STAR GAZING
at the Isle of
Thorns

The new University Observatory was opened at the Isle of Thorns conference centre on Saturday 21 September, to mark the beginning of National Astronomy Week. The observatory contains a 45-cm reflecting telescope, shown here, which will be used for teaching and research, and also by local school groups and amateur astronomers. The telescope was named the Harold Robin Telescope, after its builder and former owner, a retired radio engineer who attended the ceremony. The official opening was performed by Professor Alec Boksenberg, formerly Director of the Royal Greenwich Observatory, pictured here with Professor Gordon Conway, the Vice-Chancellor.

Photographs by Graham Wright (CPES)

HAPPY NEW (academic) YEAR

Vice-Chancellor, Gordon Conway writes:

Welcome to the New Academic Year, and an especially warm welcome to all new faculty and staff, and to the nearly 4,300 new students who have joined us. I hope all of you will soon feel at home.

It promises to be an eventful year, culminating in the report of the Dearing Committee of Enquiry into Higher Education next summer. Included in this Bulletin are some key questions which I would like you to think about. Your responses will be of help to us in producing a submission to Dearing.

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Refurbished Refectory rising from the ashes

There will be a new porter's reception, grocery store, newsagent, baguette shop, post office (already operational) and toilets. The work is scheduled for completion by the end of October. Meanwhile, trading from temporary premises are the grocery store (between the Refectory and Essex House) and the newsagent (Refectory ground floor). Travel Agents, Carlson Wagon Lit, are in their new premises on Level I, south end.

Extensive improvements are being made to the south end of the Refectory (artist's impression, above) following the fire last academic year.

Artist's impression of the new shopping mall
NEW SABBATICALS

This year's Students' Union Executive from left: Kate Gravett (VP Sport), Lindsay Hodder (VP Welfare), David Flaman (VP Finance), Simon Michaelides (President), David Newton (VP Communication), and Carolyne Culver (VP Education).

The Students' Union is situated in Falmer House and the Sabbaticals' offices are on the second floor. If you have any queries or problems please do not hesitate to contact them.

NEW APPOINTMENTS AND AWARDS

New Professors
- ANTHONY FIELDING (AFRAS) is promoted to Professor in Human Geography.
- RAPHAEL KAPLINSKY Fellow in the Institute of Development Studies has been awarded the title of Professorial Fellow.
- DAVID GANN Senior Fellow in the Science Policy Research Unit, is promoted to Professorial Fellow.
- Professor RICHARD VINCENT, Director of the Trafford Centre for Graduate Medical Education and Research now has the title Professor of Medical Science.

Appointments
- Dr COLIN BROOKS is reappointed as Pro-Vice-Chancellor until 31 July 1999.
- Professor JOHN MURRELL has been appointed founding Dean of the new School of Chemistry, Physics and Environmental Science (CPES).
- Dr ANDREW CROZIER has taken over from Bob Benwick as Dean of the School of English and American Studies.
- Professor ANTHONY MOORE has now taken over from Chris Darwin as Dean of the School of Biological Sciences.
- Professor KEITH PAVITT is Acting Director of the Science Policy Research Unit following the resignation of Professor Michael Gibbons and until a new Director is appointed.

Congratulations to:
- Dr DAVID HILL on receiving the Primate Society of Japan's Research Award for 1996.
- Professor HELEN WALLACE on being made a Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Mérite by the French Government.
- Emeritus Professor JOHN MAYNARD SMITH on receipt of the Sewall Wright Award of the American Society of Naturalists.

FAREWELL

Bulletin would like to say goodbye and send best wishes to all those who retired over the summer, amongst whom was Professor Chalmers, the Director of Computing Services.

Pro-Vice-Chancellor Colin Brooks writes:

Alastair Chalmers retired on 30 September after 30 years at the University. Professor Chalmers had been Professor of Social Psychology, Dean of the School of Social Sciences and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Arts). He was in charge of Computing Services between 1985 and 1988 and from 1990. During his tenure of the post, Alastair guided a transformation in the scale and scope of the University's Computing Service. Ten years ago, computers and computing were the preserve of a few. There are now few students or faculty who do not rely upon the Service, and it is expected that computing and information handling skills are possessed by all. The campus network and SUPER-JANET connections allow access to a vast range of external databases. The maintenance of the network and support for users and their software continue to present great challenges to the service staff which Alastair Chalmers ensured would be met efficiently and effectively. He has played a key role in the national Joint Information Systems Committee and this he will be continuing. Some of that work will be based at Sussex. We are sure that Alastair’s retirement will see him as much in demand and as busy as ever.

