Sussex remembers former student killed in Croatia

Nearly 200 Sussex history students squeezed into the University’s TV studio last Wednesday to debate the relations between History and Media. Top TV and radio journalists, including Richard Tait, Editor-in-Chief of ITN, and eminent documentary makers, Charles Wheeler and Peter Taylor, led the day’s impassioned discussions.

The one-day workshop, the first of its kind, was organised by historians Rod Kedward and Mark Mazower in memory of John Schofield, the BBC reporter and former Sussex student who was killed by a sniper’s bullet in Croatia last year.

John arrived at Sussex to read history in 1984. His death on 5 August 1995, while he was working for Radio 4’s The World Tonight, brought to over 75 the number of journalists killed while reporting the war in former Yugoslavia – and brought to a premature end a brilliantly promising career in broadcasting.

His friends and colleagues attended a tree-planting ceremony in the University grounds, alongside his parents, his wife Susie Tucker and their newborn baby, Charlotte.

The huge willingness of journalists from the BBC, ITN and Channel 4 to come and spend the day at Sussex was both a tribute to John and a measure of their eagerness to engage in debate about their work.

Excerpts from news and documentary broadcasts from Northern Ireland, Bosnia, Russia and Africa provoked serious audience involvement and questions. How do the economics of news production intrude on the way events are reported? What criteria persuade news editors that a particular story is newsworthy? Are journalists tempted to sacrifice truth for the sake of what counts as a ‘good story’? To what degree is our view of the past shaped by how the media relates it?

Charles Wheeler described the alarming prospect of cash-strapped corporations destroying raw archive material. Even the BBC has had to destroy some of its archives in recent years. What better home for these precious resources, he suggested, than the country’s universities, who are, after all, ideally equipped to tap their full potential for research.

In the end, concluded Robin Lustig, presenter of The World Tonight, journalists and historians share the same task. They might have different timescales, they might have different methodologies – but both seek ultimately to investigate events and opinion and uncover, as far as possible, what really happened.

The integrity and dedication of every journalist present were a heartening contrast to the stereotype of the unscrupulous hack – inspiring several hundred students and showing them where their history degree could take them.

The success of the day could not have been achieved without the hard work and collaboration of everyone who helped from History at Sussex, the Media Studies Unit, Estates and the Information Office. MSU are now hard at work preparing their own piece of archive material – a documentary record of the day compiled from video footage.
Dear Bulletin Readers,

My name is Lindsay Parkin, I'm a postdoc in Experimental Psychology and I've just secured a place on a Whitbread Round the World Yacht Race team for 1997-1998. The Sussex Challenge syndicate is the only amateur team yet entered, comprising 6 men and 6 women (I am one of the men!) and sailing out of Eastbourne harbour. I am writing to the Bulletin to draw on the vast experience in fund raising I know is out there. As we are an amateur team I need to raise a substantial amount of money to cover the training programme (including two transatlantic races) and pay for my life while I am away. I would really appreciate any help and advice of any you could offer, please contact me at E.P.(BOLS) ext. 2780 email lindsay@epnix.biol.susx.

Public Lecture
The University and South Downs Health NHS Trust
REMOVING THE BARRIERS TO INDEPENDENCE: Capitalising on Technology for People with Disabilities
by Professor Martin Ferguson-Pell
Aspire Chair in Technology and Disability at University College, London
Tuesday 7 May at 7.00 pm Terrace Room, Refectory
All welcome

FINALISTS
Interested in a career in journalism?

An opportunity exists for a one-year placement in the University Information Office starting in September. Salary: £11,500.

We are looking for someone who can communicate effectively, can write clearly and succinctly, has some keyboard skills and really wants to be a journalist.

The duties of the post will include: finding and developing stories about University activities for internal and external publication, handling enquiries from press and public, setting up interviews and writing press releases.

Further information can be obtained from the Information Office, Sussex House, Call in or ring (67)8384.

Closing date: 31 May 1996.

News

Dipping into the future

For I dip into the future far as human eye could see,
Saw the vision of the World, and all the wonder that would be. (Tennyson)

Pro-Vice-Chancellors, the Registrar, and senior administrators recently joined with deans, unit directors, and members of the 21st Century Task Force to dip into their own vision of the future, an exercise staged by the University’s Development Office.

Split into four groups, participants were asked to project themselves forward to the year 2005 and write a Guardian newspaper article describing how the University had distinguished itself in the intervening years in both a unique and novel way. Each group was invited to be unconstrained by real, perceived or potential financial limitations.

The Vice-Chancellor Professor Gordon Conway, and US-based organisational consultant Kay Sprinkel Grace, acted as facilitators.

