Pay dispute nears end

The pay deal offered to campus clerical, secretarial and manual staff has now been accepted by the unions. Clerical and secretarial staff will be awarded 2.9% backdated to July 1996 with the same increase, or the RPI – whichever is the higher – from this July. The manual staff increase is 3.9 backdated to 1 April 1996 and 3.4%, or the March RPI figure plus 0.5%, on 1 April 1997. It is hoped that increases for monthly paid staff will be included in February salaries and weekly paid staff should receive their increases next week.

So far as negotiations on conditions of service are concerned, it has been agreed that the existing national negotiating machinery should be maintained. It was also agreed that the parties would jointly commission an independent study of pay and related employment matters for submission to the Dearing Enquiry.

The technical and academic pay awards are still under negotiation, with results of ballots due today (AUT) and next Friday (MSF). However, both unions say that they expect the recommended pay deals to be accepted. These are at the same level as for clerical and secretarial staff, but with an implementation date of 1 April.
New rice for a salty future

rice, like royalty, can suffer from the problems of inbreeding, but rice breeders seem to be finding successful ways to deal with the situation. Guided by University of Sussex biologists, Tim Flowers and Tony Yeo, they are producing new varieties to deal with the increasing problem of salty conditions in the field.

The problem is extremely serious. The green revolution and irrigation have provided ever-increasing yields to feed increasing populations. Now, however, the chickens are coming home to roost. There has always been a great deal of land that is too saline to grow cereal crops, but now some of the best land in the major crop-growing areas of the world is going the same way. Irrigation and evaporation cause an accumulation of salts in the soil, and rice, the staple diet of much of the world’s population, is particularly sensitive to this. Worldwide, about ten million hectares of irrigated land are abandoned each year.

The obvious solution is to breed varieties of rice which will flourish in more salty conditions. An evolutionary approach would be to encourage the maximum amount of cross-breeding and select from progeny which did the best in the salty conditions. “The problem is”, says Tony Yeo, “that rice is not sufficiently promiscuous.” Many traits contribute towards salt-tolerance and the problem is to bring them together in one plant. Tim and Tony have identified three main factors: the ability to keep salt out, the ability to tolerate what still gets in, and the ability to grow quickly and therefore dilute the salt that reaches the shoots. Working with the International Rice Institute and the University of the Philippines, they have produced two new crosses which combine these traits and are now being tested under commercial conditions.

BAT MOTHERS CAN’T BE PART-TIME

In the modern workplace, bat physiology could provide a solution to the problems of flexible employment. Bats are high performers, concentrating their lives into short bursts of intense activity interspersed by long periods of metabolically undemanding torpor. All that is necessary is to find a cool place to roost and turn down the body thermostat, conserving energy until the time comes for gainful employment to resume. They seek especially cool roosts for winter to hibernate, but also do the same thing more moderately, on a daily basis. Imagine the benefits of a workforce which could do this.

Bat mothers, however, cannot afford to be part-time, says Jessa Battersby, who has spent many happy hours crawling around dirty lofts working for a DPhil in BIOLS. A pregnant or lactating female has to avoid deep daily torpor and therefore has to find a warmer roost which permits her metabolism to tick over fast enough for the infant bat to develop and be fed.

Male bats can be as torpid as they like during slack periods and therefore have the potential to be ideal and undemanding employees.

Crime Report

The findings of a survey conducted by Laurence Koffman of the Centre for Legal Studies, do not make reassuring reading for the police. Laurence carried out detailed research into the effects of rural crime in Aberystwyth – one of the safest regions in the UK. He discovered that despite the apparently low crime rate, only 16 per cent of people interviewed thought the police did a very good job.

This lack of faith in the police is particularly surprising in view of the fact that the Dyfed-Powys force has recorded significant falls in recorded crime and has the highest detection rate in Britain. Yet more surprising was the fact that the highest levels of dissatisfaction with the police were found among older residents, those aged 55 and over. “Which is a reversal of the traditional view formerly held by criminologists that middle-class and older people tend to be more supportive of the police,” says Laurence.

This lack of faith in the police and the belief amongst the residents of Aberystwyth that crime is on the increase, has led Laurence to challenge the use of official statistics, which reflect only the decrease in the number of reported and recorded crimes. Although nearly 50 per cent of known crimes in Aberystwyth were reported – a very high figure by national standards – this may not give a true picture of the amount of crime which may actually occur but which goes unreported. Thus the mismatch between the residents’ perceptions of the increasing rate of crime and the true reality may not be as great as official statistics suggest.

Laurence’s study is one of very few local surveys to record crime and victimisation in a rural area. The results are contained in his book Crime Surveys and Victims of Crime in which he focuses on the British Crime survey programme at a national level and also assesses the achievements of some of the leading local crime surveys.
What the papers say . . .

