Bosnia: Appeal for Support for the University of Tuzla

The town of Tuzla is one of the UN’s ‘safe havens.’ While, like other safe havens, Tuzla has endured shelling, blockades and the influx of refugees fleeing the war, it has tried to foster a culture of resistance based on democratic, municipal politics. As the Rector of the University has said, the war confronted institutions and individuals “with a very grave obligation to live and work as normal people under abnormal conditions.”

Thanks to the energy and commitment of a number of University members, a link between Tuzla and Sussex already exists. Convoys carrying material aid have visited the town on a number of occasions over the past year, and Mary Kaldor of the Sussex European Institute has been deeply involved in supporting the municipal politics of Tuzla citizens. Last week, as part of a seminar on post-war reconstruction in the Balkans organised by the SEI, Mirza Kusljugic of Tuzla University visited Sussex and encouraged the extension of links between the two University communities.

There are basic forms of practical support that Sussex might offer. Tuzla University needs the following desperately:

- laboratory equipment for research in the fields of chemical technology, medical sciences, mining, geology, electrical engineering and machinery;
- computer and audio-visual equipment;
- textbooks and journals in current usage in the disciplines of Economics, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering, Medicine,
- Teacher Training, Philosophy, Mining and Geology;
- financial support for postgraduates and teaching staff to spend short periods abroad for research and training purposes;
- e-mail links and supporting technologies.

A convoy is travelling to Tuzla from Sussex in April and again in July. Any offers of support to meet the above needs would be greatly welcomed. It has also been suggested that a small number of Sussex faculty might offer a short ‘summer school’ in Tuzla for several weeks in July (travel conditions permitting). On his visit, Mirza Kusljugic stressed the particular value of input from outside, both as a source of intellectual stimulation and as a symbol of moral support. He encouraged students and faculty at Sussex to get in touch with their Tuzla counterparts through the e-mail address below.

If you are interested in lending your support to this initiative in any way at all, please contact Nancy Wood, EURO, Arts A. Practical proposals would be particularly welcome.

E-mail to Tuzla: D.KAPIDZIC@ZAMIR-SA.ztn.zer.de

AN ORGANIST OF NOTE: Charles MacDonald has recently been appointed as University Organist. Prior to Sussex he studied at the Royal Manchester College of Music before becoming Organ Scholar at York Minster. He moved south to become organist and librarian at Cranleigh School, and has since been organ tutor at Lancion College, as well as Director of Music at St. Andrew’s Church, Steyning and accompanist to the Gibbons Consort and the Brighton Welsh Male Voice Choir. He now divides his time between playing at Meeting House events, including Lunchtime Recitals, and running his own music shop at 14 High Street, Steyning.

PUBLIC LECTURES – SUMMER TERM 1995

Thursday 4 May at 6.30 pm
South Down NHS Trust Annual Lecture
CARING AND CURING by Rabbi Julia Neuberger

Tuesday 9 May at 6.00 pm Professorial Lecture
FIFTY YEARS OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS
Norman Donbey, Professor of Theoretical Physics

Friday 19 May at 6.00 pm Wynne Baxter Godfrey Law Lecture
THE EMERGENCE OF MEDICAL LAW
Ian Kennedy, Professor of Medical Law & Ethics
King’s College London

Tuesday 23 May at 6.30 pm Issues in Environmental Science
CLIMATE CHANGE & WORLD FOOD SUPPLY
Professor M. Parry, University College, London

Thursday 25 May at 6.00 pm Professorial Lecture
TELEVISION AND EVERYDAY LIFE
Roger Silverstone, Professor of Media Studies

Thursday 8 June at 6.00 pm Professorial Lecture
SIMPLE BRAINS – SIMPLE MINDS?
Michael O’Shea, Professor of Neuroscience
Director, Sussex Centre for Neuroscience

The lectures are held in Molecular Sciences Lecture Theatre.
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 Students' Writing: Oxford Centre for Staff Development, at University of Oxford, 10 May 1995
- Reducing Dependence on Lectures in the Design & Delivery of Social Science and Business Studies Courses: Oxford Centre for Staff Development, at University of Warwick, 10 May 1995
- Supporting lecturers in researching their teaching and action research: Oxford Centre for Staff Development, at University of Warwick, 16 May 1995
- Research Supervision: CHES, London, 18/19 May 1995
- Getting Started with open or distance learning: OU Institute of Educational Technology, Milton Keynes, 23 May 1995
- Assessing your Learners (open/distance learning): OU Institute of Educational Technology, Milton Keynes, 24 May 1995

European Cultural Studies

On 13 February, Peter Ambrose represented the University at a meeting held in Potsdam to discuss the foundation of a new European Cultural Studies Programme to be developed jointly by a number of European universities. Representatives from academic institutions in Germany, Hungary, Poland, Russia and the Czech Republic were also present, as were Steffen Reiche, the Minister of Culture of Brandenburg, Karin Junker, Member of the European Parliament and Birgit Stengel of DG 10 in Brussels.

