical data of his own from foreign learners of English. These will be compared with Language Centre data on English learners’ performance in foreign language courses. If the Freeman Formula is generally applicable, it will be a great help to schools selecting students for courses that have a languages element to them. It is immediately available in its pilot form to Deans, Sub-Deans and others interested. If you would like details please leave your name and internal address with the Language Centre receptionist, ext 8006.

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SNIG SIGN-UP

A new association aimed at developing closer links between University researchers and local health-care professionals has recently been formed. The Sussex Neuropsychological Interest Group (SNIG) is open to research psychologists, clinical psychologists, neurologists, speech and occupational therapists, and others whose work involves them with brain-damaged people.

Neuropsychology is concerned with the assessment and rehabilitation of cognitive functions (such as memory and language) following brain damage, and with the search for patterns of impairment in functioning which indicate how our brains work normally. Both the practical and theoretical approach are reflected in research carried out in the Laboratory of Experimental Psychology by Professor Alan Parkin, Dr Jenny Rusted, and Dr Nicola Hunkin, together with a growing number of research assistants and DPhil students. Their principal areas of investigation are evaluation of teaching methods for use with brain-damaged people, the variation in impairments resulting from different types of damage, links between structures and functions of the brain, sparing of certain memory processes in Alzheimer's disease, and the effects of normal ageing on cognitive processes.

"Local clinicians have always supported our research, putting us in touch with suitable volunteers from the special populations we work with", Alan Parkin explained. "By organising and hosting the Sussex Neuropsychological Interest Group we are offering something in return. Most clinical professions have their own national association, but there is a need for interdisciplinary exchange too, and this is best achieved at a local level. Each profession has its own perspective and a different set of skills - there is a great deal we can learn from one another."

Plans for SNIG include talks by outside speakers, presentations from members, a 'What's On' diary, and a directory of members and their interests to facilitate 'networking' across the region.

Local health care professionals who are interested in joining the group are invited to contact Professor Alan Parkin on 0273 678334. Readers who would like to assist with neuropsychological research here may be able to do so by acting as 'controls' in certain studies. Mature volunteers are especially valued, and expenses are paid. Please ring Frances Aldrich on 0273 678058, ext 2831 for details.

The Development of Enterprise Opportunities

Tessa Gooderson, Student Enterprise Officer is still making links with local voluntary organisations to give students the chance to develop their skills whilst also benefiting the local community. However, in order to avoid duplicating the work of Link-up, she is now looking at providing opportunities for students to carry out projects with voluntary organisations as part of their course work.

Currently the Enterprise Office is liaising with several organisations, such as Hollingdean Community Association and Sussex Alcohol Advice Services which want research carried out, and Sociology faculty and students as these projects could be assessed as part of their course-work. A group of media students are putting their degree skills into practice by making a video for St. Patrick's Night Shelter and another group is making a video for St. Thomas Fund for the Homeless.

Sussex Enterprise Unit and Link-Up, the Student Community Action Group, have contacts with over 100 local voluntary organisations that students could work with, everything from Brighton Disabled Federation to NSPCC to Brighton Housing Trust. Carrying out a 'real life' project in the community either as part of a student's assessed coursework or as an extra-curricular activity builds links between the University and local people. It also helps students develop the skills and experience needed for future job and education prospects.

If you are a student or member of faculty interested in helping students develop their skills by working with a community group, either on a voluntary basis or as part of course work, please contact: Tessa Gooderson, Student Enterprise Office, Arts D422, tel: (67)8543.

Johnson Ndlovu

We are sorry to report the death of former student Johnson Ndlovu who was killed in a car crash in Zimbabwe in March. Johnson came to Sussex (AFRAS) as a visiting student in exile from Zimbabwe in 1986, and stayed on to complete his BA and then an MA in International Relations. He worked at the Commonwealth Secretariat in London before returning to his home country at Independence in 1980. He was recently active in politics and had become an MP.

RESOURCES OPPORTUNITIES

For more information on any of these sources of research funding, call the Research Office on ext 3761 (Louise Vincent) or email louisev@admin.

TOXICOLOGY: EUROPEAN SCIENCE FOUNDATIONS FELLOWSHIPS: 1 to 24 months for working in another European country on a specific joint project. Closing date: continuous for 1-3 months, otherwise (for 1995) 15 October 94.

RESEARCH TRAINING GRANTS for, in-practice post-docs, may still be available from EU under FIPPI in BIOMED & HEALTH, BIOTECH, AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT, MAST, RADIATION PROTECTION, and CONTROLD THERMONUCLEAR FUSION.

