Sussex Societies on show at Freshers’ Fair

Nearly a hundred student societies set up stalls in Falmer House last week for the annual Societies Fair. Organised by the Students’ Union, the Fair gave new students the chance to find out about all the clubs and activities on offer at Sussex.

Have you noticed this new building? Turn to page 2 to see where and what it is.

SPEAKING OUT FOR WOMEN: Bridget Byrne of IDS at this summer’s UN Conference on Women in China. Members of IDS and the University travelled to Beijing to participate in the Conference

Cultural Encounters at Sussex

What does the sketch below tell us about nineteenth century Chinese perceptions of Englishmen abroad? CulCom, the Graduate Research Centre in Culture and Communication, is devoting all of this academic year to the theme of ‘Cultural Encounters: Communicating Otherness’. The year will focus upon the politics of cultural representation, whether through film, dance, music, material objects or written texts. A weekly programme of lectures, seminars and films will be presented throughout the year, often with visiting lecturers. Brian Street and Liz Hallam, organisers of the year, hope to make the work of Culcom available to a wider audience, as well as providing a forum for stimulating intellectual enquiry.

‘Old hairy one.’ A Chinese sketch of an English sailor, 1839.
NEW FACES
A weekly guide to new faculty

George Walter

George Walter, new recruit to CCS, has a background in English but his interests are truly wide-ranging. Perhaps the only Sussex tutor who speaks medieval Icelandic, he’s also an established poet who hopes to have a collection of his own poems in print one day. After several attempts at writing a novel, he’s resigned now to economic reality: “I don’t want to write novels any more – unless I get the kind of advances Martin Amis has.” George’s passions are strictly literary: “I never dream of Pamela Anderson or anything tacky,” he said. Instead, his idol is one Ivo Gurney, a paranoid schizophrenic with a past as a war poet, caught George’s eye when he was 14 years old. This year George co-edited an edition of Gurney’s poems, George taught at Birmingham and Lampeter Universities before arriving at Sussex. He relishes the school system and he’s found his students refreshingly dynamic. In the spirit of diversity, some of them will be studying Ulysses and The Wind in the Willows both in the same course.

Malcolm Heywood

To ENGG new arrival, Malcolm Heywood, campus is uncannily like Uxbridge. “They’re both architecturally-challenged,” he said, “but at least Uxbridge doesn’t have any listed buildings. That’s one of the major problems here – you can’t get rid of them.” Malcolm applies artificial intelligence computer programmes to manufacturing problems. Fresh from Brunel University, he lives in a Bohemian flat in central Brighton where he listens to jazz and plays the harmonica.

Nothing deters Malcolm from his cycling, even falling off several times and waking up in hospital. It took him only 11 days to cycle the 1000 miles from Land’s End to John O’Groats. Somewhere in between he left his wallet in a call-box. A walker, camper and art-house film fan, Malcolm’s greatest wish is to travel. Hopefully a little less recklessly than previously.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY

THABO MBeki’s irresistible smile found its way into The Times last week and “Strong links between Sussex University and the South African government were cemented by the awarding of an honorary Doctorate of Law to Thabo Mbeki, South Africa’s executive deputy president,” reported The Guardian.

“While at the University, he played a major role in mobilising the international student community against apartheid, and helped Sussex gain a reputation as a home of anti-apartheid activism.”

LOTTERY ADDICTS need to act truly randomly to maximise their chances of success, says Sussex mathematician John Haigh (Times Higher 13 October). “People are pretty bad at being random,” he said. “They select numbers too evenly spread.” If you want to avoid sharing your jackpot with other winners, you need to choose more than one number over 40 and pick numbers that are adjacent to each other.

MAXIM, THE MAGAZINE for lads and himbos everywhere, published a ‘Vice Patrol’ this month for uncouth men. Hot on the hit list of habits women hate was not knowing when to shut up. “The trouble with most men,” Maxim exclaimed, “is that we tend to use conversation as an arena in which we compete with other men by trying to prove we know more than they do.” Sussex psychologist Mick Cooper came up with the root of the problem: “They think that if someone knows more than them they’ll feel inadequate.” No surprises there then, boys.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am concerned to note the introduction of parking charges in the sportcentre car park; is this the end of my thin wedge?