Thomas Balment

We are deeply sorry to report the death of Thomas Balment. Tom, a second year student reading French with International Relations in EURO, was killed in a surfing accident in Cornwall on 27 September just a few days before returning to his studies at Sussex.

Duncan joins the Team

DUNCAN GRAHAM-ROWE joins the Information Office as the new Graduate Intern. Duncan, who graduated last year from Sussex with a BA in Philosophy and Cognitive Science, will be raising media coverage of University research and news, and reporting for the Bulletin. If you have any stories for the Bulletin or for local or national media, please contact Duncan on ext. 8209 or e-mail: D.H.Graham-Rowe@sussex.ac.uk. All budding cartoonists are also urged to get in touch.

Visit to Jordan

GRAVIN WRAINT saw some familiar faces on his trip to Jordan this September. Whilst attending the Third Jordanian Mathematical Conference he stayed with one of his old pupils, Dr HASSAN AL EZEHZ who did his DPhil under Gavin at Sussex in 1975. Another Sussex alumnus, Dr OTHMAN MALHIS, who studied under Peter Williams at the same time, is also at the Yarmouk University in Iribid. “It was from Dr Malhis’s Apple microcomputer that I was able to read my e-mail at Sussex. E-mail for staff at the University of Jordan is due to become more widely available soon, but access to the Internet may take longer to arrive.”
PEOPLE, PRIZES and PRESENTATIONS

Engineering Prize
RICHARD JONES, a Mechanical Engineering student at Sussex, hit the big time with his third year project this year. The project, which was on fluid flow in neo-natal respiratory support systems, won the first prize for the National Biomedical Engineering Project Award. A thrilled Richard was presented his prize at Kings College, London, where he also received £500 from the award organisers: the Institute of Mechanical Engineers. Professor Alan Turner (ENG6) described Richard work as "better than most MPhil's."
Needless to say Richard also won the Sussex Final Year Engineering Prize.

Biology Prize
This year saw the introduction of the Dean's Prize for exceptional performance in Biological Sciences. The prize is awarded to a BIOLS finalist who achieves an outstanding level of performance, equivalent to a Starred First. The prize this year was presented by the Dean of BIOLS, Chris Darwin, to JONATHAN BARNARD after the Graduation Ceremony when he was awarded his First Class Degree in Ecology and Conservation.

Whistler Prize
This year's Whistler Prize has been awarded to CCE student SHARON HALL for her essay on the parish of Glynde. The competition, which is open to all Sussex students, was set up in memory of the late Hugh Whistler JP, FZS, who had special interests in ornithology. The writer of the best original essay on Natural History or Archaeology receives £100 and a certificate.

New Poetry Prize
A new poetry competition is being launched this term in memory of Christopher Johnson (EAM 1963-66 and PGCE 1967-68) who died earlier this year. The winning poems will be read at a poetry event in which Tobias Hill, who is also judging the competition, will read from his own work. In addition the authors of the top two poems will receive £200 and £100 prizes. The closing date is 15 November, so don't delay. For details of the competition rules and for further information please contact Lorna Pidgeon, EDB 305, ext 8348.

Graduation Ceremonies
Over 1500 students attended the graduation ceremonies in July, with 410 graduating in absentia, making it the biggest graduation day in the history of the University. This year also marked the first year of an official graduation video, bought by over 20% of graduands or their parents. Among those receiving their degrees were identical twins Rebecca and Tanya Groombridge, who both received a 2:1 honours degree in Environmental Sciences.

Honorary degrees were awarded to Dr Geoff Lockwood, our long-serving former Registrar and Secretary, Dame Rosalyn Higgins of the United nations Committee on Human Rights and leading historians Professor Emmanuel Le Roy Ladurie and Sir Keith Thomas.

