New report exposes scale of domestic violence in Sussex

A major new report on domestic violence in Sussex was launched at the University this Tuesday. The launch, attended by Paul Whitehouse, Chief Constable of Sussex Police, and high-ranking representatives from agencies dealing with domestic violence in Sussex, provoked considerable local media coverage.

Mr Whitehouse embraced wholeheartedly the report’s findings, which are the culmination of a year’s research by the University’s Centre for Social Policy and Social Work and were commissioned by the Police and other agencies. Domestic violence, he said, should be as unacceptable to the community as any other form of violence. Whether it occurs on the street or behind closed doors, Sussex Police are equally committed to tackling violence.

Sussex’s first comprehensive investigation of domestic violence, undertaken by John Jacobs, Jo Tulloch and Jenny Clifton, should unite the county’s agencies in a co-ordinated approach to the problem. Women who approach an agency will receive a more effective service as result.

The researchers interviewed women, police officers and staff in other statutory and voluntary agencies in Brighton, Crawley and Horsham. They found that many local women experience devastating mental and physical violence from their partners, and that the vast majority of offenders are free to continue their attacks even if their victims succeed in escaping from the home.

Domestic violence is a crime, they pointed out, yet only about 4% of incidents result in a prosecution. “The criminal justice system is almost irrelevant to domestic violence”, concludes John Jacobs. Civil remedies are better in providing women with protection. However many women have problems obtaining legal aid and with enforcing injunctions.

They found that Brighton and Crawley’s women’s refuge and advice services which were highly valued by women. In addition, the Police have significantly improved their response to domestic violence incidents in recent years. The new Police Domestic Violence Unit in Brighton – the only one in Sussex – provides a reliable personal response which women in the study found helpful.

The report’s most urgent recommendations concern the development of a co-ordinated inter-agency response. They include:

- Secure accommodation and protection through refuges and local authority housing.
- Clear guidance for women about available services and links to useful agencies.
- Staff training in domestic violence issues and helpful approaches.
In brief

Letter
Dear Editor,
In the article Tazla Summer University, you ask people to contact former EAM student Tot Ziems. This means 'See you soon', in Dutch!
Jane Espinasse
Sorry! the student's name is Hugh Griffiths. Ed.

Squashed
After a long hard season, the Staff Squash Team, have managed to clinch both the Division 1 title of the Sussex Business League and the Challenge Cup. Congratulations should go to the squad, who were: Terry Stanley, Tony Staples, Terry Wheeler, Simon Tunley, Paul Macdonald, Paul Russell, Brian Barnes and Pasha Kaul.

Disciplinary Panel
The Disciplinary Panel met on 11 March 1996 to consider a case referred to it by the Discipline Committee. A student in MAPS was found guilty of activity with the potential to put members of the University and University property and buildings in danger. The student was bound over to be of good behaviour and ordered not to repeat the behaviour which led to the charge against him nor to conduct any extra curricular experiments without obtaining and following proper professional advice.

On 12 March, in another case referred to it, the Disciplinary Panel found a student guilty of acting with threatening behaviour towards a Sub-Dean. The student was reprimanded for his unacceptable behaviour, bound over to be of good behaviour against the surety of his caution money deposit and given a suspended fine of £200.

Masterclasses
200 teenagers gathered with friends and families at Herstmonceux Castle over Easter to celebrate ten years of Masterclasses in Technology at Sussex. Professor David Phillips, Deputy Director of the Royal Institution, presented certificates to all the schoolchildren participating in this year's series. Alongside the presentation of certificates was a display of photographs and equipment illustrating the work done this year and in the past ten years of Masterclasses.

Admin Changes
With immediate effect the Personnel, Payroll and Superannuation offices have been amalgamated into a new Staffing Services Office which will be responsible for all staffing matters. An information note issued by the Registrar, Barry Gooch, explains that the purpose of the re-organisation is to establish a single unit within the Administration responsible for the provision of all staff-related services for the University. This includes central responsibility for co-ordination of policy and development of terms and conditions of employment for all categories of staff.
Details of individual responsibilities within the new office have been circulated widely within the University, but any queries regarding the re-organisation should be addressed to the Personnel Officer, Adrian McAllister, who will be heading the new unit. His extension is 3809, email: A.S.McAllister@sussex.ac.uk. The Personnel Officer will report direct to the Registrar.

