History of Women in Higher Education

Two complementary research projects exploring the history of women in higher education could establish Sussex as a Centre of Excellence in this greatly under-researched field.

Carol Dyhouse (CCS) has recently completed a wide-ranging study of British universities outside Oxford and Cambridge, which contradicts the popularly held view that the provincial universities accepted women undergraduates readily and without discrimination.

Her research indicates patterns of striking segregation in academic and social terms, and she investigates the

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FILM BUFFS’ DREAM

Cinema at the Gardner

ALL SMILES AT THE GARDNER CENTRE. Pictured celebrating the announcement of a big screen at the Gardner Centre, Pro-Chancellor of the University and President of the Gardner Centre, Richard Attenborough, with deputy Chairman David Bunker and General Manager Norma Binnie.

Access to culturally valuable and archival material will be made available to the Gardner by the British Film Institute.

Funds for the project were raised by the Centre, led by its enthusiastic President, film-maker and actor, Richard Attenborough. Generous support from the Foundation for Sports and Arts, the British Film Institute and the University helped to make the cinema possible.

Programmes (at reduced prices for students) will embrace popular general release films, arthouse productions and seasons of European and world cinema, with the first official screening due in the Spring.

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dream is about to be realised at the Gardner Arts Centre as cinema installation begins. A 27-ft screen, complemented by Dolby sound, is being installed in the newly centrally-heated 400 seat auditorium.

“It is a timely and major addition to our thriving arts centre” says General Manager, Norma Binnie, “coinciding with celebrations of the Centenary of Film pioneered 100 years ago in Hove.”

As an official regional film theatre, it will be a platform for emerging film-makers to show their work and be of great benefit to the student population at Sussex.”

DON’T CRUSH!
(If it is announced that at least six professors at Bangor University have married lady students.)
Discipline

Members and employees of the University are reminded that all students are obliged to abide by the general provisions of the Ordinance on Student Discipline which says that: "Students shall maintain a standard of conduct which is not harmful to the work, good order or good name of the University."

Under the Ordinance, all University members and employees are required to try to prevent any breach of University discipline and should report any such breach to the Registrar and Secretary. The Discipline Committee refers alleged breaches of discipline to the appropriate Dean for action (if minor) or to the Disciplinary Panel if considered to be a major breach.

Disciplinary Panel
The Disciplinary Panel, consisting of four faculty and two student members, met on 14 November 1994 to consider a case referred to it by the Discipline Committee.

A student in SOC was found guilty of behaving in a drunken, disorderly and disruptive manner at an official University function. He was found over to be of good behaviour against the surety of his caution money deposit and he was warned that any future findings by a Panel that he had been guilty of a repetition of a similar offence would result in the forfeiture of his deposit.

British Association
Annual Festival of Science
11-15 September 1995

In 1995 the University of Newcastle is hosting the BA's Annual Festival of Science which has a programme packed full of activities, exhibitions and debates for all ages and interests. There will be talks, hands-on science, and reports from eminent scientists on the latest developments in their fields. For more information ring the BA Events Office on 0171 494 3326.

At Home in the Sun?

Professor Russell King (EURO) will soon be jetting off to some of Europe's hottest holiday destinations, and all in the name of research. Over the next three years, his investigations will take him to Malta, the Algarve, Tuscany and the Costa del Sol where, together with Research Officer Dr Guy Patterson, he will interview retired expats about their reasons for leaving Britain for sunnier climes.

Despite exotic locations with constant sunshine, inexpensive property and cheap alcohol, many retirees encounter difficulties upon leaving Britain. Separated from family and friends in foreign lands, they can feel isolated and if tragedy strikes—for example, the death of a partner—they feel desperate to return home but are unable to, having opted out of the UK property market. From the host societies' viewpoint, a large influx of older migrants increases pressure on health and welfare services in what are often already financially troubled locations.

