SUSSEX RANKS HIGH IN GRANT ALLOCATION

The 1994/95 grant settlement announced last week is a very good one for Sussex. The key features are a rise in fundable student numbers and an increase in the formula funding for teaching.

Full-time undergraduate and taught postgraduate numbers are up by 10.5 per cent, against an average of 8.7 per cent. Part-time numbers are also up by 36 per cent for undergraduate and postgraduate taught courses and 14.8 per cent for postgraduate research.

The percentage increase in formula funding for teaching is 52.6 per cent and the increase in total grant for Sussex is 5.0% compared with an average across England of 3.2%. Among all universities, Sussex has the eighth highest increase. Of the 'old' universities (but excluding the Open University and the London Business School which have very different structures,) we have the fourth highest increase, headed only by Oxford, Cambridge and University College London.

UAU SPORTING SUCCESS

The large pool of 164 institutions in this year's Universities Athletic Union Championship has not daunted the sports teams of Sussex. Sussex had eight teams reach the last sixteen of the competition, and four of those reached the quarter finals.

The men's second XI soccer team reached the semi-finals (the first time in 12 years that a Sussex field sport has progressed so far,) but were defeated 3-0 by the Cardiff Institute. The men's table tennis team qualified for and won their semi-final against Leeds. This is the first time the Sussex team has reached the final, which this year was won by Middlesex.

Sarah Buckland, VP Sport, puts Sussex's new-found success down to a combination of 'raw talent' coming into the University, and a great deal of dedication on the part of team captains and coaches.

TERM DATES

This term ends on 11 March
Summer Term 18 April to 24 June.
Autumn Term 3 October to 9 December

MINIMUM SERVICES DAYS OVER EASTER
Thursday 31 March
Friday 1 April
Monday 4 April
Tuesday 5 April

BANK HOLIDAYS
Monday 2 May
Monday 30 May

TAKING THE LITMUS TEST

The production team of The Litmus Test, a light-hearted Radio 4 Science Quiz, was at Sussex last month. It recorded two shows before an invited audience, the first of which will be broadcast at 12.25 pm on Thursday 31 March. Pictured above with presenter Fred Harris (third from left), are Sussex scientists who sporting took part: Professor Margaret Boden (COGS), Dr. John Gribbin, Science Writer and Visiting Fellow in Astronomy, and Emeritus Professor John Maynard Smith (BIOL. S)
**People and Research**

**Association of University Administrators**

UA is a professional association which plays an important role in the development of administration and management in universities and colleges. Membership is open to administrators, managers, academic staff and senior secretarial and clerical staff. Members receive a variety of publications, and can benefit from local activities (Sussex has 33 members), an annual conference and training courses. The current subscription is £15 p.a. Anyone interested in joining should contact Philip Baker, Sussex House, Room 323, ext. 3826.

**Public Lecture Postponed**

A lecture to be given by Professor Peter K. Swart (Issues in Environmental Science series) on 22 March, has been postponed. He will now lecture on *The Record of Recent Climatic Change* at 6.30 pm on Tuesday 5 May in MOLS Lecture Theatre.

**Caroline Winter**

WE ARE VERY sorry to announce the death of Caroline Winter, a final year undergraduate in the School of Biological Sciences.

Caroline was studying Biology with European Studies and spent the last academic year at the University of Grenoble. She died suddenly on Tuesday 22 February. Her unexpected and tragic death has caused her many friends and tutors deep sorrow.

If you would like to contribute to a commemorative tree, or books for the Library, please send donations, however small, to Oliver Darlington, Sub Dean School of Biological Sciences. Cheques should be made payable to the University of Sussex.

**Cartoon Mice Aid Psychology Research**

Sussex University student Wendy Clements has created two cartoon characters as part of her doctoral research project in experimental psychology. Sam and Katy Mouse star in her videos which were made using the University's Multimedia facilities. The project aims to develop an insight into the development of children's minds.

Wendy takes the video to playgroups around Brighton and Hove, and while they watch it she records the children's eye movements with a video camera. At certain points in the story she asks them questions about what they think will happen next.

Sam Mouse, the hero of the story, has a piece of cheese which he leaves on a plate while he goes for a snooze. While he is asleep, Katy Mouse moves the cheese to another location. When he wakes, the younger children expect Sam to go straight to the cheese's new location. In contrast, the older children look at the empty plate, as if they (quite rightly) expect Sam to go there. When asked to predict what will happen, however, nearly half of these older children claim that Sam will go to the plate that now holds the cheese.

