Nobel Peace Prize for Pugwash

Physicist Joseph Rotblat and the organisation ‘Pugwash’ have been awarded this year’s Nobel Peace Prize. Several Sussex scientists are prominent members of Pugwash, which works towards world peace by encouraging scientists to look at the ethical implications of their work. Pugwash was founded in 1957 by Rotblat, Albert Einstein and Bertrand Russell among others. The movement was instrumental in bringing about the end of the Cold War by encouraging dialogue between Soviet and US scientists. SPRU member Julian Perry Robinson co-directs the Harvard Sussex Programme which collaborates with the Pugwash Movement in questioning the implementation of chemical and biological weapons. Other Sussex Pugwash members include Norman Dombey and Mary Kaldor.

OPENING OUR DOORS

August, as everyone knows, is the silly season as far as the press is concerned. It is also, as those who are involved in education are only too aware, the sniping season. Perhaps for want of ‘real’ news, each year the GCSE and A-level results and the distribution of university places produces a crop of stories about falling standards as the press struggle, and sometimes fail, to keep up with the changes that have taken place across the education system. Foundation Years and Access courses were particular targets this year. But these courses are not about ‘Degrees for Dunces’ as one Sunday Times headline pronounced. They are about widening opportunities for students who deserve, and can benefit from, a university education – an aim to which we at Sussex have been committed since our beginnings. As the Vice Chancellor reminds us below, going to university without an A level can, despite disparaging headlines, be very good news.

"Yvonne has no A-levels, nor any GCSEs. She has only three CSEs, but this term is starting a degree in English here at the University of Sussex.

Along with a hundred other mature students she has just completed an Access course at Crawley College in West Sussex. I gave the awards at a simple ceremony where the parents were in the limelight and several proud children clapped vigorously. Maureen is starting a degree at the same time as her 18 year old son. It is not unusual these days..."
LETTER

How on earth did the Lloyd’s Bank ‘kiosk’ outside the Refectory get Planning Permission?

Stephen Carter
Computing Services

Reply by Roger Bailey,
Estates Manager

The two new cashpoints (outside the Refectory and beside the York House undercroft) were approved by the Buildings Committee at its June meeting on the basis that they were temporary structures pending completion of the student community building. They will then be re-accommodated. Temporary planning permission has been granted for two years on that basis and the leases likewise in the first instance.

First Curator in Residence for Sussex

Sussex Art History students are being taught for the first time about the world of art curation. Eddie Chambers, himself a freelance curator, has been appointed as the first Curator in Residence at Sussex. The post, funded jointly by the University, the South East Arts Board and the Institute of International Visual Arts, lasts until March 1997. Eddie will introduce students to the process of curating and supervise a group of students as they curate their own exhibition. Eddie can be contacted in Arts B161 on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Any interested students are welcome to attend his seminars which take place at 4pm on Wednesdays in Arts A183.

NEW FACES

A weekly guide to new faculty

Amanda Perry, CLS

Drug-trafficking, money-laundering, hostage-taking and terrorism: Amanda Perry’s teaching is not for the faint-hearted. A Centre for Legal Studies lecturer at the age of 23, Amanda is regularly mistaken for a student: “I’m usually the youngest person in the room when I’m teaching, although I feel like I’m 102 at the moment.” After a BA and MA in Law at Southampton, Amanda endured a six month stint as a waitress in Barnstable, Devon. “I was not a good waitress,” she mutters grimly. A self-confessed travel addict, she left the diners of Barnstable for the Indian sub-continent. There she conducted three months research into people’s access to environmental justice. The Sussex campus is cramped in comparison: “Space constraints! Lack of oxygen! I mean, look at that fire escape. I could have had an office in there!” Amanda is currently putting the finishing touches to her paper on India which examines how citizens can ensure that environmental law can be enforced and how they can influence the creation of environmental policy.

Peter Harris, SOC

“One of the things I like best about academia is that you don’t have to grow up. You have a constant influx of people each year who help to keep you young.” Peter Harris, a social psychologist, has returned to Sussex after seven years teaching at the University of Hertfordshire. A life-long and somewhat fanatical Cardiff City fan, he dreams of the day when Cardiff wins the FA cup. Unsurprisingly, Peter is researching the phenomenon of ‘unrealistic optimism’. Unrealistic optimists, footballing or otherwise, underestimate the risk that something unpleasant may befall them, while overestimating the chance of something good happening. Peter returned to Sussex ten years to the day after his first arrival. “There were so many parallels that I was strangely psychic on the first day. It was as if the ten years hadn’t happened.” When not in his office Peter can be found on the five-a-side football pitch where he is easily identified by his Cardiff City colours.