By conducting face-to-face interviews with locals as well as the retired migrants themselves, Professor King and colleagues from Sheffield and Exeter Universities hope to identify the causes and effects of these significant changes in lifestyle.

"In a world where geographical mobility is common-place and fast-changing, new forms of migration demand attention. With the increasing feasibility of migration within the EU, our intention is to discover the real personal and political implications of retirement migration from northern to southern Europe—and in some cases, back again" explains Professor King. The project is funded by the ESRC and will be based at the Sussex European Institute at the University.

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historical backgrounds behind current high-profile debates about co-educational or sex-segregated education, the appointment of Women's Officers in universities, and feminist approaches to the 'traditional' curriculum.

She has recently agreed a contract for a book entitled No Distinction of Sex? Women in British Universities 1870-1939 to be published by UCL Press this Summer.

In the same field, Professor Pat Thane (SOC) has recently received a grant of £100,000 to study the life histories of Girton graduates throughout the twentieth century. She will investigate the ways in which women coped with the male-dominated world of Cambridge (and gender inequality outside it) by questioning surviving Girton graduates from each decade between 1918 and the 1970s.

Both studies aim to illustrate the historical constraints on women in higher education to discover how past experience can help to explain the contemporary situation to enable greater equality for women in higher education in the future.

The Spencer Foundation of Chicago provided funding for both studies and a seminar series based around women in higher education is planned for the future.

LETTERS

in response to Professor Mansell's front page article (Bulletin 27.11.94)

Readers of Bulletin may like to know that one can request that BT permanently disable caller ID on outgoing calls by phoning 150. You can then selectively enable caller ID by prefixing the called number with 1470. By default your number is not broadcast to the called person, and you can selectively enable it when calling take-aways, paranoid friends, etc.

BT have not disclosed this information, ostensibly because the 1470 number (but also the 1471 Call Return number) only works on digital exchanges (about 75% of the country). I believe that you can check for yourself by dialing 1470—if you get Number Unobtainable, you are on an old exchange. BT staff may not be aware of 1470 either; it has received very little publicity.

Jeremy Maris, Experimental Psychology

I have just recently subscribed to NYNEX. Whilst still remaining on BT, I phoned my BT number with my NYNEX line, but hung up the phone without answering the BT phone, as you would do, so I could dial 1471 on the BT phone to see it would be recorded. The answer to that is 'No'.

So, for what it's worth, if you dial from a NYNEX phone, then it WILL NOT record the number on BT. Just as good as dialing 141.

Dennis Snuggs, COGS
What the papers say . . .

The New Scientist (14 January) carried a 3-page article on attempts by Sussex researchers Inman Harvey, Phil Husbands and Dave Cliff (COGS) to ‘breed’ a generation of robots that can handle the ever-changing, real world environments of offices, warehouses and hospitals. Loosely based on the principles of Darwinian evolution, a population of robots with randomly designed motor control and vision systems were made to perform a simple task of finding a white triangle in a darkened room. Those that came closest to succeeding were allowed to ‘survive’, ‘breed’ and ‘spawn’ the next generation. This radical and so far successful method of creating intelligent robots differs enormously from the way robot builders have proceeded in the past and the challenge now is whether the robots can evolve considerably further.

A recent report by Sussex University lecturers attacks housing authorities for discriminating against ex-offenders. It says homeless ex-prisoners are almost three times as likely to offend as those who have a place to go to when they are released (Evening Argus, 6 January). David Cowan (CLS) said: “Ex-offenders get a rough deal. They find it difficult to get work because of their criminal record when they come out of prison. Without an address it’s almost impossible.” He adds, “If they do commit another offence, like shoplifting, they are back inside because they won’t get bail without a home address.” In spite of this, many housing officers are unsympathetic to ex-offenders particularly in homeless blackspots such as Brighton.

Talk is NOT cheap claims SPRU report

The Science Policy Research Unit highlights the need for a reduction in the costs of basic communication technologies to prevent the social and cultural alienation of Britain’s one million lone parent families.