In the Bookshop
Recent publications by Sussex authors, all obtainable from the University Bookshop
THE HANDBOOK OF INDUSTRIAL INNOVATION ed Mark Dodgson and Roy Rothwell. Edward Elgar £22.50
ASSESSING YOUR CAREER: TIME FOR CHANGE? (A Personal and Professional Development Series) by Ben Ball. British Psychological Society. £8.99
CHINA'S OPENING DOOR by David Wall, Jiang Boke and Yin Xiaomshuo. Royal Institute of International Affairs £12.95.
POLITICS IN CONTEMPORARY GEORGIA FROM Instability to Statehood? by Jonathan Aves. Royal Institute of International Affairs £12.50.
WARRANT FOR GENOCIDE (The Myth of the Jewish World Conspiracy and the Protocols of the Elders of Zion) by Norman Cohn. SERIF £13.99.
FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT AND ANALYSIS by Carol Alexander. John Wiley £55.
FRUITFUL SITES, GARDEN CULTURE IN MING DYNASTY CHINA by Craig Clunas. (Envisioning Asia Series. Ed: Homi Bhahba, Norman Bryson, Wu Hung.) Reaktion Books Ltd £14.95
THE NEW WRITING ENVIRONMENT - WRITERS AT WORK IN A WORLD OF TECHNOLOGY by M. Sharples and T. Van Der Geest. Springer Verlag £30.
AGENDA FOR DEVELOPMENT - THE FUTURE OF THIRD WORLD CHRISTIAN PUBLISHING by Alec Gilmore. SPCK £30.
PURITANISM AND HISTORICAL CONTROVERSY by William Lamont. UCL Press £11.95
CITIZENSHIP AND DEMOCRATIC CONTROL IN CONTEMPORARY EUROPE ed Barbara Einhorn, Mary Kalder and Zdenek Kavan. Edward Elgar £39.25.

GREEN NEWS
If you are interested in environmental issues, familiar with the Internet and keen to minimise paper wastage, then tap into the University's own environmental home page. You will find a variety of information, including the University's environmental policy, information on waste reduction and recycling on campus, the Student Union policy and activities, useful internal and local contacts and how to get more involved in environmental issues. The page will be constantly reviewed and updated to reflect developments. Interested? Go on – have a look! The page is located within the Campus Life section of the University of Sussex home page or http://www.sussex.ac.uk/Units/environment/respon.html. Penelope Chapple, Environmental Adviser (ext 8904).

Prizes for postgraduate survey
Many of our newer postgraduates should by now have received a copy of a short questionnaire focusing on the helpfulness and effectiveness of our publicity material and, in particular, on how well our information sources served them when they originally applied to the University. The questionnaire has been produced by the Postgraduate Office as part of an exercise designed to evaluate and improve the manner in which the University disseminates information to prospective postgraduate students.

The deadline for the return of completed questionnaires is imminent – next Friday 17 May 1996 but, as an incentive to participate, those responding with completed questionnaires within the time limit will have their names placed in a draw to win one of two £30 book prizes. For further information on the survey, contact Gary Ginsberg on ext 8410.

News

Bee lines across campus

Negotiating your way from A to B can test the best of marriages. BIOLS may be able to offer some advice to those of you who persist in leading your spouses up several cul-de-sacs before turning the map the right way up. Tom Collett and colleagues are studying the navigation of honey bees. Despite these insects’ minute brains, they can find their way swiftly from their hive to a feeding site several kilometres away.

Bees use a combinations of strategies to perform their feats of navigation. On their first trip to a site, they memorise a vector which specifies the distance and direction of the site from their start-point. Next time they set out for this site, they recall the vector and use it to steer their new journey.