OPENING OUR DOORS

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to see two generations on the platform at the University graduation – I presented first class honours to a mother and her daughter last summer.

Most, but not all, of the Crawley Access students are going to local universities, Brighton and Sussex, and to Chichester Institute of Higher Education where they can train for an education qualification. At Sussex, meeting the needs of mature students has been part of our mission since our foundation, 30% of Sussex undergraduates are over 21 when they start.

Our experience is that after a year or so, students coming from Access and foundation courses are performing as well in examinations as the 18 year-old entrants. Their maturity, experience and commitment appear to compensate for the lack of formal qualifications. Last year, two students who had been on the Crawley Access course gained first class honours and a student who had started on our Engineering Foundation year gained a first and is now pursuing a DPhil at Oxford.

During the Access year, students take a range of courses followed by a rigorous examination. They also spend time on improving their learning and study skills in a supportive environment. For the first time, the students meet others of the same age with similar ambitions. Many of the students have missed out, not because of poor schooling, but as a result of intensive peer or parental pressure. Yvonne left school at 16 to work in a department store because her mother did not see any point in a girl staying on.

This summer’s indignation in the press at the thought of students going to university without an A-level was sad. We should be congratulating ourselves. The universities are successfully maintaining quality and at the same time widening the intake. This, despite savage cuts. The unit of resource per student has declined by over 30% over the past ten years and we are promised another 10% cut over the next three.

I sincerely hope that Gillian Shephard is successful in her campaign to resist further cuts in her budget. Maybe the electors will vote for tax cuts, but maybe not if they realise that these are at the expense of a decent education for them and their relatives. There are one million students at universities now, a million more or aged 16+ who want to come, and many millions who, like Yvonne, missed out and now realise it is possible. They and their relatives could constitute a formidable voting lobby.”
News

AROUND THE SCHOOLS — CCS

David Mellor presented a short arts documentary feature on the New York artist Andres Serrano for BBC2's Late Show and Edinburgh Festival special, Edinburgh Nights. Serrano gathers controversy wherever his massive cibachrome prints are shown. His work, which politicises the body, was torn up on the floor of the US Senate by Republican Jesse Helms - and his appearance in Edinburgh sparked demands from local councillors for the closure of his exhibition at the Portfolio Gallery.

Lecturers in Media Studies often find themselves involved in contributing to the same kind of programmes and events that they spend their working lives at Sussex analysing. This summer, for example, Andy Medhurst accepted an invitation to chair a session at the Edinburgh International Television Festival, acted as research consultant for a forthcoming BBC2 documentary on media representations of family life, appeared on a Granada TV series about the politics of popular culture, did about a dozen radio interviews on the state of contemporary British media, and led a critical forum at London's Barbican Cinema on the continuing popularity of the Carry On films. The strangest of these was being interviewed for the breakfast magazine programme in Perth, Western Australia, which required sounding suitably bright and awake even though, due to the time difference, the interview took place on the telephone in the middle of the night in Brighton.

FREE TICKETS AT THE GARDNER

Bulletin readers were quick to snap up the free tickets generously offered by the Gardner Centre at the beginning of term. A further 30 tickets are being given away (first come first served) for two more popular events. Those quick off the mark with their copy of Bulletin can claim a ticket to see Kokuma's new show of African dance and drums on Friday 10 November, or Arnold Brown, returning to his comic roots in A Guide for the Perplexed on Saturday 11 November, both at 7.45 pm.

Before these two shows, however, is Mark Little (star of TV's Big Breakfast) with his new show on Friday 3 November, and a rare visit from the USA of Loudon Wainwright III on Thursday 9 November. Contact the Gardner Box Office 01273 685861 for further details.

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


Notice

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

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

ESRC RESEARCH CENTRES COMPETITION: outline proposals invited from senior academics. Priority given to those addressing the ESRC Thematic Priorities of Globalisation, Regions and Emerging Markets; Governance and Regulation; and Social Integration and Exclusion. Closing date: 8 January 1996.

ESRC CHILDREN 5-16 PROGRAMME: outline research proposals invited focused on: "Growing into the Twenty First Century". Closing date: Friday 15 December 1995.