Later, the groups came together to compare results – and discovered a surprising degree of unanimity on key issues. The Vice-Chancellor has now invited deans and unit heads to conduct visioning exercises within their own areas of responsibility – and he wants to widen the exercise to include contributions from all parts of the University, as well as alumni and business leaders.

The results of these exercises will be used by the 21st Century Task Force in their efforts to determine how the University can best meet the changing needs of society as well as the aspirations of future generations of students.

Their vision will help to shape the University evolving fund raising plans. For as the reality of diminished government support for the HE sector begins to bite, the need to find alternative sources of income becomes even more critical.

If anybody wants to have a go at the exercise, there’s a bottle of sparkling stuff waiting for the best effort to reach the Bulletin Office by 17 May. But for further information please contact Robin Street in the Development Office, Sussex House.

Hot Stuff in the Kitchens

The University’s Catering Service welcomed some new recruits last Thursday. Derek Askev’s daughter, Sophie (12), and Mark Rea’s daughters, Emily (9) and Charlotte (12), arrived on campus to learn about life as a chef. They were taking part in the national ‘Take Our Daughters to Work Scheme’, which aims to give schoolgirls the chance to learn about different jobs. They watched their Dads prepare ‘exotic’ dishes for Level I and the Private Dining Room, and are pictured cutting up parsley.

“The day was a great success,” said Derek. “I don’t think any of them had realised what goes on in an industrial kitchen - the heat (in more ways than one) is incredible compared with the domestic kitchen.”

Brazilian Scientists visit the ENGG Space Science Centre

THREE SCIENTISTS FROM the Brazilian National Institute for Space Research (INPE) have been funded by the Brazilian National Research Council (CNPq) to visit the Space Science Centre in ENGG for one year. Ana Maria Ambrosio, her husband Mario Celso Padovan de Almeida, and Ronaldo Arias have started work on collaborative projects with Dr Paul Gough and Dr Peter Davies. The Space Science Centre has a long established link with Brazil. Twenty years ago Paul Gough spent a year in Brazil on a Royal Society Fellowship and two years ago gave a course at INPE. Two recent Brazilian doctoral students at the Centre, Helano Castro de Souza and Antonio Miguel Monteiro, are now working on a Brazilian Scientific Satellite with ongoing collaboration with Sussex. Before leaving South America, Ana Maria, a specialist in ground support, visited Peter Davies at the European launch site in Kourou, French Guiana. Peter was using Sussex ground support equipment to check out experiments on the ESA Cluster mission due for launch this June on the new Ariane V. Mario specialises in space power systems and is currently designing a power supply to be used by the future rocket instrument of ENGG postgraduate student Paul Layzell. Ronaldo is investigating ways to further improve the fault-tolerance used in the Sussex Mars-96 space instrument design. At Sussex Ronaldo is accompanied by his wife Cecilia while Ana Maria and Mario’s daughter Luana has already started local school.
What the Papers Say

A full page profile of Helen Wallace, Director of the Sussex European Institute, appeared in the Times Higher (12 April). Acknowledging her Europe-wide reputation based on her pioneering work and the fact that her expertise and knowledge are eagerly sought abroad, the article points to a central paradox of British Europeans such as Helen: their lack of cultural visibility in the UK. Later in the article she delivers her credo "I am sorry that Britain is not a mainstream player in the European debate on a regular and predictable basis. It is a mistake for the country. To talk, as some do, of Britain being like Switzerland is an abnegation of sense of place and potential influence."

"PITY THE POOR PARENTS," declared psychology lecturer, Nick Tucker, in the Sunday Times (7 April). His cause for concern is the state of children's television. "What children really need," he said, "is not a V-chip but a vast bulk of quality material on the screen. But these are locust days for young viewers... Any chance John Major or Tony Blair could one day be remembered as the prime minister who helped encourage the return of much-needed quality and variety to infants' television viewing?"

PROBING THE WORLD OF sub-nuclear physics usually requires teams of hundreds of scientists with millions of dollars. But John Gribbin, Visiting Fellow in Astronomy, reported in New Statesman & Society (19 April) about the small Sussex team planning an experiment that could challenge the big battalions. "A team of just four researchers, headed by Ed Hinds, is beginning work on a project that will test the 'standard model', physicists' treasured picture of how the world works, with unprecedented accuracy. The experiment fits inside a normal-sized lab and the total budget is marginally less than £1 million."

PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, Martin Shaw, wrote another New Statesman feature (19 April) which analyses the way television news focused world attention on the plight of Kurdish refugees in Iraq in 1991, shaming Western governments into action. "TV journalists can learn from this episode the real power they have to represent people in zones of crisis," he said. "We can all learn, however, that a TV campaign is not enough. It is up to all of us, in the press, in humanitarian movements, in the opposition parties, to think about a new agenda to represent those who are fighting against, as well as suffering from, violence and genocide."