But this process, ‘dead-reckoning’, is error-prone. A bee can become blown off course, for instance. So in addition to dead-reckoning, bees pilot by means of familiar landmarks. Pilotling is most easily analysed very near to the destination when bees fly close to the ground. Bees are trained to forage for sucrose at an inconspicuous feeder placed at a fixed distance from an array of cylinders. After each visit, sucrose and landmarks are moved together to ensure that the cylinders are the only reliable cues to the position of the feeder. Use of landmarks is proved by removing the feeder and finding that bees still search in the appropriate spot.

Analysis of videotapes revealed a surprising fact. An individual bee approaching its destination tends to face consistently in one direction. Bees may inspect the world from one direction because this helps them match up their visual image with the image they have already stored in their brains. Research students Jerome Baron and Helen Frier find that bees use at least two compasses to control their viewing direction, a solar compass and a magnetic one.

Small-brained bees have evolved simple and robust methods of navigation, and these may provide helpful pointers for designing robots. Their study is also a good excuse for escaping outside on sunny days.

A Hive of Activity – Bees at the Booth Museum is an exhibition of partnerships between bees and plants and bees and people. Booth Museum from 6 July to 15 September. Tel: 552586 for details.

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

EPSRC PROGRAMME 1996/97: Just published. Copies should have reached relevant Deans and Subject Chairs. Main text at URL http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/inf/eb/programmes96.

INNOVATIVE BIOPROCESSING INITIATIVE: BBSRC 3rd call for outline proposals. To enhance the long term competitiveness of the UK bio-based industries to ensure that they are leaders in the rapid translation of discoveries in biological and physical science and engineering into successful product innovation. Closing date: 21 June 1996.

INTEGRATION IN DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME: LINK call for proposals. Key objectives are: increase value for money for clients; reduce costs, increase competitiveness and shorten project delivery times; improve quality and productivity; support cultural change in the industry towards continuous improvement. Closing date: 7 June 1996.

MEETING CLIENTS’ NEEDS THROUGH STANDARDISATION FOCUSED TOPIC: LINK call for proposals. Key objectives as above.


LINDEMANN TRUST FELLOWSHIP AWARDS TO THE USA 1997: The English Speaking Union invites applications to carry out research at institutions in the USA. Age limit: under 35. Closing date: 1 November 1996.

EU: RESEARCH TRAINING GRANTS: The EC has funds for post-docs and post-graduates to work on two-three year research projects in any field in other EU member state universities. Funding is available for post-docs / post-grads from other EU member states to come and work on research at Sussex. The EC will pay a salary, a mobility allowance and fee to the institution to cover overheads / some research costs. Closing date: 17 June 1996 CONTACT CLEM SMITH (x8238) – E-mail: C.J.Smith@sussex.ac.uk

AROUND THE SCHOOLS - EAM

DR PETER WAY (EAM) has been awarded a 1996-97 Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship at the Massachusetts Historical Society in Boston for his research on “Artsmans of War: British Regular Soldiers in The Seven Years’ War.”

Fulbright Distinguished Lecturer

The Cunliffe Centre and American Studies have won a visiting lecturership sponsored by the US/UK Fulbright Commission for the coming Autumn Term. Professor Michael Les Benedict of the Ohio State University will be in EAM from September until the end of the year. Professor Benedict has published extensively on US constitutional history, most recently a history and sourcebook for students, The Blessings of Liberty (1996). He has also studied and taught on comparative constitutional issues in Japan, and while he is at Sussex will be developing comparative research on Britain.

Cunliffe Centre Workshop in Toronto

Collaboration with the University of Toronto on research on comparative constitutionalism, initiated last year with a workshop at Sussex, took a further step forward this April. Seven faculty from EAM and the Centre for Legal Studies joined politics, history and law faculty in Toronto for three days of discussion of Identity, Rights and Constitutional Transformation. Faculty from both universities presented research papers on transnational and global issues of governance, constitutional responses to issues of self-determination, race, language and ethnic distinctiveness, liberal justice, and western models in other cultures, and brought many of these themes together in a final session on Ireland. Plans are in hand for a publication, to be edited by Patrick Hanafin (Sussex) and Melissa Williams (Toronto). The meeting also generated agreement on joint involvement in future Cunliffe projects and several individual plans to pursue particular research interests together.
Monday 13 May - Sunday 19 May

Meeting House

- Lunchtime Recital
  1.20pm, Tues 14 May, Roedean students, in the Chapel.

