One hundred local school children have been producing their own environmental CD-ROM in a trail-blazing education research project. The children’s maps, photos, descriptions and video clips of the Lewes Railway Land Local Nature Reserve are being compiled onto computer disk as part of a three year project which explores the potential of multimedia technology in understanding the environment.

Sussex researchers John Parry and Peter Dickens secured £135,000 from the Economic and Social Research Council and £30,000 from the University to fund the project, the first of its kind in the UK.

Lewes Railway Land was declared a Local Nature Reserve in November last year. The eight hectares of abandoned land are home to 300 species of plant, 64 bird species and 18 different butterflies.

“The CD is based on school children’s responses to the site,” says John. “They have been designing and producing material for the CD by actually going out in the field with cameras and notebooks. Then they use flow charts to decide how to arrange the material on disk.”

Nine, ten and fourteen year old pupils from five local schools – Priory, Southover, Wallands, Western Road and Seaford Head Community College – have been visiting the site. The disk will be a compilation of their work and the experiences of local people.

On Saturday 8 June the general public is invited to Lewes Town Hall to contribute their own views and memories. The views of local and non-local experts will also be included in the project.

“As a whole,” says John, “this CD-ROM will be an important archive document, capturing people’s responses in 1996 to a very local site. The material will be combined with work from three other UK sites in London, Bradford and Leeds.”

Computer consultant Rob Tomlinson is writing the behind-the-scenes computer code which converts the material into CD-ROM format.

The researchers have two practical aims in mind. “Firstly,” says Peter, “we wish to establish whether children learn more effectively when they compile material for a CD-ROM rather than for traditional homework or wall displays. Secondly, we will assess the impact of multimedia technology on linking local and global issues and concrete and abstract ideas on the environment.”

As soon as the CD is completed, the next stage of the project will be to assess how children react to it. The researchers will monitor children in the classroom as they navigate their way through the CD’s information.
Energy Saving
An Energy Management Group has been established to investigate campus-wide issues, to provide opportunities for all members of the community to participate in the development of an energy management programme, to take ownership of the issues and to ensure that energy management measures are integrated within University operations. The membership of this group will include:
- Registrar & Secretary;
- Pro-Vice-Chancellor David Streeter;
- Estates Division Representative;
- Acting Business Director, Charles Dudley;
- two members of the academic staff with interests in energy policy;
- a Building and Resources Manager;
- the Environmental Adviser (Secretary).

The terms of reference include recommending policy for incorporation in an updated Estates Strategy; identifying possibilities; reviewing progress and, possibly, establishing local energy groups within the main buildings on campus. The Group’s work is likely to be extended to all utilities in due course. Although efficiency gains can be achieved by good housekeeping at little extra cost, some investment in appropriate technology will be necessary. In 1996-97 the Planning & Resources Committee has agreed a budget of £80,000.

Disciplinary Panel
The Disciplinary Panel met on 13 May to consider a case referred to it by the Discipline Committee. A student in BIOLS was found guilty of physically assaulting another student. He was reprimanded for unacceptable behaviour, bound over to be of good behaviour and given a suspended fine of £50.

On 17 May, in another case referred to it involving two students, one from the Centre for Legal Studies and the other from EURO, the Disciplinary Panel found each student guilty of physically assaulting another student. They were both reprimanded for unacceptable behaviour. In addition, the student from CLS was fined £100 and given a suspended permanent expulsion which would come into effect if he were found guilty of any future charge of violent behaviour or assault by a Disciplinary Panel during the remainder of his University career. The student from EURO was also fined £50 and bound over to be of good behaviour against the surety of his caution money deposit.

News and letters

Administrative Restructuring
The Registrar and Secretary has recently announced the next stage of administrative restructuring - a revised structure for the Finance Division following the appointment of the new Finance Officer. The Finance Division will consist of:
- Financial Accounts Office
- Management Accounts Office
- Research Office
- Estates Accounts Office
- Central Purchasing
- Treasury Functions
- MAC Finance

The Research Office will move into the Finance Division and will report direct to the Finance Officer. A new post of Research Grants & Contracts Officer has been advertised. The Estates Accounts Office will report direct to the Finance Officer to establish direct accountability for expenditure, both current and capital, on estates. The Purchasing Office will also report direct to the Finance Officer who will have overall responsibility for purchasing policy. There will be a separate Business Division.

The reorganised Division will become committed to providing an efficient, effective and customer-oriented service to staff and students. A Division mission statement and plan will be developed together with appropriate performance indicators (including some reflecting client satisfaction/dissatisfaction). A primary objective will be to provide substantially enhanced management information in the context of a devolved budgetary system.

Until a new Finance Officer takes up appointment Steve Pavey has been appointed Acting Head of Finance Division.

LETTERS
Dear Editor,
Innovare - to make new
There is something very 'innovative' about the latest addition to Sussex University's collection of architectural delights. The long awaited Innovation Centre has at last taken stately shape on campus's eastern flank and it offers the curious observer something quite out of the ordinary.