Twins Rebecca and Tanya Groombridge

Geo# Lockwood receiving his honorary degree from the Chancellor

Appointments and movements in the Finance Division
STEVE PAVEY has been appointed Finance Officer and Business Director and now heads both the Finance and Business Divisions.
MARK CLARK has been appointed Research Grants and Contracts Officer and will head the Research Grants and Contracts Section (which replaces the Research Office) in the Finance Division. Mark comes to Sussex from Warwick where he was Industrial Developments Officer.
The Research Grants and Contracts Office will be relocated on Level 2 of Sussex House and CLEM SMITH, European Liaison Officer, will be relocated to that office.
Following a long period of service with the University in various capacities, JOHN FARRANT retired on 30 September. John will be re-employed on a part-time basis, initially to work on Medical School developments. He is now based in the Trafford Centre.
ANTHONY YOUNG is joining the Planning Office. He will continue with his responsibility for calculation of the budget and other aspects of financial planning.

University Computing Service
The Vice-Chancellor has designated ADRIAN PEASGOOD Librarian and Director of Information Services with effect from 1 October, following the retirement of Professor Alastair Chalmers, Director of the Computing Service.
In addition the Vice-Chancellor has set in train procedures for the appointment of a full-time Director of the Computing Service on a five year contract (in the first instance), and who will report to the Librarian and Director of Information Services.
The report of the Computing Service and Information Infrastructure Review Group was forwarded to the Management Committee for discussion and will be discussed in all units (Subject Groups, GRCs and Schools) whose comments will be reported to the Planning and Resources Committee.
Any queries regarding the new responsibilities of the Librarian may be addressed to Pro-Vice-Chancellor Colin Brooks ext 8903, and regarding the consultative arrangements on the Computing Service and Information Review Group to Alan Soutter, ext 3732.
Dearing Inquiry

The Committee of Inquiry into Higher Education, headed by Sir Ron Dearing, has asked universities to respond to a list of over 100 questions (anyone wishing to see the full list should write for a copy to Alan Soutter, Planning Office, Sussex House).

We considered these at our recent Management Committee retreat and out of the discussion have distilled a number of key questions on which we would like your views. (They are not in any order of importance.)

1. What defines a University?
2. What values should attach to University education in the next decade?
3. How can the dual funding system for research (from HEFCE and the Research Councils) be strengthened?
4. To what extent should student numbers in specific subjects be centrally planned?
5. How different will an undergraduate experience be in the next decade, and what are the implications for the curriculum and delivery of teaching?
6. Would there be advantages in a 2-year ‘Associate’ degree which could be followed by 2 years to an ‘Honours’ degree?
7. How should academic pay and wage structures be determined?
8. What arguments can be deployed to counter the imposition of national curricula for higher education? Are there any arguments for national curricula?
9. Is an income contingent loan scheme for students (possibly on the Australian model) the best way to proceed, given that a return to a full government grant is highly unlikely?
10. Should different university missions be explicitly recognised and differentially funded?
11. Should some universities be teaching-only institutions and what are the consequences?

Please write to me c/o Alan Soutter, Planning Office, Sussex House, by the end of the month.

Professor Gordon Conway
Vice-Chancellor

Pramit Kumar Chaudhuri

His many friends (staff and students) will have been saddened by the death in July of Pramit Chaudhuri, Reader in Economics in the School of African and Asian Studies. Pramit, who came to Sussex in 1966, had been ill for some time and undergone a number of operations. A commemorative meeting and memorial are planned for this Autumn Term.

Pramit, who was born in Calcutta in 1935, studied economics at Cardiff, graduating with a first in 1956. After research at King’s, Cambridge, he returned to Cardiff as lecturer in 1959. Joining the recently created School of African and Asian Studies at Sussex, he quickly established himself as a scholar, and a wise and compassionate teacher and academic administrator, serving the University as Dean of AFRAS (1980-84), at a very difficult time, and later as Dean of the then Graduate School. He chaired the Economics Subject Group, and for long had responsibility for postgraduates in Economics and in African and Asian Studies: the success of innovative Masters programmes such as Rural Development and Environment, Development & Policy owed much to his vision.

He was closely associated with the IDS, serving on the Board of Governors and other committees, and co-editing the Journal of Development Studies.

Like many Indian intellectuals of his generation he was a convinced democrat and socialist, and in Britain supported the Labour Party. His professional concern with the economics of aid and poverty were of a piece with that commitment. He had many sides to him: he loved France and Italy and travelled there when he could. In his youth he was a useful batsman, and throughout his life maintained a keen interest in cricket and soccer, being an ever-optimistic supporter of Brighton and Hove Albion. In a moving tribute in the Economic and Political Weekly, Amar Bagchi wrote: “I will miss meeting ever again one of the most civilised human beings I have known in my life.” We have lost a wonderful friend and colleague. Our sincere condolences to his widow, Jean, and family.

