Robin Lee Poetry Competition

This year’s winner of the Robin Lee Poetry Prize is Elizabeth Fincham for her entry of four poems: Swansea Market: Song for the Diaspora; For Ron Collins; For two grandmothers and Dream landscapes with secrets. Elizabeth Fincham is studying part time for an MA in Language, the Arts and Education in the newly named University of Sussex Institute of Education (USIE). She will be presented with a cheque for £100 on Monday 19 June by the Chair of the Robin Lee Poetry Committee, Rodney Hillman. The judges also wish to commend three other entrants: Andrew Daniel (BIOLS postgraduate), Dillon Euler (Visiting & Exchange student in EAM) and Madeleine Shaw (CLS undergraduate). One of Elizabeth’s winning poems Swansea Market: Song for the Diaspora is featured below. Another of her poems will be published in next week’s Bulletin.

Swansea Market: Song for the Diaspora

The first things I see
are pint jugs of curly Penclawdd cockles
glossy black laverbread floured into parcels
and rose-pink bacon rashers
enough for breakfast in heaven
for all the exiles.
Ruby and amethyst wallflowers lie tightly wrapped
in the winding sheets of the dampened pages
of the death columns of the Evening Post
alongside Gower caulks, leeks and Pembrokeshire potatoes
gleaming nude and white against the soft earth
just as they did on Saturday mornings
forty years ago
when feeling important
in my Sunday-best coat
with the green velvet collar
and Starrrite shoes with a silver buckle
I stood beside these same stalls of the country women
and watched them
with their babies
clutching in, Welsh fashion,
cocooned in flannel shawls
against their breasts.
Across the aisle I see
the slabs of salt Carmarthen butter
and mountains of Welsh cakes
too many still
for all the funeral teas of the world
as I stand here like one of the lost
in my home town
now everything has changed.

DOUBLE-DECKER DIAGNOSIS

A double-decker bus, specially adapted to carry magnetic resonance equipment to remote areas, parked outside the Refectory building last week. On-board demonstrations were given as part of a conference – organised by the Trafford Centre for Medical Research and COGS – designed to introduce the local medical and academic community to the function and medical applications of magnetic resonance. Like an advanced form of X-ray, magnetic resonance imaging enables the inside of the body to be examined without surgery, and has led to great improvements in clinical diagnosis.

BOSNIA: Support for the University of Tuzla

Shocking messages have been coming via email from Tuzla after the recent massacre in the town; all those killed were young people, many of them students. Mary Kaldor (SEI) asks people at Sussex to send messages of condolence and support to the Mayor of Tuzla via the email address:

MAYOR-TZ@ZAMIR-TZ.ZTN.APC.ORG
Dear Editor

In response to Geoffrey Sampson (9 June), I find his comments about the new road/street lighting on campus very juvenile. For the past 3 years, many students have been lobbying for extra lighting around campus. This gives extra safety, especially for women still under threat from rapist attacks on this campus. How distasteful were his comments about the possible aesthetics of the new lighting – its not as if he will be spending his evenings/late nights in the new, enlightened environment.

Alan Buxey
CP Research Student, MOLS

Surely it is time that members of the University stopped sending endless pieces of paper back and forth across campus. The University should set a target date by which all parts of the campus are connected by e-mail and I suggest that this date should be no later than October 1996.

Professor John Murrell, MOLS

Wordprocessing Hazard!

Word for Windows is one of the most heavily used computer packages on campus. Many people come to the Computing Service in distress because their computer has reported irrecoverable disk error and their work has been lost.

If, when you are processing a document you remove your floppy disk, insert another, and save again, this will NOT make a backup copy. You are likely to put a partial, unusable copy of the file on each disk, the wordprocessor will lose your document, and several other files on one of your disks may be damaged. Changing floppy disks will create no problems AFTER you have used the menu options CLOSE or EXIT.

The Computing Service has free advice sheets about copying PC Files which tell you how to create reliable backup copies.

David Hitchin

CAREER DEVELOPMENTS

Just published – CDU's Career Development Survey for 1994

Associate Director, Carolyn Morris, writes:

Despite the obvious objections to a survey so soon after graduation, the data are still used as indicators of institutional success and of labour market trends. Teasing out these trends, we see that the balance of the labour market has shifted, with what were major recruiters employing fewer graduates and small and medium sized organisations employing more. The range of jobs graduates enter is wider – and the level is changing too. Competition for jobs remains intense with 11% growth nationally in numbers graduating last year. No feel-good factor for graduates.