VENETIAN RESEARCH: up to £12,000 available from the Gladys Kriehel Delmas Foundation of New York. Areas of interest: the past (history, art, architecture, music, law, science, literature, language) and the present (politics, culture, conservation, environment) of Venice and the territories once subject to it. Closing date: 15 January 1996.

ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL RESEARCH CHAIRS HANDBOOK 1995:96: available free of charge to individual researchers from: The Association of Medical Research Chairs, 29/35 Farrington Road, London EC1M 3JB; Tel: 0171 404 6454; Fax: 0171 404 6448.

FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME IV: CO-OPERATION WITH EASTERN EUROPE—CALL FOR PROPOSALS: areas covered: A: Environmental Protection & Health; Endangered Eco-systems; Threats to the Environment; General Health; Energy; B: RTD Targeted on Industry; Advanced Communication and Telematics; I.T.; Industrial & Materials Technologies; Measurements & Testing; Biotechnology; Agrofood; Social & Economic Sciences; Innovation Relay Centres.

EU INDUSTRIAL AND MATERIALS TECHNOLOGIES: call for proposals delayed until 15 Dec. 95 with a possible deadline at the end of March.

EU BIOTECHNOLOGY PROGRAMME: deadline 10 January 1996. For further details call Clem Smith on 8238 or Email C.J-Smith@sussex.ac.uk.

CHINA FELLOWSHIPS: Royal Society awards to outstanding Chinese scientists to enable them to undertake periods of research in the UK for 3 to 12 months. Closing date: 31 March 96.

SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES WITH CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE & FORMER SOVIET UNION: Variety of Royal Society schemes for visits to and from the UK. Please ask for details.
What’s on...

Lectures, Seminars, Colloquia

- **Monday 30 October**
  - 4.30pm Neuroscience Seminar: Gene Targeting and Synaptic Plasticity in the Hippocampus: the Role of Non-receptor Tyrosine Kinases. Seth Grant (Edinburgh), Biology Lecture Room.
  - 2pm Particle Physics Seminar: Strangeness production in proton-proton annihilation. P. Harris, PB2A1.
  - 4.15pm MOLS Chemical Society Colloquium: Environmental Threats to Human Health: Recognising the Dangers in Time. R. M. Topping, MSLT, MOLS.
  - 2pm Culcem Cultural Encounters Lecture: When was the post-colonial: thinking at the limits. S. Hall (Open University), Gardner Centre.

- **Tuesday 31 October**
  - 5pm German Research Colloquium: Freud and History in Italo Svevo’s Confessions of Zeno. J. Gati-Rutter (Melbourne), Arts A71.
  - 4pm Cognitive and Computing Sciences Seminar: Progress and future of linguistic interfaces to computer systems. R. Sharman (IBM UK Scientific Centre), PBSC11.
  - 4.15pm Biochemistry and Genetics & Development Seminars: Mechanism and regulation of protein synthesis at the mRNA binding step: implications for insulin action, oncogenesis and picornavirus infection. B. Rhoades (Louisiana), Biology Lecture Room.
  - 3pm Sussex European Institute Seminar: Integrating Gender - Women, law and politics in the EU. C. Hoskyns (Coventry), A71 in SEL.
  - 4pm Algebra Seminar: Spaces built up of cubics and their properties. C. Rourke (Warwick), PB2B13, MAPS1.
  - 3pm CMAIA Seminar: A few remarks about the Hilbert transform on L1. J. Tolan (Bath), MAPS1, PB2A2.

- **Wednesday 1 November**
  - 1pm Poverty Research Unit Seminar: Economic Growth, Inequality and Urban Poverty in Columbia. A. Gilbert (UCL), IDS Room 221. Coffee provided.
  - 4pm CMAIA Colloquium: Travelling waves for nonlocal and higher order parabolic PDEs. P. Bates, PB1A1, MAPS1.
  - 2pm QUEORY Seminar: How I uncovered the trouser-wearing character: me and nancy Spain. Rose Collins, Arts D640.
  - 4pm AWISE: AGM. ENGL AS1.
  - 11.30am Culcem Cultural Encounters Seminar: When was the post-colonial: thinking at the limits. S. Hall (Open University), Arts DT72.

- **Thursday 2 November**
  - 5pm Social and Political Thought Colloquium: Objectivity and Moral Judgment in the Social Sciences. S. Toddington (Hall), Arts D610.
  - 12.30pm History and Gender Seminar: Women University Students in the 1930s: Investigating Differences. C. Dyhouse, Arts C251.