Ralph Grillo AFRAS

A meeting of Presidents

Nelson Mandela caught the hearts of the nation when he visited Britain in July. For Sam Gurney, then the University’s Student Union President, the visit had special significance. Sam’s father, Aziz Pahad, became South Africa’s deputy Foreign Minister after years of exile during the apartheid years. Sam was at his father’s side during a meeting with Nelson Mandela at Buckingham palace.

Sam said, “Nelson Mandela’s state visit to England means so much more than just an exercise in political or economic diplomacy. It is a symbol of what has been achieved in a very short time. Six years ago he was in prison. My father could not even return to South Africa. He went back for the first time in 1990, when I was able to go for the first time in my life. It was incredible. I met relatives I didn’t even know existed. Then came the elections. When the ANC won, we had our own celebrations at the University. This visit is the icing on the cake. It has captured more interest than any state visit since television started.”

Aziz Pahad, like his son, studied and campaigned at Sussex. Many casualties of South Africa’s oppressive apartheid regime found refuge at the University’s centre for African and Asian studies. One of these was Thabo Mbeki, now Mandela’s heir apparent, who received an honorary degree from Sussex last year.

Inauguration of CPES

Lord ‘Fred’ Dainton, Chancellor of the University of Sheffield and one of the UK’s foremost scientists gave the opening lecture to mark the inauguration of the new School of Chemistry, Physics and Environmental Science (CPES) on Monday. He is seen here chatting to Professor John Murrell, Dean of the new School.
And so another year is upon us. I can tell this in various ways. Firstly there are vigorous roadworks, at the entrance to the University, complete with lines of cones (but sadly no hotline) to direct the traffic which magically alter the roadway between the morning and the evening. In between these times, gangs of men appear to be watering the road with high powered hoses, perhaps because of the dry summer? Or possibly all part of a masterplan designed to stem the flow of parents, Volvos stacked with the worldly goods of their offspring, which has been arriving onto campus in long lines, the rather anxious and confused drivers looking for all the world like refugees from some political catastrophe seeking a new life.

The Refectory has been intermittently accessible throughout the vacation. I’m never sure which bit I’m allowed to eat in during the conference season and I am much relieved by the return to normality—numbered soups and all. Clearly my recent observations about the war-time atmosphere in the Refectory have struck home, as I discovered a culinary delight of no mean order on the lunch time menu. This was ham and leek roll, a lovely pale suet paste cylinder neatly stuffed with Welsh leeks and fine English York ham all delicately masked in a light parsley sauce with a consistency that took me straight back to Squirreltheboys Hall. It was the word roll that was so determinedly evocative. If they had wanted to cast it in the modern idiom, it would surely have been called a roulade.

For many years now one of the challenges of the long vacation has been reorientating oneself in the Library to the annual movement of whole categories of books painstakingly shifted all the way from A to B. This year it has been made all the more exciting by the opening of various chunks of the Library extension, which are gradually losing that air of impermanence, so unsettling in a library. The other vacation hazard is my inability to get past the new acquisitions section without checking it thoroughly for some intellectual novelty. It’s the idea of fresh knowledge that is so appealing, and of course new books smell so nice.

We are all only too aware that the University is driven by money, or rather the shortage of it, but the march of corporate culture has recently taken a leap forward in the shape of the lavishly restyled School of Cultural and Community Studies which has done away withusty things like Porters lodges and School Offices and has, instead, a Reception Area complete with a long bar-like fitting at which the visitor is received and then directed to wherever her business might be transacted. This is a good deal more efficient than having people trying to get in and out of school offices in large numbers at the same time, and of course it also improves security, but one somehow feels that one should be enquiring after a double room en suite, with a view of the Downs, and hoping breakfast isn’t too early.

Cyril Squimel

What the Papers Say

Following the publication of his new book, “Unhealthy Societies: the Afflictions of Inequality” (Routledge), Richard Wilkinson (Trafford Centre) has received a vast amount of media attention, including a Channel 4 documentary based on his work. His book, which was apparently inspired by a Brazilian traffic jam, compares the relationship between equality and road accidents. One of the questions he tries to answer is: “Do people see other members of the public as fellow citizens with whom their welfare is interdependent, or... merely as obstacles in each other’s way?”