Visitors to the University

Her Royal Highness Princess Chulabhorn of Thailand who is a Doctor of Chemistry and President of the Chulabhorn Research Institute in Bangkok, came to Sussex to take part in a Royal Society Chemistry conference. She is pictured above with Professor Bob Thomas of Biotics Ltd who organised the conference at Sussex.

French without tears

French, the latest subject to be assessed under the current scheme of quality assessment has been accorded a score of 22 out of a maximum score of 24. It received a score of 4, the highest award, in the following core aspects: curriculum design, content and organisation, student progression and achievement, student support and guidance, learning resources.

A score of 3 was awarded in the other core aspects: teaching, learning and assessment and quality assurance and enhancement. French is the fourth subject to be assessed at Sussex; the next assessment, which will be held in November, will be of History of Art.

In brief

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

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

CONSTRUCTION AS A MANUFACTURING PROCESS: EPSRC 3rd call for proposals. The IMI aims to make a significant contribution to better productivity and competitiveness in manufacturing industry by combining technological innovation with business process improvements. Closing date: 7 June 1996.

LINK INLAND SURFACE TRANSPORT PROGRAMME: aims to stimulate projects to develop efficient, safe and environmentally acceptable inland surface transport, and to enhance the competitiveness of the UK transport industry and quality of life. No closing date.

LINK AQUACULTURE PROGRAMME: aims to accelerate the commercial development of aquaculture in the UK. R & D centred around 8 themes: Investigation of new species; Developing species; Established species; Disease; Fish processing; Economics and the market; Demonstration projects; Environmental impact. No closing date.

LINK ADVANCED SENSORS FOR OCEAN APPLICATIONS (SEASENSE): It aims to adapt and transfer sensor expertise developed by non-marine industry sectors and the science base, and create strategic links between the science base and industry. Closing date for proposals: 28 June 1996.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION: The Department of the Environment call for proposals. To provide scientific data to underpin the department's development of environmental policy and statutory duties. Nine areas: global atmosphere; air quality; chemicals and biotechnology; waste management; contaminated land; radioactive substances; noise; water resources and marine; environmental economics and statistics. No closing date given.

MAFF FOOD RESEARCH REQUIREMENTS 1997/98: STRATEGIC RESEARCH: Call for proposals for research in many scientific disciplines across a wide range of food-related topics such as food quality and applied nutrition and food safety. Closing date: 27 May 1996.
What's on...

Lectures, Seminars, Colloquia

- **Monday 6 May**
  Bank Holiday Minimum Service Day

- **Tuesday 7 May**
  3pm *European Institute Seminar*: Dispersed governance, fragmented citizenship and the 'democratic deficit' in the EU. A. Wiener, Arts A71.
  4pm *COGS Seminar*: Spatial reasoning based on a tesseroidal data representation. B. Beattie (Liverpool), PBSC11.

  4.15pm *Biochemistry and Genetics & Development Seminar*: Identification of genes down-regulated during T cell activation by representational difference analysis of cDNA. M. Huban, Biology Lecture Room.
  5pm *Social and Political Thought Seminar*: The non-history of capitalism. E. Melkins Wood (Toronto), Arts A71.
  6.30pm *South Downs NHS Trust Annual Lecture*: Removing the barriers to independence: capabilist approaches to technology for people with disabilities. Professor Martin Ferguson-Pell, Aspire Professor of Technology and Disability (UCL), Terrace Room, Refectory Building.

- **Wednesday 8 May**
  1pm *IDS Seminar*: Primary education in Tanzania: is there a gender problem? T. Peasgood & S. Bendera, IDS Room 221.
  5pm *English Colloquium*: What are poets for? - a reply to Heidegger. S. Walter (Middlesex), Arts D630.

- **Thursday 9 May**
  12.30pm *Social Sciences Seminar*: Is socialism dead? T. Wright MP, Arts A5.
  5pm *Geography Seminar*: Ground truths: land-use mapping, environmental knowledge and citizenship. R. Walford (Cambridge), Arts D610.

- **Friday 10 May**
  2pm *SPRU Seminar*: The characteristics, relevance and future development of government controlled industrial research and development establishments in developing countries. I. Cooper (British Hydromechanics Research Group Ltd), EDB Room 121.

Drama News

- **Edinburgh Festival**
  Cast, crew, publicity people etc wanted for drama society production in August. Come to Debating Chamber on Thurs 9 May from 6-9pm.

- **Cabaret**
  Producers, directors, musical directors, choreographers & stage-managers wanted for next year’s SMUTS production of Cabaret. Send details to the company manager, SMUTS pigeon hole, Falmer House by end of Week 4. Include past experience, preliminary ideas and why you want to do job. Interview will follow.