To counter the limitations of snapshot surveys, and to explore labour market changes more deeply, we have begun, with the Institute for Employment Studies, a longitudinal study of Sussex graduate career patterns. We should be ready to report in early 1996.

Meanwhile Career Development Unit (CDU) initiatives aim to help our students be better prepared for leaving. One of these is Future Focus, an open learning programme for second years. Funded by the Enterprise Unit and written by Mary Jordan, herself a Sussex graduate, it is one way of reaching all students well before they graduate, with careers education that takes into account the culture of our students and the university. With quality learner support, the programme encourages students to make significant inroads to the career planning process, either by focusing their career ideas, finding relevant work experience or by having articles published.

We've been piloting the programme this term; early results suggest participating increases students' confidence about job hunting, and furnishes them with enduring job hunting skills. Workshadowing too, is good for students' confidence. Our annual shadowing programme for second years over, we've been analysing what students have learnt.

"I was surprised how useful my background in science proved with the chemistry of landfills. My European course proved its worth too, enabling me to understand about some of the science policy related aspects to the work" writes an Environmental Scientist. An AFRAS student found "much of what I study here is practically applied in the workplace which is confidence building."

For others the benefits stem from enhanced career knowledge and confirming career choice: "I can now see exactly where I need to start and what I need to do in order to shape my career. "It confirmed that a career in Social Services is definitely for me" write two Social Sciences students.

We're pleased to have placed 120 students in workshadowing this year. More openings are always welcome, so do tell John Ross if you know any Sussex graduates we can approach.

This year we have supported several subject groups in the process of Quality Assessment. For Social Anthropology, Music and English we had timetabled interviews with external assessors to discuss the skills acquired and developed by students through their academic courses. Assessors appeared to be impressed by our programmes of careers activities and the support available to students. We are pleased to report our involvement in the gaining of 'Excellent' ratings by these subjects. Assessors look for evidence of continued personal development, subject specific skills, generic skills and graduate destinations. We can support other subjects in this way and suggest you contact Catherine Reynolds as early possible before writing your self-assessment.

CDU advisers encourage academic colleagues to provide active learning possibilities. Alternative styles of learning develop different skills and can help students connect with the world of work. Did you know, for instance, that North American Studies students interview staff at the Canadian High Commission; AFRAS students visit the International Planned Parenthood Federation, Population Concern and Save the Children Fund? English Rural Communities course in CCS includes assessed placements at Sussex Rural Community Council. There are numerous benefits for students and their learning. If links with the world outside Sussex could enhance your course please contact Catherine Reynolds to discuss making and using contacts and incorporating different styles of assessment into your courses.

"I was surprised how useful my background in science proved with the chemistry of landfills. My European course proved its worth too, enabling me to understand about some of the science policy related aspects to the work"
For the first time a major environmental conference will give people in Sussex the chance to say what matters to them about the countryside and wildlife of the county.

The two-day event at the University on Saturday and Sunday, 8 and 9 July, is being staged to celebrate the European Year of Nature Conservation. One of its aims is to find out just how much Sussex has changed since the first European Nature Conservation Year (ENCY) was held 25 years ago.

It will also give people the chance to create their own vision for Sussex for the 21st century.

The Vice-Chancellor will be making a presentation at the organic growing session on Sunday and David Streeter will be chairing a question and answer session on the previous day. Among the speakers at the conference will be Chris Packham, presenter of The Really Wild Show and Flamingo Watch, and Sara Parkin, the former leader of the Green Party, as well as environmentalists from all over Europe and Britain. There will also be speakers from Sussex organisations and pressure groups.

Ann Feloy, conference co-ordinator, says "This conference is for anyone interested in the future of Sussex, not just environmental professionals and politicians. We hope that members of community and residents groups, WLs, gardening clubs, horticultural societies, lobbying groups, farmers, landowners and business men and women will come along to share their views and join in the debate."

The weekend is being supported by English Nature, Sussex Wildlife Trust, Sussex Downs Conservation Board, East and West Sussex County Councils, National Rivers Authority and the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers.