In an article published in The Observer (15 September) Drew Milne (EAM) bites back at Melanie Phillips’ condemnation of British education and her anti-liberal vision for the future, where “freedom... needs to be policed and not to be free.” In addition to providing an eloquent repudiation of Phillips’ charges Drew also proceeded to perform surgery upon her own use of English (one of her complaints being how the future of education lies in eradicating poor spelling). Drew ended his piece by saying: "If journalists can propose scrapping teacher-training colleges, then my modest suggestion would be to scrap miseducational journalism."

With the closure of the Centre for Future Research, at the University of California, fears rose for the future of futurology. However David Gann (SPRU) dismissed speculation that innovation is dying (The Observer 1 September), pointing out that progressive trends usually need at least 50 years to take effect.

"International research has found that the occupational system in Britain is just as open as that in any other western country" claimed Peter Saunders (SOC) in a recent article in the Wall Street Journal (6 September). "Many of the social advantages which are commonly assumed to be crucial in achieving success turn out to be relatively unimportant".
ALL IN A DAY’S WORK

Barry Reilly, Lecturer in Economics at SOC, tells us about his role as Admissions Tutor, which he took on last October, and explains the clearing process.

"Normally students apply to UCAS between October and December so we would be processing applications from October onwards right up to March. May is more or less the deadline, when the season closes. Then students have to make a decision about whether they are going to put Sussex down as their firm institution (first place) or as their insured (second place). By the end of June we get an indication of how many students have put us down as firm, and how many have put us down as insured. So we get an idea of what the likely outcome will be. Then everything depends upon how the students do in their exams and whether or not they meet our entry requirements, which we usually only find out a few days before the ‘A’ Level results come out.

So from 14 August onwards it is a very busy time, especially if we’ve had to go into clearing, which has happened in the last couple of years. This year we had about a third of our intakes from clearing. That doesn’t necessarily mean that the students we get are of a poorer quality than those that had put us down as firm or insurance. We tend to be very selective so the type of student that we get from clearing tend to be of a good quality. For instance this year, the students we’ve been getting in have a strong position in theory because there are good students out there, and if we can make a pitch for them then we are likely to do quite well. In fact sometimes the clearing quality can be much better than the general quality.

There are targets we have to reach: in this particular School we had a target of 230, but we were short by about 40 students. So we had to make a decision about which of the subjects were significantly deficient. This can vary from year to year. Some years you wouldn’t expect certain subjects to do as badly as they’ve done and sometimes they out-perform our expectations.

If we get students who have put us down as firm but didn’t make our standard entry requirements then we have to look closely. You have to make a decision about how low you want to go on a standard entry. Generally in this School we have a requirement of between 20 and 24 points, which would be BBC to BCC. But it really depends upon the nature of our demands.

The good thing about the job I do is that much of the leg work is actually done by the administrative staff – Elizabeth Stewart and her team. They’re the people in the front line. They have the difficult task of processing all the applications and dealing with students. They do an exceptional job under very difficult circumstances and make my life much easier."

Changing Face of Campus

The following work is being undertaken by the Estates Division. You are asked to take care in the vicinity of the work, and to stay outside any safety barriers.

WORK IN PROGRESS
- East of Science Car Park: upgrade of electricity substation to serve the Sussex Innovation Centre.
- Falmer House: roofing and partial concrete repairs to the south-east corner. Completion early December.
- Refectory: South end. Refurbishment and reorganisation. Due to complete at the end of October.
- Speech paging system: installation of cables and aerials. October.
- Bicycle racks: upgrade of existing and new racks continues.

PLANNED FUTURE WORKS IN 1996/97
- Telephone system: upgrade, Sunday 20 October.

- Falmer House: works to improve safety of courtyard moat. Refilled with water, but shallower than original. Work to be programmed dependent on listed building consent.
- AFRC: major repair and refurbishment. Level 1 completed. Levels 2, 3 and 4 will continue from November to April ‘97, followed by
- MOLS I: major repair and refurbishment. April to August ‘97
- Campus Signposting: delayed pending possible renaming of buildings.
- Student Community Building (east of the Refectory): start on site delayed.
- Children's Facilities Building (north of Lancaster House): start on site delayed.
- Refectory (south end passenger lift) and IDS: complete lift refurbishment and modernisation. November and December.
- MOLS II: Level 2, upgrade of new CPES administration area. March and April ‘97
- Arts A: replacement sub-station, to be built to the west of Library Road.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS
The following applications for listed building consent (LB) and planning permission (FP) are being submitted, and a copy may be seen at the Estates Building Reception:
- MAPS I: edge protection to three staircases. (LB)
- York House and Lancaster House: glazed enclosures of existing covered walkways. Revision of previous application (FP).
- ENGG I: Porters lodge display area (LB).
**RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES**

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

**THE ORGANISATION & PERFORMANCE OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY; OR CONSUMPTION, WELFARE AND HOUSEHOLDS; OR THE PUBLIC SECTOR, REGULATION AND MARKETS:** The Leverhulme Trustees are awarding a substantial programme grant (s) in one or more of the fields indicated above (up to £200,000 annually over five years). Closing date for brief submissions: 15 November 96.