Although around 17% of families with dependent children in Britain are lone parent families, this is the first study focusing on the role of Information and Communications Technologies (i.e. telephones, televisions, videos, radios, etc.) in their lives.

Dr Leslie Haddon, who with Professor Roger Silverstone conducted the research amongst lone parent families in London and Brighton, hopes the report will “introduce a sense of reality to debates about a high technology future for all which have often ignored these significant new forms of family structure.”

Amongst its findings, the report reveals how for many lone parents and their children, the telephone is a key social link as well as precondition for their physical safety, and how television may be used to create a sense of personal space within a cramped physical environment. However, despite their importance, many lone parents interviewed for the study feared the costs of such technologies and, in conclusion the report calls for cheaper services for lone parent families in order to ‘prevent their exclusion from the mainstream of national and European culture’.

In Brief

Research Opportunities

For more information, call Mylene Powell in the Research Office, ext 3812 (am only), email: M.G.Powell@sussex.

Biomedical Research Funding: new on-line information service provided by Wellcome Trust. Log onto Sotax and then type: telnet wisdom.wellcome.ac.uk.

Ireland: British Council grants for setting up collaborative research. Closing date 31 January.

Best: British Expertise in Science & Technology: if you have received your record for amendment, please don’t forget to deal with it and send it back. Anyone who wants to get onto this database of researchers, extensively used by research funders, government and industry to identify experts, ask Mylene Powell for a form (ext 3812).

Science & Technology Media Fellowships 1995

These fellowships are intended for professional scientists and engineers – in any discipline – to allow them to spend between four and eight weeks with a media organisation. They provide opportunities for fellows to experience first hand how the media work and are intended to create greater awareness and understanding of the workings of the media among practising scientists and engineers.

In 1994, placements were available at BBC TV’s Tomorrow’s World, BBC World Service, BBC News and Current Affairs, BBC Pebble Mill, The Guardian, The Financial Times, THES and TES.

Application forms are available from the Media Fellowships Scheme, British Association, 23 Savile Row, London W1X 2NB, tel. 0171 494 3326.
Lectures, Seminars, Colloquia

- Monday 23 January
  4pm Women's Studies Research-in-Progress Seminar: Confronting the Fortress: Black and Migrant Women Across Europe. E. Banks (researcher European Union), Arts D410.
  4.30pm Neuroscience Seminar: Morphological Changes in the CNS Following Memory Formation. M. Stewart (OU), Biology Lecture Room.
  5pm European Studies Lecture: The Citizen and the Man about Town. J. Donald, Arts A2.
  5pm German Research Colloquium: Thomas Mann's 'Tonio Kroeger': Wieder-holungsstrukturen Aus Literarischer Sicht. K. Csuri (Sedeg), Arts A155.

- Tuesday 24 January
  1.30pm Psychology @ COGS Research-in-Progress Seminar: Title to be confirmed. B. Andrews (Royal Holloway), PB2A2, MAPS I.
  3pm SEI Research-in-Progress Seminar: Yugoslavia — the Ironies of Intervention. M. Ignatieff (BBC TV), Arts A71.
  4pm COGS Seminar: What is Life? Prof M. Boden, PB5C11, MAPS III.
  5pm German Research Colloquium: The Image of Anne Frank in the Post-War World. T. Kushner (Southampton), Arts A155.

- Wednesday 25th January
  12.30pm Environmental Science Research Group: EU Framework IV: Meeting the Challenge of the Programme. H. Rendell, MS5 MOLS II.

- Thursday 26th January
  11.30am SEI Special Lecture: Post Communist Transition in Comparative Perspective. Prof L. Balcerowica (Honorary Graduand and former Finance Minister of Poland), Arts A71.
  12.30pm History and Gender Seminar Group: Celebration for MA Graduands. Arts D520.
  1pm RUPAG Seminar: Integrating Gender Into Environmental Research and Policy. S. Jokkes, Room 221, IDS.
  2pm Statistics Seminar: Identifiability Problems in Competing Risks. M. J. Crowder (Surrey), PB2A2, MAPS I.