- Christian Aid Week
  12-18 May.

Film at the Gardner

- Tuesday 14 May
  7.45pm Ivan the Terrible I & II

- Friday 17 May
  11.30pm Leaving Las Vegas

- Sunday 19 May
  6pm Salatina
  9pm Leaving Las Vegas

Well Woman Clinic

The Health Centre is running its Well Woman clinic with extended hours on Tuesday evenings, 5-7pm, and Saturday mornings, 10am-12pm (term time only).
Phone reception on 679434 for a 10 or 20 minute appointment with the nurse.

Pub Quiz

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

Sale in Meeting House

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

Sports News

- Children's Vacation Courses
  Summer multi-activities, multi-rackets and tennis coaching courses at the Sportscentre. Full details and a programme/enrolment form can be obtained from Karen Dunster, x3947, email: k.dunster@sussex.ac.uk.

- Summer Sports Night
  Wed 26 June, 6-1pm. Sports Service Summer Inter-Area Sports Night (supported by Staff Development) to celebrate the Pavilion's 30th anniversary. Sports activities followed by a barbecue and 60s karaoke. Teams required for ronduers, mixed doubles tennis, bolt tennis (similar to volleyball), boules, skittles and bowls. Places limited. For an information pack and entry forms contact Karen Dunster, x3947, email: k.dunster@sussex.ac.uk.

Trip to France

Annual mid-summer excursion to France. Saturday 22 June, leaving from IDS at 7am, arriving in St Omer. A bargain day out at £20, including coach and crossing on Le Shuttle, plus visit to a hypermarket to stock your cellar.

Small Ads

CAR FOR SALE: Volvo 340, 1700cc, H reg, 62,000 miles, bright red, £2500 ono. Tel: 698072.
ROOMS TO LET: 1 room in Elm Grove, 1 room in Kemp Town near the seafront. Both beside bus routes. Fully furnished. Each £200 pcm incl. Tel: Farzi 620123.
VCR & TV FOR SALE: 22" digital stereo colour TV, black, flat screen, fast text, full remote control, £130. Black modern front-loading VCR, remote control, £110. Or both for £220. Tel: 602310.
2 AFGHAN CARPETs FOR SALE: hand-knotted, brand new, 5' x 6' by 4'. Classic pattern. £300 each (negotiable). Tel: 672544 (weekdays after 6pm).
FLAT TO LET: 1 bedroom furnished flat, Brighton. From 1 June - mid-Sept, pig and staff couple. Tel: 672544 (weekdays after 6pm).
HOUSE TO LET: family house near Preston Park, Brighton, to let June - Dec. Ideal for visiting faculty, Tel: 505171.
HOUSE FOR SALE: 3 bedroom maisonette, good location in Lewes, fireplaces, C/H, member of faculty leaving country, £60,995. Available end Aug. Tel: 479208 after 6pm.
ACCOMMODATION WANTED: in Brighton, Hove or Lewes for 1 or 2 Dutch students on exchange programme, June 18 - 25. Tel: Pat x8528, or Viv x2506.
GOLF CLUBS FOR SALE: ideal for beginners. 8 - 10 good quality clubs in red bag. £50. Tel: 881108.
MUSIC CENTRE FOR SALE: Hitachi record and tape deck and speakers. £50. Tel: 881108.
TV/CASSETTE/RADIO FOR SALE: small, one unit, good condition. £50. Tel: 881108.
YARD DOG KENNEL FOR SALE: for a medium dog. Travel home for dog. £20 ono. Tel: 881108.
CAR FOR SALE: Ford Escort Estate, 1.6L, red, 5 doors, sunroof, v. g. condition, clean, no rust, 79,200 miles, tax & MOT. £750 ono. Tel: 683486, email: bsd6@central.susx.ac.uk.
MAISONETTE TO LET: 2 bedrooms, near Preston Circus, forms ground and first floor of 3 storey building. Own entrance, 5 min walk from London Road station. £645 pcm. Non-smokers preferred. Available 1st week in June. Long let preferred. Tel: 501888 (eves).

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.