The experiment, which Wendy designed with help from her supervisor Professor Josef Perner, demonstrates the way in which children see other people's minds. The younger children cannot separate what they know, and what others know. Between three and four years, children begin to develop this ability, but are still not confident of their own understanding.

The series of eight two-minute videos were made using the latest digital technology in the University's Multimedia Centre. Wendy learned how to use the facilities under the supervision of Richard Inskip, the Centre's co-ordinator. "When Wendy told us what she wanted, we knew it could be done," says Richard. "But it was an entirely new type of project for us."

Once Wendy had mastered the technology, she spent a few hours each week working on the video. She scanned pictures onto a computer, and then used the multimedia software to digitally adapt the figures and produce action sequences. Even the narrator was recorded directly onto the computer before the cartoon was transferred onto video. The whole project took about four months to complete.

Wendy originally carried out the research with a painted cardboard background and cardboard cut-out figures. As well as being difficult for her to transport around the playgroups, this did not catch the children's imagination. "I had a lot of trouble with the research because the younger ones had such a short attention span," says Wendy. "Now, when I ask the children if they want to watch a video, there is a stampede to get to the front!"

Anyone who would like to find out more about Multimedia, contact Richard Inskip on 2992.

**Periodicals Review**

The main deadline for the return of Periodicals Review lists is Friday 11 March but lists will continue to be counted up to Friday 25 March. Recipients of the lists are kindly asked to return them by the end of term, if possible, so that library staff can press on with counting the votes. If anyone has a query about the lists or questionnaires, please contact Dheide Mitchell, Head of Periodicals, (3409) or Robert Howes, Head of Collection, (8589).

**Vintage Years**

In 1973 Geoff Lockwood took up the post of Registrar and Secretary, reporting his appointment at the time, the *Times Higher Education Supplement* hailed him as 'a new breed of university administrator.'

Reviewing the past 21 years, Geoff comments, "That's only about 50,000 memos. But some have been useful."
TRAVELLING ON CHURCHILL’S TRUST

Sean Christian, a teaching fellow in BIOLS, has been awarded ‘as much money as he needs’ to study research techniques in animal behaviour. He will not, as he did for his DPhil, spend his time watching badgers on the Sussex Downs. In June Sean is going to the Panamanian coast to study the Coati (a small raccoon-like mammal) for three months. He will work alongside Dr John Gittleman of the University of Tennessee, who gained his doctorate at Sussex ten years ago.

The money for the trip is coming from the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust, a fund set up in 1965 to enable UK citizens to travel and gain experience in their trade, profession or interest. No formal qualifications are needed, but candidates must show that they will foster good relations with citizens of foreign countries, and make effective use of the knowledge and experience they have gained once they return to Britain.

Sean applied to the trust when he became frustrated by the lack of money available through the normal research councils. “I’m hoping to set up a small pilot research project from this work,” he says. “Once I have done that, I can approach the research councils with a working project, which should put me in a much better position.”

About a hundred projects are funded by the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust every year, and not all of them are quite as academic as Sean’s project. Someone has been given money to study dry stone walling techniques in India and Norway. Someone else has been funded to travel to the United States and examine the state of international waterskiing. And a grant has even been given to a health worker to promote professional and public knowledge and awareness of incon tinence in New Zealand. All thanks to Winston Churchill.

Anyone who wants further information on the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust Travelling Fellowships can contact Sean Christian on ext. 2754, BIOLS S5B.

Libération

The Liberation of France will have its fiftieth anniversary celebrations later this year. Historically it will probably be seen very much as the result of an allied effort, but a conference to be held at Sussex next month will be concentrating on the role played by the French.

“The Liberation, particularly in areas of the south, was very much an internal affair,” says Professor Rod Kedward, who is organising the conference with Dr Nancy Wood, an expert on film and popular memory of the war years. “This will be a way of marking what the French did to liberate themselves.”

The conference will bring together researchers of literature, film, history and politics from Europe and North America. The role of women in resistance to the German occupation will be a particular focus, an area which has long been neglected in French research on the period.