In an article in the *Sunday Telegraph* (2 February) Sussex historian Pat Thané, who studies attitudes to age, gave her views on what appears to be a closing generation gap as 40 and 50 somethings increasingly identify with youth. "When youth culture was not totally dominant," she says, "age could be associated with virtues thought to be distinctive to it, such as restraint, practical wisdom and good judgment. Now 'old' simply means 'boring'. There's no virtue distinctive to age."

Youth culture, particularly the use of alcohol and soft drugs, was also the topic of a piece in the *Guardian* (21 January). Commenting on the apparently growing use of these amongst young people generally, Mic Burton, the Director of the Counselling Services observed, "If you simply tell people not to do things, it has the effect of encouraging them for...reasons of rebellion. I would much rather say to students that they are very valuable and that they matter and that we would like them to feel responsible about their bodies."

"Teenagers who enjoy a weekend lie in are likely to wake up in a foul mood on Monday morning," announced an article in *The Times* (4 February). Following on from a recent article in *Bulletin*, the piece looked at Mike Jones' research into biological clocks - which generated a considerable amount of media interest - and concluded that bright light is the answer to Monday morning misery. "Throwing back the curtains may not be popular, but it is effective."

At the other end of the age spectrum, Russell King and his colleagues have been interviewing retired British residents living on purpose-built estates in resorts such as Torremolinos and Mijas. Their research, reported in the *Daily Telegraph*, found that "most retired expatriates were happy with their move and 'would wish to stay under all circumstances' Not even the death of a spouse would lure them back to Britain, they said."

And if troubled by insects whilst basking on the Costa del Sol, help could be at hand from Sussex scientists according to an article in *The Times* of 22 January. Reporting on the work of Pauline Phelan of the Sussex Centre for Neuroscience and her colleagues, the article speculates that the outcome of their research could prove to be the Achilles heel of troublesome flies. Their study of a strain of fruit fly that is easily swatted may, the article suggests, lead to the design of pesticides which selectively block the rapid escape mechanisms in insects without having any effects on other creatures. "With their escape mechanisms disabled, the flies would be ground down, easy prey for even a gentle swat."

Finally, an influential report by Gordon MacKerron and Mike Sadnicki of SPRU, which was presented to Environment Secretary, John Gummer last month is likely to affect any decision on whether to go ahead with building a nuclear waste depository at Sellafield. According to an article in the *Guardian* (21 January) the report, which has argued that scientific evidence and cost projections throw doubt on the project, has increased the likelihood that it will be shelved, resulting in a saving of between £200 million and £1 billion.

CHEAP HOUSING IS TOO EXPENSIVE — report shows

The real cost of cheap housing is too high according to a report recently published by the Centre for Urban and Regional Research. The research, conducted by Dr. Peter Ambrose on behalf of Tower Hamlets Borough Council, shows that poor quality housing places a real burden on the taxpayer through additional costs imposed upon health and community services as a direct result of poor health and living standards.

The survey was part of the Single Regeneration Budgetary (SRB) Programme, the main government programme for refurbishing the worst areas of Britain's inner cities. Its aim is to assess the health of the residents of two housing estates, both before and after being re-housed. It focused upon the Limehouse Fields Estate and three blocks on the Ocean Estate in central Stepney, which are due to be pulled down in April.

Researchers found that over a third of the 107 households were suffering from infestation: one interviewer noted "Cockroach on carpet in the living room, swiftly killed by mother - another running on the mantelpiece... The mother said: 'The children find them on their faces at night'." The report concluded that much of the ill-health was a direct result of low standards of housing. Consequently more money is being spent on health services through high levels of prolonged illness.

"Of all things housing is the one to invest in if you want to make the most cost-effective use of public investment over a whole range of programmes. With housing so central to people's lives, it is obvious if you invest in a better housing environment you will save money, it is what every doctor, teacher and social worker knows," says Peter Ambrose.

The first stage of the survey was an intensive interview-based survey of the households, carried out over five months. According to Peter, "Each pair of interviewers visited about 40 households as often as they could in order to record the details of the health of each family. This way, by interviewing at five week intervals they could record things that would probably get missed over a five month interval."

The report has been sent to the Audit Commission and front bench MPs. "The hope is that policy-makers can take these arguments on board and have the imagination to see that there's something really important here."
I have always recognised the need to be open to rapid change and to embrace the galvanic charge of post-modern Sussex. But according to the redoubtable Mrs. Squirrel, I am a dinosaur. By which she means not that I resemble the fearsome and noble Tyrannosaurus, or even some cuddly minor dino’, but that I am an anachronism. This is echoed by the squirrellettes, who strike their temples with the heel of their paws when I profess ignorance of some luminary currently featuring in glorious Eastmancolour on their cultural horizon. The fact remains that I cannot see everything that happens in the groves of academe as unalloyed good, and the beneficial effects upon the nation of the research assessment exercise in particular still eludes me.