A ten point plan is needed to ease parking congestion and pollution caused by motorists searching for spaces, entrance, exit, ... Nirvana?

1. Only a dang fool would allow major works during term-time.

2. The University is a machine for working in. Buildoze the unlovely bit of grass around beside and behind the sportcentre (I don’t mean Stunner Park) instead of wasting money on bollarding and barring everywhere.

3. The University should buy a bulldozer (at auction) and some tarmac then sell the bulldozer again when the major works are over.

4. Make a single-lane one-way system round much of the campus, paint over the yellow lines and make spaces in the spare lane.

5. Extend the parking round the Sports Pavi- tion and create a nature ramble with a string of lights through the trees back to the University.

6. Change the selection criteria for undergraduates to one of thin-ness (to get more students in the cars).

7. Accept that, like the prison service, pressure on universities is only going to increase so make more space rather than discourage.

8. Get Ford and Vauxhall to sponsor a School of Applied Parking (SAP).

9. Form a pressure group with a rude acronym like Campus Reaction About Parking (CRAP) and hold all the meetings in Worthing to encour-

age participants to drive off campus.

10. Sell the University and get a bigger one.

Matthew Wolfe, u.g. EAM
BOOKSHOP EXPANDS

Over the summer the bookshop has been extended by over 160 square metres and refitted to make it more ‘user-friendly’. Altogether the shop looks lighter and brighter with clearer signs, a wider selection of stock, more focused customer services and much improved wheelchair access. The area immediately to the right of the entrance has also been expanded, giving ample room for new books to be displayed.

Engaged for change

On 9 October the Vice-Chancellor launched a new book by CCE academics Mary Stuart and Alistair Thomson. Engaging with Difference: The Other in Adult Education examines attempts in adult education to engage with the learning needs of individuals and groups who have been marginalised or excluded by the education system. The book considers the ways in which the education system deliberately and unwittingly discriminates against specific groups who participate in learning. It includes contributions from learners and organisers as well as academics. For more information, please contact CCE on 678025.

Recent Publications by Sussex Authors, all obtainable from Sussex University Bookshop

- COGNITIVE MODELS OF SPEECH PROCESSING, PSYCHOLINGUISTIC AND COMPUTATIONAL PERSPECTIVES edited by Gerry Altmann. Mit Press £17.95.
- SCIENTIFIC RACISM IN MODERN SOUTH AFRICA Saul Dubow. Cambridge University Press £15.95.
- ENGAGING WITH DIFFERENCE: THE OTHER IN ADULT EDUCATION edited by Mary Stuart and Alistair Thomson. NIACE £12.

More books by Sussex authors will be listed in next week’s Bulletin.

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

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

LEVERHULME RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS: for experienced researchers pursuing investigations, for 3 months to 2 years in any subjects. Closing date: 10 November 1995.

LEVERHULME EMERITUS FELLOWSHIPS: to enable retired academics to complete a piece of research, for 3 months to 2 years. Closing date: 10 Nov 95.

EPSRC CHEMISTRY PROGRAMME: call for proposals for the development of major novel research equipment or instrumental techniques (£1m budget). Closing date: 30 Nov 95.

EPSRC AERODYNAMICS PROGRAMME: to help maintain UK’s competitiveness in an expanding global aerospace market by building upon current strengths in experimental and computational aerodynamics to deliver benefits for future aircraft. Closing date: 24 Nov 95.

NUFFIELD FOUNDATION SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS: to enable university teachers to pursue their research interests on a full-time basis (from 1 term to 1 year). Closing date: 30 Nov 95.

CIBA AWARDS FOR COLLABORATION IN EUROPE 1996/98: for short visits to stimulate new collaboration between research groups in chemistry, biochemistry, chemical technology and engineering, biotechnology and biology (£1,500 a year for 2 years). Closing date 1 Nov 95.