**LOW EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT; NUMERACY AND OR LITERACY:** The Leverhulme Trust research programme call for proposals. Closing date: 15 November 1996.

**EPSRC SCANNING PROBE MICROSCOPY INITIATIVE:** to develop the underlying science of SPM, to develop new SPM techniques and to apply novel SPM techniques to problems in materials science and engineering. Closing date for proposals: 15 November 1996.

**EPSRC APPLIED NONLINEAR MATHEMATICS PROGRAMME:** First of two calls for proposals. To support genuinely interdisciplinary and collaborative research, encouraging the two-way transfer of knowledge between applied mathematicians and scientists and engineers and the take up of developments in nonlinear mathematics in other fields. Closing date: 15 November 1996.

**EPSRC PHOTOVOLTAIC TECHNOLOGIES PROGRAMME:** 2nd call for proposals. Closing date: 1 November 1996.

**BT UNIVERSITY DEVELOPMENT AWARDS:** the project should be new and should involve the use of communication technologies and BT networks. Individual grants between £50,000 and £100,000. Closing date: 11 November 1996.

**UK REGISTER OF EXPERT WITNESSES:** Information available for anyone wanting, in a personal capacity, to appear in a paid-for published UK Register.

**ROYAL SOCIETY COSTED-INCASR FELLOWSHIP:** to foster free mobility and exchange of scientists from developing countries and to promote South-South cooperation. No closing date given.

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**GREEN NEWS**

**August** - A month to relax and rest for some, but not for ragwort pullers. Ragwort is a poisonous yellow weed which is commonly found in meadows and along roadside verges. Ragwort can be effectively eliminated with herbicides but this removes not only the ragwort but also a wide range of other plant species - not an acceptable solution in an area which is under development as a wildflower meadow. In such areas, the only option is to pull it out by hand before it goes to seed. Volunteers from the University, Brighton Borough Council and the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV) set to work. After six hours of back wrenching work which students and two tractor trailers with the weed, the meadow was cleared. Now the grass has been safely cut for hay and in the future it is hoped that the meadow will be grazed.

For further information/comments on any aspects of the Energy Group, or on environmental matters generally, please contact Penelope Chapple, Secretary to the Group and Environmental Adviser, on ext 8904/P.J.Chapple@sussex.ac.uk.

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**China on the table**

The Barklow Collection is one of the hidden artistic gems of the University - nearly four hundred pieces of Chinese ceramics, bronzes and jade carvings, including objects of great beauty and rarity. Now there is a chance to learn more about them in a series of informal talks by Craig Clunas, member of the Art History subject group and Curator of the Collection. Each time he will be taking one piece out of its case, letting you get really close to it, and talking about how it was made, what it was for, and why it's in the collection. No expert knowledge is assumed, and all staff, students and faculty are welcome. So if you've been the Collection lots of times and want to know more about art in China, or are just curious about that room at the top of the Library stairs, you're welcome to come along at 1 pm for about 40 minutes on the dates set out below:

- 18 October
- 25 October
- 22 November
- 29 November
- 13 December

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**Telephone Upgrade**

The Sussex telephone system is finally being upgraded! This will be implemented on 20 October and will feature many new facilities which should benefit all. With over 400 additional extensions the new system will also include video conferencing capabilities, twice as many direct dialling extensions as the present system (i.e. extensions that can be reached directly from off campus) and Voice Mail (a digitised answer machine which operates through the switchboard) which should reduce the number of answer machines that have 'sprouted' up all over campus. Best of all, the new system has something called auto-attendant which allows callers to connect themselves to their desired department by pressing the appropriate button on their phones ("Press 1 for admissions, press 2 for accommodation, etc."). Such a system should reduce the existing heavy burden on the switchboard and increase the efficiency of our phone system.