- Friday 27 January
  2.15pm SPRU Seminar Programme: Diversity and Technology Choice. A. Stirling, EDB 121.

CCE University Saturday Schools

- Saturday 28 Jan
  Diet and Evolution: Examine the role of food and drink in social behaviour and culture.
  Word For Windows: Taking It Further: Advanced lessons for those with a working knowledge.
  Tchaikovsky, Russia and the Piano: Piano works of Tchaikovsky & the piano in Russian musical life.
  The Arthurian Legend: Discover the legends surrounding the mysterious figure of King Arthur. Reduced rates for students and staff. Enrol with CCE on 678527.

Computing Courses

- Computing & Information Handling
  The CIH courses below are available on one day every week during Spring Term.
  Introduction to Email
  PC Introduction
  Networked Information Services
  Word For Windows
  Accessing the Internet
  Computing Service Courses
  The Computing Service offers the following courses during the Spring Term:
  Excel: Introduction & Intermediate
  UNIX: Introduction & Intermediate
  Word For Windows: Tables and Graphs / Equations
  Further details on all the above from the Computing Service Reception on ext. 8090.

The Transport Action Group

The Transport Action Group invites all to an open meeting to discuss how the increasing transport needs of campus users can be accommodated whilst, at the same time, minimising the environmental impact. Wed 25th Jan, 5-6.30pm in Meeting House.

UoS Annual General Meeting

The University of Sussex Society's AGM is on Thurs 26 Jan, 7pm in the Orange Room, Refectory. All Sussex graduates and other Society members welcome.

News from the Sportcentre

Aerobatone: New class combining aerobics, body toning & resistance exercises. Tues 5-6pm, 50p.
Fitness Circuit Training: Mon & Thurs, 5-6pm.

Burns Night

Cone and celebrate Burns Night at the Refectory, Level 2 Restaurant. Traditional Scottish Food will be served during lunchtime from 12am - 2.15pm on Wed Jan 25.

Miscellaneous

GALLERY CAFE BAR: New Management. Special Jan bargains. Open 9am-5pm, Mon/Thur/Fri. 9am-9pm, Tue/Wed.
LUNCHTIME RECITAL: Chris Beeds — Baritone. Tues 24 Jan, 12.30pm in the Chapel.

Small Ads

TO LET: 2 single rooms in pleasant house nr Hove seafront & on bus route. £145 & £50 Inc. all bills. Contact 417174.
TO LET: End Jan to June, 1 bed furnished flat. Hove £65pw. Contact Frances on 2583 or 478549.
APARTMENT WANTED: In New York for approx. 1 month around September. Contact Ellen Harris CCS u/g, p/g pigeon hole.
FOR SALE: 3 storey Victorian house. Quiet Rd close to London Rd BR. Beautiful condition. £75,000. Contact 684769.
FOR SALE: Portable Olympia manual typewriter in hard backed case. £35.00. Contact ext. 3784.
FOR SALE: Olivetti portable electronic typewriter. Excellent condition. £150 new will accept £50.00. Contact Terry on ext. 8208.
OLD TOYS WANTED: Especially model railways and transport items. Contact Mark on 676956.
AVAILABLE: Research or admin help short or long term by 1994 UoS graduate (34yrs) with good Politics & Dev Studies degree. Typing W/P (50wpm), strong clerical/admin skills. Contact Claire on 688533.
CHILD/MINDER AVAILABLE: F/t nanny/childminder available. Contact ext. 3424 or 550968.
YOGA SOCIETY: Meets Tues at 10.45-11.45am. 12-12.45pm or 1-2pm at Mandela Hall. Everybody welcome. Contact 0444 455309.

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