An important new partnership, involving over 70 schools in East and West Sussex, was launched at the University last week. Over 90 teachers from around 50 schools came to the University for the formal launch of the Sussex Consortium for Teacher Education and Research.

The Consortium has been established to organise and oversee the training of teachers in the region and marks a new era of collaboration between schools and the University. For the first time, schools will be involved, not only in the classroom-based aspects of teacher-training, but in the structure and content of the course and the assessment of students. The newly formalised partnership represents a response to recent government legislation which required increased involvement of schools in the management of initial teacher training.

The keynote address at the launch was given by Anthea Millett, the newly appointed Chief Executive of the Teacher Training Agency (The TTA) which was formally established in September of last year. Anthea Millett’s visit to Sussex was her first opportunity to talk to a partnership scheme and she professed herself particularly pleased and grateful to do so here at Sussex. She stressed her belief that partnership represented the best way forward for teacher education and also went on to talk about the aims of the TTA and her commitment to ensuring that it functioned in an open and responsive way. Questions focussed, perhaps inevitably, on the issue of funding and, according to Anthea Millett, the TTA is setting in train a funding study with a view to having new mechanisms in place by 1997. “I have”, she said, “only been in the job for six weeks, but it’s already clear to me that the funding of teacher education is like the underside of the QE2—it’s encrusted with barnacles and needs to be scrubbed down and thoroughly cleaned up!”.

In his opening speech, the Vice-Chancellor observed that the new Consortium was evolutionary rather than signifying a break with the past. “In many ways,” he says, “the relationship between the University and schools in the region has long been a pioneering partnership and as such it provides a benchmark against which all future developments will be judged.”

The structure of the Consortium consists of a Council and two programme management groups, one for primary and one for secondary schools. The Chair of the Secondary Management Group, Peter Bratton (pictured above) is Headteacher of Hove Park School. He sees the new venture as a real opportunity for schools to increase their role and responsibility in this important area. “Although there are some doubts in the profession about the move to school-based training, I personally welcome it as an exciting challenge. It will enable schools to play a really vital part in training which will work to our mutual benefit and ultimately improve the quality of teacher education.”
Development Opportunities

Funding may be available from Staff Development or EHE funds for faculty to attend the following events. Please contact the Staff Development Officer, ext 3849, for details of these and other events.

Developing Teaching in Higher Education Oxford Centre for Staff Development, at Warwick University 29/31 March 1995

Working with Students in Groups Oxford Centre for Staff Development, at Loughborough University 30 March 1995

Fostering the Take-Up of Open and Resource Based Learning Oxford Centre for Staff Development, at Warwick University 7 April 1995

Implementing Flexible Learning AETT International Conference, at University of Plymouth 10/12 April 1995

Assessing Student Centred Courses Oxford Centre for Staff Development, at Reading University 25/26 April 1995

Teaching with Audio and Video in Open and Distance Learning OU Institute of Educational Technology, at Milton Keynes 26 April 1995

Supporting Your Learners (open/distance learning) OU Institute of Educational Technology, at Milton Keynes 27 April 1995

Teaching Study Skills: CHES, London 27/28 April 1995

ALUMNI Pledge £101,224 to Appeal Fund

Last autumn, a small group of current and former students telephoned just over 3,000 Sussex alumni (having written to them first) in a US-style fund raising phonathon. The results, according to Development Officer Robin Street, were amazing: “300 opted out, but 27% of those called immediately pledged a gift and another 11.5% asked for gift or covenant forms. In all £101,224 was pledged to the University’s existing £2 million appeals and endowment’s fund. The average gift was £123.”

The first projects to benefit include refurbishment of the bath/shower area in Kulukundis House and the purchase of a disk drive for the Library’s Kurzweil Book Edge Scanner — used by sight-impaired and dyslexic students. Other projects are pending.

The Alumni & Development Office now hope to make the phonathon an annual event — an important part of the University’s efforts to establish new scholarships and provide improved support on campus for students with disabilities.

On Target

The influence of Robin Hood has reached Sussex. Members of the University Archery Club (the Sussex Bowmen), get in some practice for the British Universities Sports Association (BUSA) indoor archery championships on 11 March. The club meets on Mondays between 8 and 10 pm in the Sportscentre and in Falmer Pub afterwards. They’re keen to recruit new members — contact Isla Cherry or Heather Stanley MOLS ug/ph for further details.
Badgering the People: Mao on Show

Dean of EAM, Bob Benewick, is an avid collector. Amongst his treasures is a substantial collection of badges of Mao Zedong. These were produced in their millions during Mao's period of ascendancy in China, partly as a way of making his image the central focus of the Revolution. They not only celebrate the different phases of his life, they also mark shifts of emphasis in policy. Now Bob, and Stephi Hemelryk of Media Studies in CCS have put together an exhibition based on these badges at the Brighton Museum, entitled Badgering the People. Working with Anthony Shelton, who shares his time between being Keeper of Non-Western Art at the Museum and teaching in AFRAS, they have augmented Bob's badges with other examples of Mao memorabilia and a short video produced in the Multimedia Teaching Centre with Richard Insip and Chad Wollen. The exhibition runs until 17 April.