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**STAFF DEVELOPMENT**

**On-site Courses**

TIME MANAGEMENT COURSE Tuesday 22 October 1996 (pm)

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AWARENESS SESSION Monday 4 November 1996 (pm)

SUPERVISORY MANAGEMENT COURSE (two-day course, all day both days) Tuesday 12 November 1996 and Tuesday 19 November 1996

REPORT WRITING COURSE Wednesday 13 November 1996 (pm, to start with lunch)

APPRaisal TRAINING COURSE FOR FACULTY Monday 16 December 1996 (all day)

Nominations for all the above Courses (via Section Heads please) to Alison Lyner, ext 3868 by two weeks before the Course date at the latest, Courses will only run if sufficient places are booked to make it viable.
**What's on...**

**Lectures, Seminars, Colloquia**

- **Tuesday 15 October**
  3-5pm SEI Research in Progress Seminar: Tales from the Global Economy. Prof. John Zysman (University of California, Berkeley). Room A71.

- **4pm COGS Seminar: A Paradigm Shift in Communications: Receiver Driven Protocol or Global Spanning Meltdown made even easier.** Jon Crowcroft (Dept. of Computer Science, University College London) PBSC11.

- **4.15pm Biochemistry and Genetics & Development Seminar: Control of expression and the mechanism of action of Bacillus thuringiensis protein toxins.** Dr. Neil Crickmore, Biology Lecture Room.

- **5pm MA Language, Arts and Education: On the edge to find the missing centre.** Peter Abb, EDB Room 302.

- **Wednesday 16 October**

- **2pm USIE Seminar: The Sussex Profile: Towards a Common Entitlement.** Mike Wilson and Viv Griffiths, A102.

- **5pm English Graduate Colloquium: Signs of Empire in British Mainstream Fiction.** Benita Parry (Warwick), Arts D606.

- **Thursday 17 October**

- **2pm Statistics Seminar: New directions in time series analysis of financial markets.** Carol Alexander, Room PB2A2.

- **4pm Geography Research Seminar: Social Polarisation: Deconstructing a Chaotic Concept.** Chris Hannett (Kings College London), Room D610.

- **Friday 18 October**
  2pm SPRU Seminar: Overseas Biotechnology Research by Europe's Multinationals. Dr Jacqueline Senker, EDB Room 121.

- **4.30pm Philosophy Society Meeting: Kant and the Self. Graham Bird (Manchester), Room A155.

**Film at the Gardner**

- **Wednesday 16 October**
  9pm Casino (18).

- **Sunday 20 October**
  6pm Bleak Moments.

  9pm Trainspotting (18).

**CCE Saturday Schools - 26 Oct**

Lewes and the Sussex Bonfire Celebrations: We trace the transformation of the Lewes Guy Fawkes celebrations from their riotous beginnings to the modern fire festival, placing it in its local and national context. Course No: 6096, Jim Etherington.

Stories from the Family Album: Writing Autobiographically from pictures: Enjoy experimenting with family snaps as a way to get fresh ideas and approaches to writing about your life. Course No: 896, Jo Stanley.

Stravinsky and the Ballet: Stravinsky's ballet music continues to astound; from violence of pagan Russia to the serenity of classical Greece, the ballets display an extraordinary range and vitality. Course No: 11096, Julian Broughton.

To enrol in one of the above day courses please contact CCE on 678926. Course fees are: £16 Full, £12 Reduced and £6 Minimum.

**Monday 14 October - Sunday 20 October**

**The Gardner Arts Centre**

- **The Kaos Caligula**
  7.45pm Tues 15 Oct: The spectacular Kaos Theatre returns to the Gardner with a physical and original adaptation of Albert Camus' modern classic Caligula.

  As a special beginning of term treat for Bulletin readers The Gardener are offering two tickets to The Kaos Caligula for the price of one to the first 30 people who produce their copy of Bulletin at the box office.

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- **British Academy Talk**
  2.30pm Wed 16 Oct: The Role of the British Academy and its Funding in Humanities Research. Prof. Michael Knibb (FBA), BA Area Representative for Sussex and Chair of Selectors for BA Studentships. After the talk, Prof. Knibb will also hold a question and answer session, SMS Room PB1A7.

- **CDU Workshops**
  2-4pm Wednesday 16th October: Teaching in Schools-Briefing Session. Bookings at CDU, Falmer House. £5 deposit required.