Monday 6 May - Sunday 12 May

Meeting House

- **Lunchtime Recital**
  1.20pm, Tues 30 April, Gavin Ashenden (tenor), in the Chapel.

- **Lecture**
  6pm, Thurs 9 May: Designer babies and new selfishness: the human implications of the new genetics. Bryan Appleyard (Independent journalist and author), Cockcroft Hall, Cockcroft Building, University of Brighton, Lewes Road.

Jobs

- **Paid Helper Needed**
  With some knowledge of Langland’s *Piers Plowman* to help student with special needs. Help needed for a few hours (negotiable) over 2 weeks. £5 per hour. Tel: Harminder 623974 or 678149 (eves) or leave details at Welfare reception, Falmer House.

- **Research Assistants Wanted**
  2/3 F/T in-house research assistants (one an economist). One year from October, possibly earlier. Candidates should have a Masters or good first degree in social science. Tel: Rosalind Woodhouse, IDS Admin Office Room 203, 678266. Closing date: 31 May.

Swanborough Gardens

In aid of the Rockingham Horse Appeal, Swanborough Manor Gardens will be open on Sat 1 June from 2-5pm. The Rockingham Horse Appeal supports the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Sick Children. Please come and lend it your support. Donations of books, toys, produce and bric-a-brac most gratefully received. Please deliver donations to:

- Peter Cockaday, Porters’ Lodge, Sussex House Information Office, Sussex House
- Peter Aming, Porters’ Lodge, Refectory
- Rod Cadlor, Porters’ Lodge, Holland House

Stalls, Teas.

**Pub Quiz**

Every Tuesday from 8pm in Falmer House. Teams of 4-6. 50p entry per person. Prizes galore - cash, wine, T-shirts.

**Sussex University Women**

Thurs 16 May, 12.30-2pm. Visit to Swanborough Manor gardens. The gardener will answer questions. Please bring a picnic lunch. Coffee available.

**AUT Meeting**

Wed 8 May, 1-2pm, General Meeting of the Association of University Teachers in Arts A5. Speaker: Professor A. McCaffery on: What academic: Organisation makes sense at Sussex - deliberations emerging from TC C21.

**Meeting House Sale**

Mon 13 and Tues 14 May, 10am onwards. Sale of old loss property. Cheap watches, jewellery, bicycles, records, tapes, calculators, books etc. Some items - mountain bike, tent, 2 Rolex watches - to be sold by sealed bid. View from Mon 13 - Wed 15. Bids in pounds and pence to Room 2, Meeting House by Wed 5pm. Proceeds to charity. Call x3876 for details.

Small Ads

**ROOM TO LET:** single room in lovely balcony flat in Lewes. Share with one other. Close to transport and shops. Non-smoker preferred. £55 pw excl. Tel: x2051 or 474854.

**ACCOMMODATION WANTED:** 2-3 bedroom house in Lewes/Ringmer area for family of 4. ASAP. Refs. available. Tel: 643224 or 814490 (eves).

**CAR FOR SALE:** Ford Escort Estate 1.6L, red, 5 doors, sunroof. V.G. cond. , clean, no rust, lady owner, 79,000 miles, tax and MOT, £800 ono. Tel: 683486, email: fbd0@central.susx.ac.uk.

**ROOM TO LET:** in two bedroom flat with balcony and garden close to West Pier, Brighton. £49 pw. Tel: 724729.

**MACINTOSH 512K FOR SALE:** with keyboard mouse and word processing. £100 ono. Tel: 724729.

**FLAT FOR SALE:** modern two bedroom apartment on 3rd floor of a purpose-built block in Lewes. V. close to train station, leisure centre and town centre. Tel: William x8094 or 483520 or email: w.cranen@sussex.ac.uk.

**TV FOR SALE:** Sony colour 14", remote control, excellent condition. £80. Tel: Yone 729180.

**FOR SALE:** Polar ‘Fitwatch’, Triathletes/cyclists radio-linked continuous heart monitor. Essential training aid. Almost new. With cycle or wristwatch fitting. Waterproof 30m. £65 ono. Tel: Andy x2764 or 749011.

**FOR SALE:** Swatch ‘Divving’ wristwatch. Blue, 200m. Rotating bezel, luminous display. Stylish. £15 ono. Tel: as above.

**HOUSE TO LET:** Dordogne, S.W. France. Well-equipped 3 bedroom country gite. Sleeps 6, sleeps 2, sleeps 10. Large terrace and lake beaches. Local horseriding, walking, cycling & canoeing. £150-£280 pw. Tel: 302290.

Film at the Gardener

- **Wednesday 8 May**
  11.30pm *Cyrano de Bergerac*

- **Friday 10 May**
  11.30pm *True Romance*

- **Sunday 12 May**
  7.45pm *Madness of King George*

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