What the papers say...

A report by SPRU suggests a decline in the impact of British social science research on the international stage (THES 8 February). On average UK-authored papers were only cited around 0.2 times a year which indicates that "British social science research has had relatively little impact on the international scientific community." The report also found about 80 per cent of the UK-authored papers were published in British journals and that UK papers in foreign journals have declined over the past decade. "This raises questions about how well integrated British social science scientists are within the international community," claims the report.

The Guardian (11 February) carried an article on Oscar Wilde who, more than 100 years after his trial for gross indecency, earned establishment recognition in the form of a stained glass window in Poet's Corner at Westminster Abbey.

The article refers extensively to Professor Alan Sinfield's recently published book, The Wilde Century in which it is suggested that Wilde's trial was a turning point in the definition and treatment of effeminacy and homosexuality. It was in the person of Oscar Wilde, suggests Professor Sinfield, that British Society was finally able to identify the 'Queer' as representative of a precise and evil nature which merited persecution.

In Brief

ROBIN LEE

Poetry Competition 1995

This is an annual competition which is open to all students and staff of the University (except faculty). CASH PRIZES are awarded to the winner and the runners-up.

Robin Lee was a student here at Sussex in the 1960s and on his death his mother set up and funded this competition.

Entrants may submit up to four poems - totalling not more than 100 lines in all. Entry forms can be obtained from Pat Hemsworth in Arts B239 (ext. 2154)

Closing date: Tuesday 26 April 1995.

PLEASE GIVE BLOOD

The South Thames Blood Transfusion Service will be on campus on Monday 6 March between 11.00am and 1.45pm and 3.30 and 5.15 pm in Mandela Hall, Falmer House. Many short-life blood products have to be provided fresh to hospitals every day so blood is always needed and new donors greatly welcomed.

For further details and to make an appointment ring the Students' Union reception on ext 8152.

ROAD WORKS

Knights Gate Road / B2123 at Falmer

The University has been advised by East Sussex County Council that work on widening Knights Gate Road and the installation of a mini-roundabout on the B2123 on the southern side of the A27 will commence on 6 March 1995 and will take approximately ten weeks to complete.

The most disruptive work will as far as possible be undertaken over the Easter vacation. But drivers must expect to incur further delays entering and exiting the University during these works which are aimed at alleviating some of the present problems.
What’s on...

Lectures, Seminars, Colloquia

- Monday 27 February
  1pm Experimental Psychology Seminar: Title to be announced. T. Duka, Biology Lecture Room.
  4pm Women's Studies Research in Progress Seminar: Graduate Division of Women's Studies Termy Meeting. Arts D410.
  4.15pm Chemistry Colloquium: Chlorine and Life. N. Winterton (ICI). MSLT, MOLS.
  4.30pm Neuroscience Seminar: Insecticides Research and Neurobiology at Zeneca. S. Dunbar (Zeneca), Biology Lecture Room.
  5pm European Studies Lecture: Utopia in a World Without Utopias. K. Kumar (Kent), Arts A2.
  5.30pm Sociology and Social Psychology Seminar: Social Problems at a Time of Structural Change: The Case of Poland. C. Czekaj (University of Silesia, Poland), Arts D310.

- Tuesday 28 February
  1.30pm Psychology @ COGS Research-in-Process Seminar: Constraints on Early Grammatical Development. E. Lieven (Manchester), PB2A2, MAPS I.
  2pm Condensed State Physics Seminar: Title and speaker to be announced. PB1A1, MAPS I.
  3pm SEIR Research in Progress Seminar: Decision-Making in the EU and European Competition Policy. J. From, Arts A71.
  4pm COGS Seminar: Concept Representation and Object Centered Paradigm. S. Garlatti, PB5C11, MAPS III.
  4pm Maths & Statistics Algebra Seminar: Title to be announced. V. Nezhinskij, PB2A2, MAPS I.
  4.15pm Biochemistry and Genetics & Development Seminar: The Shikimate Pathway Enzymes: Parsonomy and Diversify in Enzyme Evolution. Prof. J. Coggins (Glasgow), Biology Lecture Theatre.
  5pm Social Anthropology Seminar: The Uses of the West in the Politics and Anthropology of Asia. J. Spencer (Edinburgh), Arts E419.
  5pm International Relations Seminar: Constructions of Trade in Contemporary World System. A. Cameron, Arts D430.