Tickets cost £15 a day, including tea and coffee, but if you come for the two days there is a discount price of £25. To book a place or for further information contact ENCY 95 Sussex Office, c/o Sussex Wildlife Trust, Woods Mill, Henfield, West Sussex, BN5 9SD, tel: 01273 492630.

Offers of help over the weekend would also be gratefully received. If you are interested in volunteering, contact ENCY at the above address.

### Interested in Computer Mediated Communication?

Sussex is the venue this month for a one-day regional workshop on Computer-Mediated Communication (CMC) as part of British Telecoms CMC in Higher Education project run by Lancaster University.

The workshop will explore with participants what CMC can offer in terms of flexible patterns of teaching and learning support, and includes 'hands-on' sessions using Lotus Notes. CMC is taken to include electronic mail, computer conferencing and multimedia conferencing.

The workshop, on Wednesday 28th June, is free and open to any faculty interested in learning more about CMC. You may attend individual sessions or come for the whole day. Being a regional workshop, participants will be attending from surrounding universities, so please ring Richard Inskip (2992) as soon as possible to reserve a place.

### A Question of Poverty

The Poverty Research Unit has been established within the Centre for the Comparative Study of Culture, Development and the Environment. This Unit, under the directorship of Professor Michael Lipton, aims to enhance Sussex's contribution to research into poverty. One of the first activities is to make an inventory of poverty-related research on campus, and for this a questionnaire has been sent to about 140 people. If anybody (from any disciplines) is interested in research into poverty, and has not received this questionnaire, would they please contact Melanie Farlow, Arts C, Room C223, ext 8739, email: m.j.farlow.
Monday 19 June — Sunday 25 June

**Cinema at the Gardener**

- **Tuesday 20 June**
  - 6pm *Patriot Games* (15)
  - 9pm *Clear & Present Danger* (12)
- **Wednesday 21 June**
  - 6pm *StarGate* (PG)
  - 9pm *Star Trek: Generations* (PG)
- **Friday 23 June**
  - 11.30pm *Frankenstein* (15)
- **Sunday 25 June**
  - 6pm *Goodfellas* (18)
  - 9pm *The Godfather III* (18)

**Tickets:** £2.70 (£2.20 for Sussex students.**

**CCE Saturday Schools - 1 July**

Timber-Framed Buildings in the Landscape

An introduction to the range and development of timber-framed houses with special reference to West Sussex. Venue: Fishbourne Roman Palace

Reduced rates for students and staff. Enrol with CCE on 678527.

**Lunchtime Recitals**

- **Music Subject Group**
  - Mon 19 June, 2pm: *Stephen Pruslin* (piano) and *Mary King* (soprano) play and discuss Schoenberg’s *Pierrot Lunaire*, Gardener Centre. Free. All welcome.

- **Meeting House**
  - Tue 20 June, 1.20pm: *Jessica Sproston* (soprano). Meeting House Chapel. Free. All welcome.

- **Philharmonia & Chorus**
  - Sat 24 June, 7.45pm: University Philharmonia and Chorus play Gershwin *Piano Concerto* and Sibelius *Symphony No. 5*. Gardener Centre, 7.45pm. £3.50/£2.

**Language Centre**

- **TEFL & English Language courses**
  - The following open-enrolment courses are running this Summer at the Language Centre
  - **Introduction to TEFL**
    - 3 - 7 July
  - **English Language and Study Skills, Pre-Sessional Course**
    - 10 July - 4 August
    - 7 August - 1 September
    - 4 - 29 September
  - Details and enrolment forms from EFL Secretary, Arts A125 or the Language Centre ext. 2175 or 8006.

- **Open Language Classes**
  - Beginning in October
  - French: Spanish; German; Italian; Russian; Japanese; Mandarin; Polish; Czech.
  - Also new pre-Open University French course.
  - Contact ext. 8006 for a brochure.

- **Host Families Wanted**
  - The Language Centre requires host family accommodation this Summer for adult participants on our pre-sessional courses from July to September. Particularly welcome are offers of double rooms for couples. Please contact Linda Gunn, ext. 2175 or 8006 for further details.