**Monday 30 October — Sunday 5 November**

Lectures, Seminars, Colloquia

- **Thursday 2 November**

- **Friday 3 November**
  - 4pm Chemical Physics Seminar. S. Holloway (Liverpool), MS3.
  - 4pm Astronomy Seminar: New results from galaxy redshift surveys. J. Lucey (Durham), PB1A7.
  - 2pm Science Policy Research Unit Seminar: The environmental effects of transport - can there be a market solution? R. Vickerman (Kent), MAPS, PB1A7.
  - 4.30pm Philosophy Society Meeting: Socrates on Rulers and Subjects. B. Gibbs (Waikato, New Zealand), Arts A155.

**Cinema at the Gardner**

- **Monday 30 October**
  - 8pm La Cage aux Folles
  - 11.30pm Hellraiser III
  - Tickets: £2.70 (£2.20 for Sussex students with ID and New Friends).

The Gardner Centre’s Bar and Bistro will now be open every Saturday day-time.

**UNICEF Sales**

UNICEF Christmas cards, T-shirts, children’s books and toys will be on sale in the lobby of the Refectory building on Mondays from 30 October until the end of term from 12-2pm.

**Career Development Unit**

- **Career Planning Workshops**
  - Tue 31 Oct, 2-4pm: for Languages
  - Wed 1 Nov, 10-12pm: for Social Sciences

- **Briefing Workshops**
  - Tue 31 Oct, 10-12pm: Law
  - Wed 1 Nov, 2-4pm: Development
  - Fri 3 Nov, 10-12pm: Psychology

- **Action Workshops**
  - Mon 30 Oct, 2-4pm: Interviews by Telephone
  - Thu 2 Nov, 10-12pm: Putting Together a CV

- **Autumn Talks**
  - Mon 30 Oct, 6pm: Inst. of Chartered Accountants
  - Tue 31 Oct, 5.30pm: Overseas Development Institute
  - Wed 1 Nov, 5pm: Commission of the European Communities
  - Thu 2 Nov, 5.30pm: International House - TEFL

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

**Sussex University Women**

- **Reflections on Beijing**
  - Mon 30 Oct, 12.30pm, Meeting House. Lunch and talk by Sally Baden and Anne-Marie Goetz, gender researchers in IDS. They will describe their experiences of the UN Conference on Women in Beijing. Please bring a dish - main course or desert - or bread/cheese/fruit if busy.

Small Ads

- **FLAT WANTED:** 2/3 bed flat or house in Brighton for 2 German PGs, e-mail: bau01@sussex.ac.uk or tel: Peter on x2824.

- **ACCOMMODATION WANTED:** SPRU Research Fellow, with small family looking for 2-bed apartment in Brighton (preferably) or Lewes from Jan 1996 for at least a year. Furnished or unfurnished. Non-smokers. Rent preferably below £500pm. Tel: Peter Holmes 678832 or 472926, e-mail: p.holmes@sussex.ac.uk or e-mail directly to Rene Belderbos: er0005X@svr.cc.hit-u.ac.jp.

- **HOUSE WANTED:** 2 visiting faculty and 2 children seeking house to rent for 6m from Dec 1995 or Jan 1996. Furnished house, 3 beds, village location preferred, no more than 20 min drive from University, preferably less. Contact: Julie Macfarlane or Dick Moon, Faculty of Law, University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario N9B 3P4, tel: 519 253 4243 x2937, fax: 519 973 7064, e-mail: julien@windsor.ca.

- **ACCOMMODATION WANTED:** for Italian academic for 3m from Nov. Contact: Gail Taylor x2747 or e-mail: G.Taylor@sussex.ac.uk.

- **£5 REWARD:** for return of a dark blue mug, “Xerox PARC Systems Sciences Laboratory”. No questions asked. Tel: Ron 678851.

- **AMPLIFIER FOR SALE:** Musical fidelity A1 Amp. £120 Tel: Gavin x8209 (day) or 626180 (eve).

Meeting House

- **Lunchtime Recital**
  - Tue 31 Oct, 1.20pm: Norman Wilson (Organ). Chapel.

- **Lecture**
  - Thu 2 Nov, 6pm: Hidden Treasures: the spirituality of disability. L. Coming (Deputy Leader, L’Arche), Quiet Room.

Blood Donation

South Thames Blood Service
Mandela Hall, University
11am-1.45pm, 3.30-5.15pm

Please contact SU Receptionist 678152 for an appointment to donate, or attend when convenient. For queries ring 0181 6722222 between 8am and 8pm.

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