All participants signed an 'in-principle' Letter of Intent to develop the collaboration, and exchanges of students between institutions will begin in September 1995.

News and Letters

What the papers say

Gordon MacKerron (SPRU) dismisses claims that the privatisation of the gas and electric industries has been good for consumers (Evening Standard 1 March). He claims that before the sell-off such industries had been instilled with "a notion of justice for consumers." Now, however, prices have risen and shareholders have benefited at the expense of the consumer.

Caroline Dumonteil (SPRU) challenges the image portrayed by supermarkets that they care about people and the planet (Guardian 1 March). Out of town supermarkets, she points out, often have a devastating impact on the local economy of villages and towns and the excessive market power wielded by the large chains enables them to price shoppers over suppliers and growers. Food is often less fresh and wholesome than it appears as it has been stored longer, has travelled further and has increasingly been produced with the aid of various chemical nutrients.

War and chaos in Europe and the absence of radical initiatives or adequate security institutions is the theme of an article in the Guardian (8 March) by Mary Kaldor (SEI). She believes that Europe failed to respond to new initiatives emanating from the post 1989 East European governments which emphasised non-military aspects including "enforcement of human rights and economic co-operation." She said, "The consequences of this missed opportunity are grim. Instead of perpetual peace it looks as though we shall face, for some time to come, more or less continuous violence."

Despite the perception in industrialised countries that there is no world food crisis, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Gordon Conway, points out that more than 700 million people do not have access to enough food and the situation will deteriorate further as populations soar in developing countries (Guardian 8 March). Professor Conway believes a solution urgently needs to be found and endorses the notion of a 'doubly green' revolution, the aim of which is to repeat the successes of the green revolution on a global scale and to make it "equitable, sustainable and environmentally friendly."

The spread of the edible or green frog throughout the South of England has been detected by Dr Trevor Beebee (BIOLS). For almost a century the species had remained confined to a handful of ornamental ponds but, owing to a steady rise in temperature over the past 17 years, the continental species is establishing itself in Kent, Sussex and Surrey (The Times 6 March).

Dear Editor,

On what grounds does Peter Saunders (Bulletin 3 March) believe that his employer has a responsibility to provide adequate parking for his car? Does he think that employers in central Brighton (for example) have such a responsibility for their employees?

His letter displays the self-centred attitude of some motorists who see their needs as paramount. One of the beneficial effects of the shortage of car parking on campus is that it encourages the University to improve provision for staff and students who use other forms of transport (either for environmental or financial reasons).

If the University does have a responsibility to provide parking for Peter Saunders' car, it has an equal responsibility to provide appropriate facilities for non-motorists. 'PC brownie points' may be a by-product, but should be nothing more.

Alison Field and Beatrice Merrick

Dear Editor,

At the lunchtime concert in the Meeting House on Thursday 7 March, some young musicians from Broadstone Community College in Lancing, treated a very select audience to some very high quality performances. I say select - we were self-selected - and there were about six of us.

Live performance is an essential ingredient of musicianship. What a pity we were not able to at least match these young musicians numbers with a live audience!

I will not believe that Sussex no longer contains more than six people interested in live music. Certainly far more than that used to show a reaction when Pipe Sergeant Ken Blanshard gave live lunchtime performances in the Science Car Park...

It's so easy to remember - something interesting is on every Tuesday in term time at 1.20 pm in the Meeting House - either our new organist, Charles Macdonald (see front cover of this week's Bulletin), or visiting musicians. See you there.

Ken Blanshard, Computing Service
PEOPLE PRIZES and HONOURS

PROFESSOR SIR HANS SINGER has been chosen by Brown University, Providence, USA, as this year’s recipient of a Feinstein Hunger Award – a merit award for Research and Education. This is in recognition of his “exceptional work and lifetime achievement as a development economist who has contributed so significantly to the understanding of world hunger and poverty.” He will be jetting off to the States in April to receive the award and give a keynote speech.

Champions

It took 25 years in coming, but last week the BUSA Volleyball Cup returned to Sussex, held aloft by a formidable men’s team comprising players from England, Germany, France, Italy, Greece and Malaysia. The truly international side dispensed with Edinburgh in the final to win the competition for the first time since 1970, and with five Sussex players selected for the county squad, volleyball at the University looks set to go from strength to strength.