“French conferences are often dominated by male researchers, speakers and witnesses,” says Rod Kedward. “The conference will therefore look critically at the limitations of the Liberation, including disillusionment experienced within the French Colonies. The French academics are intrigued by the body of scholarship that will be in evidence, and especially by its interdisciplinary nature. There will be a major group of French scholars coming over for the conference, and the Consceller Culturel from the French Embassy will be chairing the first session.”

This will be the second Sussex conference on Vichy France. The first was held ten years ago; two years later the subject was introduced into the French A level syllabus. Rod Kedward believes that the subject and timing of this second conference will highlight some of the subtler aspects of the Vichy period: “At a time when the whole world will be marking this fiftieth anniversary, this year or next, the conference will serve as a reminder that there’s a lot more to war than military history.”

News

Name: Nigel G(orgeous) Llewellyn
Appearance: "Like a young Greek god with dark curly hair" (library assistant, 1978); 1993: older, greyer, no curls.
Job Title: Dean-designate of EURO.
Job Description: Does it all.
Importance to the University: Pin-up boy for the Library.
Would rather be (at University): In the Library
Would rather be (outside University): Second row for Wales; Model for Esquire.
Most likely to say: Medieval Art History is the most significant aspect of art history today.
Least likely to say: I do admire Will Carling – he’s such a good player.
Most ridiculous pastime: Taking students on study tours to foreign cities during the vacation.
But that’s in the job, surely?
Yes, and that’s what qualifies it as ridiculous.
Favourite method of stalling funding bodies/colleagues: Exposing manly torso; talking about rugby. Both together if it’s really tough.
Favourite feature of University: The Library; the goldfish outside Arts A.
The what? The goldfish. It’s the sort of image Matisse would like, and our boy(s) is supposed to be an art historian.
Least favourite feature of university: Indiscreet junior colleagues.
Not to be confused with: Nigel Lawson, Nigel Pargiter, Gareth Llewellyn, Adonis.
Seminars/Talks/Debates

- **Wednesday 16 March**
  4.15pm **Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council**: Dr David Clark, acting Director of Programmes (SERC) will talk about the new Council and the transition from SERC. All grant holders who may be within scope of EPSRC are urged to attend BIOILS Lecture Theatre.

- **Wednesday 23 March**
  1pm **IDS Seminar Series**: Technology and Globalisation: Markets or Learning? Keith Pavitt (SIRR). Room 221, IDS.

- **Wednesday 30 March**
  1pm **IDS Seminar Series**: Convergence Revisited: Globalization but Still the Century of Nations. Robert Boyer (French regulationist). Room 221, IDS.

- **Wednesday 13 & Thursday 14 April**
  Royal Society & British Academy. Discussion/Meeting: Artificial Intelligence and the Mind: New Breakthroughs or Dead Ends? Speakers include Professor M. A. Boden, FBA (COGSS). Wed 10.30am - 5.50pm. Thur 10.30am - 5pm. Venue and details from (Executive Secretary), Royal Society. 6 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5HD.

University Bookshop

Recent publications by Sussex authors, all obtainable from Sussex University Bookshop.

- **Peter Campbell**: Louis XIV 1661-1715 (Longman £4.99).
- **Sonja Bochmer-Christiansen**: Environmental Regulation in Britain and Germany, the case of Vehicle Emissions (Pinter £37.50).
- **Chris Freeman**: Work for all or Mass Unemployment: Computerised Technical Changes in the 21st Century (Pinter £99).
- **Khalia etc**: What is Intelligence, with contributions from George Butterworth, on Perception in Infants (Cambridge £19.95).
- **R.A. Becher**: Graduate Education in Britain (Jessica Kingsley £25.00).
- **Geoffrey Bennington**: Legislations (Verso £12.95).
- **Alan Garnham and Janet Oakhill**: Thinking & Reasoning (Blackwell £12.99).
- **Maggie Gunsberg**: Patriarchal Representations Gender & Discourse in Pirandello's Theatre (Berg £35.95).
- **Russell King**: Mass Migration in Europe (Belhaven £39.50).
- **Russell King**: The New Geography (Belhaven £37.50).
- **Clout, Blacksell, Russell King & Pinder**: Western Europe (Longman £15.99).
- **Elleke Boehmer, Laura Chrisman, Kenneth Parker** (eds.): Altered State? Writing and South Africa (Kangaroo Press).

Summer Term Public Lectures

- **Tuesday 26 April**
  6pm **Professorial Lecture**: The Wandering Jew: A Leitmotif in German Literature and Politics. Edward Timms, Professor of German.