First of all, it's imaginatively square. There's nothing quite as inspiring as a good old classical square shape that really stands out from the other polygonic miracles on campus like the colourful Meeting House, Falmer house with its endangered moats, and the extensively extending library - all of which hardly share a square between them.

Then there's the navy grey roof that adds that extra sparkling warehouse look, enough to send any passing superstar manager into fits of envy. Indeed, it makes Brighton Station seem worthy of Grade 5 listed building status with its matching corrugated iron roof - a haven for those migrating pigeons no doubt.

And as for the car park, I was half expecting a stunning mono rail to busily ferry our management gurus between the Refectory and Falmer Bar. Instead, yet more of campus is carved up under that tarmac of outstanding unnatural beauty.

All in all, I was rather hoping the Innovation Centre would lead by example starting with its design. Unfortunately it's not to be but at least there's the hope that in the Centre's undoubted future success, an extension or two could at least give it that spicy innovative ambience it is supposed to pioneer. Scope for 'Continuous Improvement' here I think.

Signed: Printz Charles
(Nicolas Pittarello, pg SPRU)

Postgraduate Survey
We are very grateful to all those who participated in the Postgraduate Office's recent survey of new postgraduate students. The total response (approximately 300 questionnaires were returned) was so great that massed teams of trained data input staff are still hard at work collating the results.

Of more interest to participants, perhaps, the book token prize draw has now been held and the two lucky winners - students in Education and HUMS - have been informed. Many thanks again to all those who took part - your help is very much appreciated.

Gary Ginsberg

Graduation Photographs
The Photographic Unit is offering a high-quality graduation portrait service in its studio in Arts C109 (in addition to Graduation Day). This service, available during the summer (but not in Graduation week itself) offers packages of colour prints taken with appropriate background, gown etc. Contact PDU on 8041 to discuss your requirements and book a time for your portrait session.
**A sunny day at Swanborough**

The public were welcomed to a garden party at Swanborough Manor last Saturday in aid of the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Sick Children Rocking-horse Appeal. For once the weather was kind and the gardens looked stunning in the sunshine, inspiring everyone to make a beeline for the plant stall (pictured above). In total, the day raised £1600. Very many thanks to all those who helped to make it such a success. In the picture are some of the helpers, from l to r: Peter Gurr (formerly Estates), Peter Cockadady (porter Sussex House), John Scroggins (Estates), Michael Trotter (gardener at Swanborough), Rod Cauller (porter Holland House) and his wife Tina (housekeeper at Swanborough).

**In the Bookshop**

**Recent publications by Sussex authors, all obtainable from the University Bookshop**

**THE BRITISH ELECTRICITY EXPERIMENT** Privatisation: the record, the issues, the lessons. (Results from a detailed study by SPRU edited by John Surrey) Earthscan. £14.95.


**IN SEARCH OF CIVIL SOCIETY, MARKET REFORM AND SOCIAL CHANGE IN CONTEMPORARY CHINA** by Gordon White, Jude A Howell and Shang Xiaoyuan. Oxford University Press £35.


**BREAKING BOUNDARIES: WOMEN IN HIGHER EDUCATION** edited by Louise Morley and Val Walsh. Taylor & Francis £13.95.

**BELIEF IN CHINA: ART AND POLITICS; DEITIES AND MORTALITY Addendum:** In an earlier Bulletin we omitted to say that this book is edited by Stephanie Donald as well as Bob Benewick. It is published by the Green Centre for Non-Western Art and Culture at £12.99.

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**Green Transport Week**

**Come to the University's...**

**Green Transport Fair**

**Fulton Court (in front of the Library)**

**Friday 14 June, 12 - 3.30pm**

Exhibitors include the local public transport operators, the local authorities and voluntary groups (Bicycles, Brighton & Hove Environment Forum, Friends of the Earth, Transport 2000). There will be a bike doctor on site, so if your bike is in need of a service, you have got a puncture or need new brakes, bring your bike along and you will only have to pay for the parts – bargain! Everyone who attends the fair will be entered in a free draw with fantastic prizes including a brand new bike.

The University's Green Transport Fair coincides with national Green Transport Week, 10 – 14 June. If you have been tempted by the thought of cycling to work or trying out a new bus service, but never quite had the courage, this is your opportunity! Green Transport Week aims to raise awareness about the environmental impact of transport within our local and wider community and to encourage people to use more sustainable methods of transport.

Over lunchtime, you will be able to pick up information and chat to representatives from many organisations at the Fair, which has been generously supported by East Sussex County Council. In the evening there will be a fundraising party in the Hothouse for the Pilgrim's School for Asthmatic Children in Seaford. And don’t forget – if you possibly can, please leave your car at home on the day, but if you really must bring it, make sure it’s full!

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**GREEN NEWS**

A gleaming Unibus (No. 25) - Brighton & Hove Bus Company's new transport initiative
Monday 10 June - Sunday 16 June

Meeting House

- Lunchtime Recital
  1.20pm, Tues 11 June, Jessica Sproston (Soprano), in the Chapel.