Sussex University Men’s Volleyball Team (back row from left: Steen Lorenzen, Peter Appenrodt, Ludovic Bourva, Adonis Platanionis; front row from left: Peter Schweitzer, Michael Lim, Jack Molyneaux, Pietro Galli). Not pictured: Ulrich Sedelmeier

STUDENT KAREN HOTTLE (EAM) has won the 1995 George Eliot Fellowship prize worth £50 for her essay entitled ‘Thou Shalt not Read: The Arrested Development of Maggie Tulliver in Mill on the Floss.’ The prize is awarded annually for essays on the author’s life or works.

ILL PARTRIDGE (SPRU) is running in the London Marathon on 2 April to raise funds for the Intermediate Technology Development Group. The Group’s work enables resource-poor people in the South to develop and use skills and technologies which give them more control over their lives and which contribute to the sustainable development of their communities.

Gill is eagerly seeking incentive-boosting sponsorship! If you can help contact her on 8172 or e-mail: g.partridge@sussex.ac.uk.

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

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

LEVERHULME RESEARCH PROFESSORSHIPS in humanities and social sciences for five years, with preference for well-established scholars possibly in their 50s. Closing date 28 April 1995.

COMBUSTION: new EPSRC managed programme inviting outline proposals from engineering, chemistry, physics, mathematics, computer science, etc. Closing date 30 April 1995.

ANALYTICAL SCIENCE: the application of advanced science and technology to research in quantitative and qualitative chemical measurement. EPSRC call for proposals.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY: ESRC/DIT Research Programme relating to their priority theme of Innovation. Closing date for full applications 19 April 1995.

START-UP GRANTS FOR NEW STAFF: Nuffield Foundation offers up to £4000 to newly appointed lecturers in scientific subjects. Closing dates 15 May and 15 Nov. 1995.

JAPANESE STUDIES: grants up to £5000 from the Japan Foundation Endowment Committee. Closing date 28 April 1995.

LANGUAGE CENTRE

Three-day Easter ‘A’ Level Courses
French, Spanish and German to practise speaking and listening skills 10–12 April 1995
Cost £60
(closing date 20 March)

Summer Schools
French, German, Spanish, Italian, Russian and Japanese
26 June – 7 July 1995
Cost £80
Contact Alex van Westen on ext 8006 for details and application forms.

Remember the Robin Lee Poetry Competition open to all students and staff of the University. Entries may submit up to four poems. Further details from Pat Hemsworth in Arts B239, ext 2154. Closing date: 26 April.
What’s on...

**Easter Vacation Events and Notices**

**Easter Minimum Service Days**
During the Easter Vacation the University will operate minimum services between Thursday 13 and Wednesday 19 April inclusive.

**Vacation Opening Hours**
- **Library**
  - Monday 9am-5.30pm
  - Tuesday 9am-7.30pm
  - Wednesday - Friday 9am-5.30pm
  - Weekends closed except for Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 April - 12.30-6.30pm.
  - Closed from Thursday 13 - Wednesday 19 April inclusive.
- **Computing Centre**
  - Monday - Friday 9am - 9pm
  - Weekends closed except Saturday 22 April, 11am-6.30pm & Sunday 23 April, 11am-11pm.
  - Closed from Thursday 13 - Wednesday 19 April inclusive.
- **Career Development Unit**
  - Monday - Friday 10am - 5pm (closed 1-2pm lunch).
  - Closed weekends and Wednesday 22 March.
  - Closed from Thursday 13 - Wednesday 19 April inclusive.
- **Health Centre**
  - Monday - Friday 9.30am-4.30pm
  - Weekends closed (Emergency Clinic 9am-12am on Saturdays)
  - Good Friday 14, Saturday 15 and Monday 17 April Emergency Clinic 11am-12am.
- **Sport Centre**
  - Monday - Friday 9am-10pm.
  - Weekends 9.45am-5.45pm.
  - Closed from Thursday 13 - Wednesday 19 April inclusive.

**SPRU Seminars**
- **Friday 24 March** - 2.15pm: *Technology and Market Structure*. Prof J. Sutton (LSE), EDB Room 121.
- **Friday 7 April** - 2.15pm: *Molecular Politics in a Global Economy*. Prof S. Wright (Michigan), EDB Room 121.

**Neuroscience Special Workshop**
Tuesday 28 March - 1.30-5pm. *Neural Networks: From Biological to Artificial*. The workshop will cover recent advances in the analysis of neural networks that control simple behavioural acts in animals and robots. Biology Lecture Room.