CIBA CONTINENTAL EUROPEAN FELLOWSHIPS 1996/97: for research by established academics in the fields above at a continental university (for 4 to 12 months at £15K a year). Closing date: 1 Nov 95.

SUPPORTING PARENTS: Dept of Health Children’s research initiative relevant to how formal and informal support can be mobilised to help parents. Closing date: 4 Nov 95.

UK/HUNGARIAN SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMME 1996/99: British Council will fund collaborative research projects in various areas for 2 to 3 years. Closing date: 23 Nov 95.

ROYAL COMMISSION INDUSTRIAL FELLOWSHIPS: to enable British graduates to work in British industry on a project of commercial significance. Closing date: 25 Jan 96.
What's on...

Lectures, Seminars, Colloquia

Monday 23 October
4.30pm Neuroscience Seminar: Development of Human-Neuronal Cell Culture for Studies of Alzheimer's Disease. L. Mayne, Biology Lecture Room.
3pm CMAIA Seminar: Trapped modes in waveguides. D. Vassilev, PB2A2, MAPSI.
2pm Culcim Cultural Encounters Film: Projecting 'Africa'.Introduced by Emuna Sandoz, Gardner Centre.
4pm Women's Studies Seminar: Discourse on Gender at Beijing: The Depoliticisation of Feminism? S. Baden & A.M. Goetz, Arts D520.

Tuesday 24 October
5pm German Research Colloquium: Gallows Honour and Musical Persiflage as a Response to National Socialism. R. & L. Grunbergen (London), Arts A71.
4.15pm Biochemistry and Genetics & Development Seminars: How do mammalian extracts join DNA double strand breaks? M. Fairman (MRC, Dicot), Biology Lecture Room.
3pm Sussex European Institute Seminar: Transport of the Environment? The politics of sustainable mobility in Europe. A. Young, A71 in SEI.

Wednesday 25 October
1pm Poverty Research Unit Seminar: Understanding Urban Poverty. D. Satterthwaite, IDS Room 221.
4pm CMAIA Colloquium: The Temporal and the Inviscid Limits. P. Constantin (Chicago), PB1A1, MAPSI.

Thursday 26 October
2pm Statistics Seminar: Statistical methods in time series analysis: applications to signal detection, market research and medical problems. A. Zhigljavsky (St. Petersburg).
5pm Social and Political Thought Colloquium: Faculty and students' research interests. Arts D610.
12.30pm History and Gender Seminar: Gender and Community in the NHS. C. Hanson, Arts C251.
5pm History Seminar: Poor Relief 1834-1914: The English and Prussian/German Way. P. Hemnock (Liverpool), Arts A115.

Friday 27 October
4pm Astronomy Seminar: Detonation Waves in Type I Supernovae. S. Falle (Leeds), PB1A7.
2pm Science Policy Research Unit Seminar: Regional Systems of Innovation. K. Morgan (Cardiff), PB1A7, MAPSI.

Miscellaneous

Lunchtime Recitals
1.20pm Charles MacDonald (piano). Chapel. Tue 24 Oct. All welcome.

Aerobics
There will be no Step classes on Mondays 1-2pm. Instead, aerobics classes will start from 30 Oct. 7 weeks cost £12, or drop in for £2 per session.

Monday 23 October — Sunday 29 October

Cinema at the Gardener

Monday 23 October
8pm Shadowsland 11.30pm Hellraiser

Tuesday 24 October
8pm Seven Samurai
11.30pm Legends of the Fall

Friday 27 October
8pm Hellraiser
11.30pm Legends of the Fall

Sunday 29 October
6pm Legends of the Fall
9pm Clerks
Tickets: £2.70 (£2.20 for Sussex students with ID and New Friends). The Gardener Centre’s Bar and Bistro will now be open every Saturday day-time.