**Small Ads**

**FOR SALE:** Designer suit. Next, grey, double-breasted, pure new wool, excellent condition. Size: 40” chest, 32” waist, long leg. Ideal for graduation or interviews. Cost new £120, no reasonable offer refused. Contact 203723.

**FOR SALE:** Shape up for Summer with an exercise bench. Pristine condition, genuine reason for sale. £20. Contact 203723.

**FOR SALE:** Squash raquet, used once, £15; Canon Star Writer 30 wordprocessor, £230. Contact Georgia on 672837.

**ITALIAN LESSONS:** Given throughout Summer. Contact Georgia on 672837.

**HOLIDAY LET:** South West France. Recently refurbished rural gite in centre of village 3 miles inland from Narbonne, in the foothills of the Pyrenees. Sleeps 4, £150 per week. First year of letting. Contact Pauline on ext. 8209 for further details.

**SUMMER WORK:** Capable person needed to look after one or two 6 year old boys, 2½ days per week during August 1995. Child care experience an advantage. Contact Alison Harvey on ext. 3779 or 476746.

**WANTED:** Room to rent in house or flat share. 2nd-year aminable students. £45pw approx. Non-smoker. Contact Bruce on 673124.

**WANTED:** Accommodation for recent graduate, now a member of staff. Contact Amy on 670991 (evenings).

**WANTED:** Electric Baby Belling type cooker (two rings, grill and small oven). Approx. £30, must be in good condition. Contact Pauline ext. 8209.

**FOR SALE:** MacLaren Super-Dreamer 3 position pushchair with rain cover and sun canopy. Very good condition. £80. Contact Joan Pulling on ext. 3575.

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**What’s on...**

**Lectures, Seminars, Colloquia**

- **Monday 19 June**
  - 1pm Experimental Psychology Seminar: Title to be announced. S. Vickers, EP 3.9, BIOLS.
  - 2pm Falmer Language Group: Work in Progress on Syntactic Processing. A. Garnham, Arts D410.
  - 3pm Maths Analysis Seminar: Spectral Studies of the Magnetic Schrödinger Operator. L. Erdös (Zürich), PB2A2, MAPS I.
  - 4pm Women’s Studies Research-in-Progress Seminar: Graduate Division termly meeting. Arts D730.
  - 4.30pm Neuroscience Seminar: Social Cognition in Primates. C. Haynes (London), EP 3.9, BIOLS.

- **Tuesday 20 June**
  - 2pm CCE Special Lecture: Rudyard Kipling’s 1907 Canadian Speaking Tour. Prof. J. Johnson, Arts A5.
  - 4pm COGS Seminar: Applying Artificial Life Techniques to a Symbolic Learning Task. M. Shanahan (London), PB5C11, MAPS III.
  - 4.15pm Biochemistry and Genetics & Development Seminar: Molecular Basis of Ageing and Longevity. Prof. T. Kirkwood (Manchester), EP 3.9, BIOLS.

- **Wednesday 21 June**
  - 1pm GRC CDE South Asia Discussion Group: Occasional Seminar: Migration, Gender and Labour: early C20th Bengal. S. Sen, Arts C351.
  - 4pm Applied Mathematics and Numerical Analysis Seminar: Title to be announced. C. Please (Southampton), PB1A1, MAPS I.

- **Thursday 22 June**
  - 12.30pm History and Gender Seminar Group: Joan of Arc: Saint or Spy? D. Lampitt, Arts D730.
  - 2pm Theoretical Physics Seminar: Derivative Expansion of the Renormalisation Group. T. Morris (Southampton), PB1A6, MAPS I.
  - 5pm Social and Political Thought Seminar: High’s Account of Civil Society. A. Chitty, Arts D630.

- **Friday 23 June**
  - 4pm Astronomy Centre Seminar: Heliun in the Universe. R. Tayler, PB1A7, MAPS I.

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**Sussex University Women’s Group**

- **Tuesday 20 June, 12.30pm-2pm**
  - A Writer’s Life
  - Lunch and talk by writer Elvi Rhodes, former Administrator at the University’s Nitrogen Fixation Unit who has published many short stories and novels since leaving the Unit in 1976. Please bring one dish with you - main course or desert. Meeting House. All welcome. Contact June Bushell, Programme Secretary on 684159 for further details. Please note: subscriptions are now due.

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**Bulletin**

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