**Staff/Faculty Computer Training**
During the Vacation the Computing Service and the Library will be providing the following training courses for members of staff and faculty. All courses are for beginners.
- **Tues 21 March, 9.30-11.30am** *Introduction to Email*. £2
- **Wed 22 March, 9.30-11.30am** *Networked Databases (New BIDS-ISL)*. £1
- **Thur 23 March, 9.30-11.30am** *Accessing the Internet*. £1

Early booking is advisable. For further details on the above courses and bookings contact the Computing Centre on ext. 8090.

**Summer Term Dates**
The Summer Term begins on Monday 24 April and ends on Friday 30 June. There are two Bank Holidays on Monday 8 and 29 May.

**Summer Graduation**
The Summer Graduation Ceremony 1995 is on Tuesday 18 July at the Brighton Centre.

**CCE Saturday Schools - April**
- **Saturday 1 April**
  - East is East and West is West: Sussex Villages: A comparison of East and West Sussex villages.
  - Sex, Biology and Culture: Examination of sexual behaviour in a variety of species including humans.
  - Saturday 8 April
  - English Portraiture: Examination of the changing face of of English portraiture from early European influences to the modern period.
  - Saturday 22 April
  - Victorian High Church in Brighton & Sussex: Examination of how and why there was such development in the area of the Victorian High Church.
  - Fossils of the Chalk: Introduction to the world of fossils including trip to Hope Gap to collect specimens.
  - The Impact of Other Traditions on Western Art: Examination of how the West perceives non western art and culture.
  - Handel and Opera: Examination of Handel’s operatic masterpieces.
  - Reduced rates for students/staff. Above events take place at the University. Enrol with CCE on 678527.

**Language Centre Courses**
The Language Centre is running the following English Language In-Sessional Courses during the Summer. For further details contact Margaret Khidayir (EFL Officer on ext. 8006).
- *Cambridge Examination Courses*
- *English for Academic Purposes*
  - IELTS Preparation Class (Intermediate Level)
  - Communicating in English
  - Initial Teacher Training in TEFL.

**Gardner Centre**
- **Trestle Theatre Company**
  - Wonderful opportunity to work with founder members of Trestle Theatre. Daily classes in acting, working towards a performance. 20 Mar - 8 April.
- **Visual Arts Exhibition**
  - *Time Creates the Images*: A photographic exhibition charting the careers of 75 writers of Austrian origin mostly from Jewish backgrounds, who chose to emigrate to escape persecution by the National Socialists. March 20-25.
  - Galleries open 11am-5pm, Mon-Sat.
- **Budding Animators**
  - An intensive 3-day animation course for 14-16yr olds. April 19-21.
  - Details on all the above contact the Gardner Centre on ext. 3874.

**Small Ads**
- **AU PAIR**: 29 year-old Italian woman seeks position as au pair from mid-March to end August. Contact Janet ext. 8612 or 0444 413159.
- **AU PAIR**: The Rector of Pécs (Hungary) seeks a 2-3 month placement for his daughter. She is a medical student who aims to improve her English. Contact Zsó on ext. 8028 for details.
- **TO LET**: Tuscany House, Sleeps 8. Contact Sam on 694921.
- **FOR SALE**: 1973 Triumph Spitfire IV, 1300cc M reg. New MOT. Very reliable engine. £1,350. Contact Paul on ext. 3282 or 818825.
- **FOR SALE**: Sit Up Excercise Bench. Hardly ever used. Bargain cost £35 new will accept £25. Contact Terry on ext. 8208 or 203723.
- **TO LET**: First floor luxury flat in Palmeira Ave Hove. Lge lounge & bedroom (own beds), Roof terrace, balcony. Central heating. Contact Mrs G Wells on 736025.
- **LIFT REQUIRED**: From Mon 13 March from Ditchling to the University. Hopefully only short term. Will share petrol costs. Contact Cath on ext. 2905.
- **LIFTS REQUIRED**: I’m trying to set up a temporary rota of lifts from Lewes to IDS on Tue, Wed, Thur eves and Thur morning. If anyone can help please contact Maggie St. Clair on ext. 4071.
- **FOR SALE**: Modern 2 bed cottage in the Courtyard, Falmer. All mod cons, offers around £86,500. Contact Gerald Cole 692143.
- **HOME EXCHANGE**: Family of three would like to swap their very large 3 bedroomed house in Ontario, Canada for similar dwelling close to University for up to 6 mts from January to June 1996. Also willing to discuss car exchange for same period. For further details contact Liz Johnson on 472132.

**Bulletin**
This is the final *Bulletin* of the Spring Term. The first *Bulletin* of the Summer Term appears on Friday 28 April with copy deadline Friday 21 April.

Many thanks to all those who have sent in contributions during the last term. Please send contributions for future *Bulletins* to the Information Office, Sussex House on ext. 8209 or email: Bulletin@sussex.ac.uk.