Film at the Gardiner

- Sunday 16 June
  6pm Flower of my Secret
  9pm Species

Photographic Exhibition

An exhibition of the work of the University's Photographic and Design Unit will begin this week, featuring the history of PDU in the 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s, including their latest electronic imaging. The exhibition can be found in the following places:
- 10 - 16 June: Refectory, Level 2 Dining Area
- 17 - 23 June: Library Reception Area
- 24 - 30 June: Meeting House Entrance

Miscellaneous

- Refectory Summer Special
  Tuesday 18 June. Summer menus, live music - a taste of an English Summer! 12 -2pm on Level 2 of the Refectory.

- Refectory Exam Closure
  Level 1 of the Refectory Building will be closed for exams from 14 June until the end of term.

- Super Sports Day
  Bored, restless, need a boost? Enter the Super Sports Day at the Pavilion on Wed 19 June for fun in the sun. Teams of 8 people (4 men, 4 women). Applications from the Pavilion x3950 or Sports Fed x1855.

- Lunchtime Recital
  Thurs 13 June, 1.15pm. James Tornaijnen. Ravel, Chopin and Prokofieff. In the Palmer House Recital Room 120.

- Bankers in the Stocks
  Your chance to get your own back on Midland Bank, whose management team will be in the stocks outside the campus branch on Fri 14 June, 12 -2pm. Throw 5 sponges for a minimum donation of £1 to charity.

Small Ads

TEFL BOOKS FOR SALE: variety of teachers and students books. £20 the lot (original cost £70+). Tel: Francis x8983.

MATHS TUTION: offered by maths doctorate with teaching and individual tuition experience. Tel: Paul Courtneay 556699.

VIOLINS FOR SALE: half size violin with case & bow, V.g. condition, £40. Quarter size violin with case (no bow), £20. Tel: 475081 (eves), x8173; email: s.c.leea@sussex.

EXERCISE BIKE WANTED: good quality with heart monitor if possible. Tel: 487780; fax: 487172; email: dpollack@pavilion.co.uk.

CAR ALARM FOR SALE: simple 2 wire installation. £30. Tel: Andy x2764 or 749011.

CAR HI-FI EQUIPMENT FOR SALE: the ultimate Pioneer system. Includes head unit & changer, DSP unit, Subs, Centre 3 ways, 700W of amplification, most wiring loom, manuals, remote. Worth over £2000. Offers. Tel: Andy as above.

Small Ads Cont.


HOUSE TO LET: Fivesways, Brighton. Delightful 3/4 bedroom with large garden. Ideal for visiting faculty with family. Close to local amenities and London Road station. From late Sept to early Jan (flexible). £150 pw. Tel: 508534, x2278; email: t.wilson@sussex.

FLAT TO LET: 1 bedroom flat in Brighton, fully furnished and equipped with telephone. Near seafront but quiet. 10 Aug - 10 Oct. Minimum time 1 month. £350 pcm (incl). Tel: Caroline Welsh 624926; email: c.welsh@sussex.

HOUSE FOR SALE: Havelock Road, Brighton. Victorian terraced house near Preston Park with 3 double bedrooms and west garden. £104,950. Tel: 606755 x2471 or 504499; email: ssfe3@sussex.

HOUSE TO LET: Lewes, detached, 3 bedroom, luxury bathroom. Views over Ouse valley. With gardener for lovely garden. Owner abroad next academic year. Tel: 476640.

ROOM TO LET: central Lewes, 5 mins from station. Comfortably fully modernised house. £40 pw plus bills. From end June. Would suit p/g. Non-smoker preferred. Tel: Graham Mayhew 472594 or 472153.

FLAT TO LET: first floor balcony flat in Lewes Crescent, overlooking sea. Sept - Dec. Suit visiting academic or couple. £500 pcm. Tel: Pete Saunders x8883 or 688827 (home); email:pz.saunders@sussex.ac.uk.

ACCOMMODATION WANTED: for academic staff from Croatia. 1 or 2 bedroom flat from 14 July for 3/4 weeks in Lewes/Ringmer/Brighton. Tel: 474866.

GOLF CLUBS FOR SALE: Pinseeker 1/2 set, 3.5,7,9 irons. 1+3 woods, putter, bag & balls etc. As new (used twice). £90. Tel: Mark Enright x2841.

STEREO FOR SALE: Phillips flat-style stereo with turntable, cassette, radio & speakers. V.g. condition. £20. Tel: Abigail Smith 609931.

ALBA HI-FI FOR SALE: turntable, twin cassette, radio, CD, speakers. Good working order but CD needs some attention, hence only £40 onno. Tel: Abigail Smith 609931.

Bulletin

The Bulletin appears every Friday of term with copy deadline the preceding Friday lunch-time. 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.

Special Open Lecture

Lord Weidenfeld
will give an Open Lecture on
Growing up in pre-Anschluss Vienna
on
Tuesday 11 June, 5.15 pm
in the Meeting House.
The lecture, arranged by the Centre for German-Jewish Studies, will be introduced by the Vice-Chancellor.

Unwanted Furniture Available

The University has some old unwanted office furniture which is available to anyone who needs it from the EDB storage area (through the side door on the left of EDB).