Sussex Postgraduate Fair

Considering postgraduate study at Sussex? Come and explore your options at the Sussex Postgraduate Fair. Thursday 26 Oct, 1-3 pm in the Terrace Room, Refectory Building

The Fair is an opportunity to talk to tutors, and find out about funding and how to approach applications. For further information, tel: P/G Admissions 678412.

Career Development Unit

Career Planning Workshops
Tue 24 Oct, 2-4pm: for Psychology
Wed 25 Oct, 10-12pm: for Arts & Humanities
Fri 27 Oct, 10-12pm: for Mature Students

Briefing Workshops
Mon 23 Oct, 2-4pm: Teaching in Schools
Tue 24 Oct, 10-12pm: Publishing and Media

Action Workshops
Thu 26 Oct, 10-12pm: Strategies for Job Search

Autumn Talks
Mon 23 Oct, 5.30pm: Public Relations
Thu 26 Oct, 5.30pm: T.C.L.M.A
Fri 27 Oct, 11am: World Bank

Sign up for workshops and talks in the CDU General Office. A £5 refundable deposit is required for workshops. Early booking advised.

Learning Difficulties

Do you need help with learning support, assessing your difficulties, claiming grant aid or simply somewhere to talk about your studies? A Referral and Support Service for special needs is located in the Counselling and Psychotherapy Unit, tel: 678156, which is to be found opposite the East Slope Bar. Call or visit the Unit to make an appointment. Students seeking assessment for specific learning difficulties should bring with them a sample of their written work and a letter of referral from a tutor who has had prior experience of their work.

Students' Union

Students' Union General Meeting
Thu 26 Oct, 1.30pm: the first UGM of the year will be held at the Meeting House, Contact Dave Newton, VP Comms, Falmer House for information or if you want to become more involved.

Small Ads

ACCOMMODATION WANTED: early Jan - late March 96 for visiting Australian academic, wife & 2 small children. E-mail Dr John Phillimore on phillimore@central.murdoch.edu.au, or tel. Alan Soutter x3752.

AMPLIFIER FOR SALE: musical fidelity A1 amp £120. Tel: Gavin 678209 (day) or 626180 (eve.).

BIKES FOR SALE: Carlton racing bike, large frame, cross bar, new brakes & tyres, good condition, £70. Child's bike, Apollo Five, suit girl 5-8 yrs. V.g.c. £30. Tel: Martin x8806.

FLAT FOR SALE: 2-bed flat in Brighton off Lewes Rd. GCH, small gdn, new carpets. Offers in region of £39 000. Contact: Sam Riodan x8502 or 676962 or e-mail Sam@epunix.sussex.sc.uk.

BIKE FOR SALE: Ladies mountain bike, £30. Tel: Tracy x2859.

CAR FOR SALE: Citroen 2CV Charleston Convertible, long MOT, reasonable condition, £400. Tel: John 564357 after 6pm or e-mail jgw@MM-CROY.motmac.co.uk.

BOY'S BIKE FOR SALE: 10 speed racer, 19" frame. Any reasonable offer. Tel: x2026 (day) or 709468 (eve).

AMPLIFIER FOR SALE: Linn Innek integrated amp. Less than 3 yrs old. With box and manual. Immaculate. £250. Tel: Paul 208062 or x2854.

FLAT TO LET: from Jan 96 for 6-8 months. Large luxury furnished 1 bed flat with patio, study and dining-room. Brunswick/Hove area. Tel: x2414 or e-mail: yvonne@cogs.susx.ac.uk

Language Centre

New Courses from the Language Centre. Beginners classes in:
Czech Polish Greek
Latin for Special Purposes
From 6 November. Enquiries to Alex on x8006.

Graduation Dates

Winter Graduation
25 January 1996

Summer Graduation
16 July 1996

Bulletin

The Bulletin appears every Friday of term with copy deadline the preceding Friday lunchtime. We welcome any suggestions for news, details of events, letters and small ads. Please contact the Information Office, Sussex House on ext. 8209 or email: Bulletin@sussex.ac.uk.