- Wednesday 1 March
  12.30pm Environmental Science Research Seminar: Public: Concern for the Environment: The Response of the Local Authority (and the Local University?). S. Hickmott (E. Sussex County Council), M53, MOLS.
  1pm IDS Aid and Poverty Reduction Seminar: Does British Bilateral Aid Have a Future? S. Maxwell, J. Randel & P. Randell, IDS 221.

Monday 27 February – Sunday 5 March

4pm Applied Mathematics and Numerical Analysis Seminar: Title to be announced. C. Budd (Bristol), PB1A1, MAPS I.
  4pm SEIR Lecture: Voices from Civil Society in the Former Yugoslavia: An Opportunity to Hear from Leading Yugoslav Independent Intellectuals. Prof. Z. Prihovski (Zagreb), S. Licht (Director, SOROS Foundation), M. Kasljugic (Tuzla), Arts A1.

- Thursday 2 March
  12.30pm History and Gender Seminar Group: Turning the Hourglass: Gender Relations and the Deathbed in an Early Modern City. E. Hallam, Arts D520.
  1pm RUPAG Seminar: Work-Driven or People-Driven? An Evaluation of the WFP Merti-Jeju Employment Project of Ethiopia. D. Poite, IDS 221.
  2pm Statistics Seminar: Filtering Linear Dynamic Models with Switching Coefficients. P. Browne (British Aerospace), PB2A2, MAPS I.
  3.40pm Experimental Psychology Colloquia: Localising Sound in Space. R. Meddis (Loughborough), Biology Lecture Room.
  5pm Geography Research Seminar: Gender Inequality in the New Regional Europe. D. Perrons, EDB 302.

- Friday 3 March
  2.15pm SPRU Seminar: Employment Linkages in Developing Countries. Prof. F. Stewart (Oxford), EDB 121.
  4.30pm Philosophy Society Lecture: Heidegger on Art and Technology. D. Frede (Hamburg), Arts A155.

CCE Saturday Schools - 18 March

How to Manage Information with Filemaker Pro: an introduction to the Claris database manager. Beyond Assertiveness: how to put assertiveness skills into practice. A Child Crying: Neglect and Abandonment in the English Novel: study the plight of the unloved child in fiction from Charlotte Brontë to Martin Amis. Reduced rates for students/staff. Above events take place at the University. Enrol with CCE on 678527.

Career Development Unit

- Professional Skills Development
  Tue 28 Feb, 10am-4pm: Local Govt. Simulation
  Thu 2 Mar, 1-4pm: Marketing/Advertising

- Briefing Sessions
  Mon 27 Feb, 2-4pm: Psychology

- Career Issues
  Fri 3 Mar, 10-12am: Sexuality
  Pre-booking is essential for all of the above. All in CDU, Falmer house. Contact ext. 8429 for details.

Small Ads

- FOR SALE: Tannoy 60S speakers and stands. Mint condition. £120 ovno. Contact 561440.
- NANNY SHARE OFFERED: Family in Lewes area to share our experienced nanny from Easter 95. Contact Jane Andrew on 478361.
- FOR HIRE: 8 berth caravan on Winkunks Holiday Camp, N. Wales. Wheelchair access, TV. all mod. cons. Contact Terry 0978 365061.
- HOME WANTED: from April for young Collie X dog. Very affectionate, likely, good with people. Owner going abroad. Contact Margaret Ralph ext. 8260 or 475042.
- FOR SALE: Citroen 2CV6 Special Dec 87, low mileage, £295 ovno. Contact 560093.
- WANTED: furnished house or flat in Lewes for couple (faculty), no children. Contact ext. 2314 (afternoons) or 606991 (eves).
- SALE: of obsolete computer hardware (mostly printers). Free to students, small charge to staff. Contact ext. 8200.
- FOR SALE: Crash Helmet. FM by Fimez. Size 7 eight. Certified to British Standard safety. £30. Contact ext. 8015 or 680841.
- TO LET: House. Large room in spacious shared sea front flat. Contact Sebastian 309148.
- TO LET: Furnished 4-bed det. family house in Kingston. Avail end March. Long let pref. Convenient for University and Lewes station. Contact 8536 or 483993.
- PENFRIEND: wanted for French son (15) of Grenoble Prof. Contact Cressey Cannan ext. 2211 or 600078.
- FOR SALE: Olivetti Electronic typewriter. All modern features. Perfect condition. New £150 will accept bargain £35. Contact Terry on ext. 8208 or 203723.

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