- **The Language Centre**
  Weekly courses available in Russian, Japanese, Italian, Chinese, Portuguese, Polish, German, French, Greek and Czech at all levels. Also new courses in French and German for potential Open University students. Contact Catherine Rees on Ext. 8006.

**British Library**

British Library for Development Studies, in IDS, has revised its opening hours:

- **Opening Hours:**
  - 9.30am - 5pm
  - Enquiry Desk Services: 10am - 5pm

**University Term Dates 1996/7**

- **Autumn Term:** Mon 7 Oct - Fri 13 Dec
  - Spring Term: Mon 6 Jan - Fri 14 Mar
  - Summer Term: Mon 21 April - Fri 27 June

**Autumn Term Opening Hours**

- **Computer Service**
  - Mon - Fri: 9am - 11pm
  - Saturday: 11am - 6.30pm

- **Language Centre**
  - Mon - Thu: 9am - 8pm
  - Fri: 9am - 5pm
  - Weekends: TBA

- **Library**
  - Monday - Thursday: 9am - 9.30pm
  - Friday: 9am - 7.30pm
  - Saturday & Sunday: 12.30pm - 6.30pm

**Staff Tennis Tournament**

- 2pm onwards, Sunday 20 Oct. Mixed doubles. £1.50 Entrance fee per pair. Prizes to be won. Tel: Simon Tunley 9350.

**Small Ads**

**REGISTERED CHILDMINER:** Close to University with 2 vacancies. Full or part-time, will collect A from Coldean School. Tel: Mrs. Ryder 705239

**FAMILY HOUSE TO LET:** Furnished, detached, modern house with 4 Bedrooms and south facing garden in popular village. Good local schools. Avail. immediately, single occupancy. Tel: K. Nixon 692005 (Wk) and 8536 (Int) or 483935 (Hm).

**ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE:** In shared house in Seaford. Room(s) available to student(s) in large (relatively) quiet house to share facilities and expenses with mature student. Terms to be negotiated. Smokers welcome. Tel: (01323) 893426.

**HOME NEEDED** for Charlie the tabby cat. 2 years old, affectionate, litter-trained, spayed and flea-free. Tel: Ross ext. 3773 for further details.

**PEN-PAL WANTED:** 15 Yr. old Japanese school-girl is looking for a pen-pal of her age. She lives in Matsuyama City, a city famous for a hot spa, a 17th-century castle and the other historic buildings. Tel: 759126 or e-mail: S.Awano@sussex.ac.uk.

**TO LET:** In quiet, central, friendly area of Brighton, 2/3 bedroom house with garden. £130 p/wk (+bills) for 6 months from late Oct. Tel: 701553.

**FOR SALE:** X reg. VW Golf. Taxed and MOT. Very good condition. £450 ono. Tel: Sue, 2734/2754.

**TO LET:** 4 bedroom house situated in small cul-de-sac off Hove seafront. Near the Lagoon. Central heating, sun-lounge gardens: £160 pw. Contact Mr D. King: 417174.

**PRIVATE TUITION:** Maths Postgrad offers A-level/GCSE private tuition. Good rates for good grades. Contact Wilf on Ext. 2939 During office hours.

**REMEDIAL THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE:** Available to staff and students at Counselling & Psychotherapy every Friday. Make an appointment at Counselling, or ring Julia Clark L.S.S.M. on 881707.

**FLAT TO LET:** 2-bed, south facing, c/h, excellent condition, full furnished, free c/h and hot water. Available now £450 pm. Dr. A. Abdul-Sada, Ext. 3187.

**BUNGALOW TO LET:** 2 bedrooms, furnished and available immediately in Shoreham (Hawkins Rd). £450 pcm. Tel: (01903) 235184

**Bulletin**

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

Sir Harry Kroto has been awarded the Nobel Prize for Chemistry. News came through on Wednesday afternoon that the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences had decided to award the 1996 Nobel Prize in Chemistry to Sir Harry, and US scientists Robert Curl and Richard Smalley for their discovery of fullerenes.

The discovery, described by the Academy as "sensational", was originally made in 1985 when the scientists discovered a form of carbon in which 60 atoms are linked together in the form of a sphere. This form of carbon is now universally known as fullerene or, more colloquially, Buckyballs.

This is the first Nobel science award for the UK in 8 years. Many congratulations to our new Nobel Laureate who, in one of his many press interviews described this Wednesday as "the greatest day of my life."