ALFA-EU-LATIN AMERICA EXCHANGE PROGRAMME. Proposals for networks of institutions in at least three EU countries plus at least two Latin American countries likely to be invited around November. Postgraduate exchanges probably in 1996. Register expressions of interest with Dee Burns (3762).

PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF GENETIC ENGINEERING: grants offered by Wellcome Trust, with closing date for preliminary proposals of 16 May.

UNESCO: UK Friends organisation, wishing to persuade the UK Government to rejoin, wants to identify academic staff and departments currently or previously with relations with UNESCO, or interested in establishing relations. Letter and questionnaire available on request.

GET A HEAD START IN BUSINESS

Students in their second (or penultimate) year can boost their CV by taking part in an eight week business project over the summer. Students will be placed with Sussex companies on the Shell STEP scheme, where they will earn £100 per week for working on projects linked to their skills and studies. At the end of the scheme, students will present their project to four judges and an audience, with the chance of winning prizes and entering regional and national finals.

For more information contact: Patsie Sutcliffe, Mantell 2B2, tel: (67)8388.
What’s on...

Tuesday 3 May
2pm Psychology @ COGS Research-in-Progress Seminar: Ecological Methods in the Study of Social Perception and Interaction. S. Valenti (Hofstra University, New York), PB3C8, MAPS.
3pm Sussex European Institute Seminar: Ukraine after the Elections. Y. Yegolev (Academy of Science, Kiev), Arts A70.
4pm COGS Seminar: Constructing Knowledge with Computers: a Cal-De-Sac, a Diversion or an Alternative Route? Prof C. Hoyles (London) PBSC11, MAPS III.

South Asian Cultural Evening

Wednesday 4 May
2pm: Statistics Seminar: Stopping Rules for a Search. Prof J. Bather, PB2A2, MAPS I.

Thursday 5 May
4.30pm Experimental Psychology Colloquium: Right Sided Cueing and Left Sided Neglect. P. Halilgan (Rivermead Neuropsychology Unit), Biology Lecture Room.
5pm Geography Research Seminar: The Iconography of Landscape. J. Terry, Arts D610.
5.15pm Social and Political Thought Seminar: Political Fear. J. Keane (Westminster), Arts D310.

Friday 6 May
2.15pm SPRU Seminar: Innovation as a Response to the Competitive Challenge. O. Sparrow (Royal Institute of International Affairs), EDB 121.
3pm Neuroscience Seminar: Lateralisation of Memory in Food Storing Birds. N. Clayton (Oxford), Biology Lecture Theatre.
4.30pm Philosophy Society Seminar: Rethinking the Relationship Between Philosophy and Literary Theory. A. Bowie (Anglia), Arts A155.

CCE Saturday Schools — 14 May

Bird Song
Why do birds sing? Why do some have boring, stereotyped songs like the cuckoo, and others complex songs like the nightingale. These and many other questions will be answered using a slide and a visit to research sites around the University campus. Fees £15 / reduced £10 / minimum £4. Enrol with CCE on 678527.

TV Workshop
An opportunity to learn the skills of TV producers and camera operators. In a well equipped television studio you will use professional cameras, video-mixing and sound-mixing equipment to produce a short video. Sat & Sun 14/15 May. Fees £47 / reduced £30.50. Enrol with CCE on 678527.

Small Ads
RESEARCH ASSISTANTS WANTED: 2/3 F/T In-House Research Assistants (one an economist) one year from October or possibly earlier. Contact Rosalind Woodhouse, Admin Office Room 203, ext. 8266, IDS. Closing date: 27 May 1994.

FLATLET TO LET: 3 Reading Road, Whitchawk. 1 single bedroom, kitchen/living room, bathroom, own toilet in quiet house. Would suit mature person. Finalist/PG or faculty preferred. £50pw inclusive. Recommended by previous tenants. Contact Mrs N. Brown on 682054.

FLAT FOR SALE: 1st floor Studio Flat, separate bathroom, fitted kitchen. Centrally located in Hove. £19,000. Contact Liz on ext. 2549.

HOUSE FOR LET: Family house available for let in July and August. Please contact 505171.

BRIGHTON SEA FRONT FLAT: Available for short lets. Suitable for holidays or visiting lecturer. Fully equipped. Minimum 1 month - maximum 3 months. Contact Norma Binnie on ext. 4257.

WANTED TO RENT: From July a 2 bedroom flat in a newly built property in Brighton wanted to rent by member of staff and 6 year old child. Contact 565140.

FOR SALE: MGB GT, 1980. 61,000 miles. Pageant blue, VGC. FS/H. Tax & MOT: £3,200 ono. Contact Margaret Richardson on ext. 3750 or 472116 (home).

FOR SALE: Raleigh Yukon mountain bike. 21 gears (shimano) excellent condition. £200. Contact Rob Bailey on 327669.

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