- **Tuesday 3 May**
  6.30pm **Issues in Environmental Science**: The Record of Recent Climatic Change. Peter K. Swart, Professor of Environmental Sciences.

- **Tuesday 31 May**
  6.30pm **First Annual Sussex Health Lecture** (Sponsored by South Downs Health NHS Trust): The Economics of Mental Health. Professor Alan Maynard, Health Economist at York University.

- **Friday 10 June**
  6.30pm **Wynne Baxter Godfrey Law Lecture**: Judicial Review: The Variants and the Policy. Professor Sir David Williams, Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University.

- **Tuesday 21 June**
  6pm **Professorial Lecture**: Will There Ever Be Salt Tolerant Crops? Tim Flowers, Professor of Plant Physiology.

All lectures in Molecular Sciences Lecture Theatre.

Research 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.

**ROBERT SCHUMAN FOUNDATION**: Exists to promote European unity and offers grants to research students and post-docs of up to £15,000 for 1 year for projects in which the European dimension is central or which require work in at least 2 European countries. Closing date 15 April 94.

**ESRC RESEARCH SEMINAR COMPETITION**: To support multi-institutional groups of researchers meeting at least 3 times a year, with up to £5,000 a year. Closing date 5 April 94.

**EC AND UK S&T FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMMES**: In Japan, for post-docs to visit research labs. Closing dates 13 May and 20 Sept 94.

**BRITISH TELECOM SHORT-TERM FELLOWSHIPS**: 6 weeks in BT laboratories with expenses and £3,000 for academic staff and post-docs in any relevant discipline (incl. e.g. psychology and linguistics). Closing date 30 April 94.

**FRANCO-BRITISH COLLABORATION 1995**: British Council grants in pure and applied sciences, life sciences, technology and applied social sciences: travel and subsistence for up to 2 months in each direction in any year, for 1 or 2 years. Closing date 31 May 94.

**ISRAEL**: Opportunities for funding of collaborations by the UK-financed Academic Study Group for Israel and Middle East. 1994 Newsletter available.

**NATO INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES**: Proposals invited in areas of disarmament technologies, high technology, environment and human resources &/& policy. 1994 programme of meetings available.

**TRANSLATION OF CONTEMPORARY LITERARY WORKS**: EC scheme of support, particularly from EC's minority languages. Closing date 30 May 94.

**CATALYST**: British Technology Group's new newsletter, distributed to Schools. We have spares.

Vacation Opening

- **Library**
  Mon to Fri 9am - 17.30pm (Tues extension till 7.30pm) Weekends: Sat 2pm - 6.30pm & Sun 11am - 6.30pm

- **Computing Service**
  Mon to Fri 9am - 9pm Closed weekends

Small Ads

**FOR SALE**: Studio flat in Hove. Separate kitchen, shower and toilet. £19,000ono. Contact Liz on ext. 2549.

**FOR SALE**: Brantridge Park Timeshare and Country Club. 1 bed mews apartment. Sleeps 4, week 47, free use of swimming pool, sauna, golf tennis court. Reduced for quick sale. £3,250ono. Contact Jane on ext. 3325.

**FOR SALE**: J reg Feas Sprayspr 1100. Sunroof, stereo-system. 24,800 miles. 6 mts tax. 12 mts MOT. £4,300. Contact Ross on 208990 or ext. 3773.

**FOR SALE**: Amstrad PC1512 double disk drive (5 1/4") and Daisy Wheel Printer. Colour monitor, keyboard, mouse. Wordperfect software. £100ono. Contact Philip on ext. 3826 or 725569.

**ROOM TO LET**: 3rd person required. Lge room, garden, washing machine. Salisbury £40pw exclusive. Contact Sven on 308174.

**WANTED**: 2 hand portable colour TV. Must be in very good condition. Contact Terry on ext. 8208 or 203723.

Bulletin

This is the final Bulletin of the Spring Term and we wish all our readers a happy Easter. The first Bulletin of the Summer Term appears on Friday 15 April. Many thanks to all those who have sent in contributions during the last term. Contributions for future Bulletins can be sent to Pauline O'Reilly (editor), Mike Brooks (features) or Terry O'Donnell (What's On) at the Information Office. Sussex House, ext. 8209 or Email: Bulletin@sussex.ac.uk.

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