The fallout from that exercise has begun. An organisation of English dons has condemned the grading as ‘elitist’ which I thought was the whole point of the business. They are complaining that only 11% of English departments got fives whereas music got 36.5 and classics 39.5. While it is clear that this isn’t equitable, under the rules of the game it may (or may not) be fair. If we can’t trust academic judgement, words like barbed wire, creek and paddle come irresistibly to mind. I note, by the way, that at Nottingham they set up a redundancy committee directly after receiving the results of the assessment. For as their Pro-VC observes with admirable foresight, “The next RAE is on the horizon.”

Dear old Baroness Thatcher’s determination to make all publicly-funded activities pretend they are commercial enterprises is something we have got pretty much used to by now – I wouldn’t go to the shops nowadays without my mission statement and a business plan. All this is rather tiresome but just about bearable. However, the other paradoxical strand of the benevolent Baroness’ legacy is centralisation and there is some notion afoot that yet more knowledge should be controlled by the government, through introducing a sort of national curriculum for universities. A senior academic working on the submissions to Dearing has discovered that university curricula have “lacked an over-arching educational rationale,” (which he is no doubt anxious to provide) and more horrifying still, “there is no vocabulary, no set of conceptual responses around which we can build a curriculum for the twenty first century.” Which is a matter of shock-horror or intense relief depending on one’s dino’ rating.

I smirked into the Winter Congregation the other day to see the great and the good in their finery and to be stirred, but not shaken, by the VC’s State of the University address. It was sad not to see Geoff Lockwood in his Grand Vizier outfit, complete with magic wand, handing out the monster tubes of smarties to the Honorary Graduands, but this did cause me to muse on whether our rituals should undergo the same quality assessments as our other activities. The group from Rentadon neatly perched on the mantleshelf above the main action – and wearing some really stunning creations in gorgeous yellow and magenta silk – form a creditable chorus, as they sit poring over the programme, wondering how the Arts doctorates got away with it and what on earth the science ones are all about. They’re fine. But the main actors are looking just a shade lack-lustre. Shortie gowns and the sort of cap a Doge wouldn’t be seen dead in may have been just the gear for re-designing the map of learning back in the ’60s, but its not the stuff to wear when developing “a set of conceptual responses for the 21st century.” Without which I fear we shall go naked into the new millenium. I suggest we offer John Galliano an honorary degree, and in return, who knows?

Thanks to all who submitted names for buildings. My personal preference is from Chris Darwin (BIOLS), who is therefore the winner of the bottle. His suggestion is that the CPES building should memorialise the work of our most recent Nobel laureate and proposes: Buck House.

Cyril Squirrel

Endearing Mischief?

Are today’s children being overburdened with society’s problems? Throughout February, at the Royal Festival Hall, leading writers, critics, psychologists and broadcasters are attempting to answer questions such as this as they offer their perspectives on childhood, looking at the ways in which it is constructed and deconstructed in literature. Called After Alice, the event opened with a talk by Nicholas Tucker (CCS) and includes many other prominent speakers such as Anthony Clare and Blake Morrison.

According to Nicholas, one of the aims of the series of talks is to raise some fundamental issues about childhood: What does society want from childhood? What are the cultural and social forces that shaped the so-called ‘golden age’ of children’s literature?

And can the old separation between children’s and adult entertainment be sustained?

Nicholas believes that an indication of the current unease about the state of childhood is the amount of books which clearly concentrate on the problems of childhood, unlike the Alices and Pooh Bears whose adventures Nicholas described as being “endearing mischief”.

“If a society is not at ease with itself,” explained Nicholas, “this is going to spill over into how we think about those children who then turn into adults.”

The series will be running until 22 February.
Working with Words

"I had doubts about my career path but now I have clear and well-informed ideas."

"It confirmed what I do and do not want to do."

So say two of the 100 students from the School of English and American Studies who attended the EAM/CDU Careers Day on 4 February. Most of the speakers were graduates of the School, some recent (1995) some less so — in one case 1966!

Peter Wilby, one of the earliest graduates of Sussex, fondly remembered the newness of the place then and appreciated how it honed the skills he continues to use in his successful career as a journalist. Until recently he edited The Independent on Sunday, now he is Books Editor of the New Statesman. Alistair Clegg (EAM 1992), a fast-track Civil Servant at the Lord Chancellor’s Department argued that the interdisciplinary nature of his School courses prepared him well for his working life. And Naomi Delap (EAM 1995) said that the seminar-based teaching style she experienced here increased her confidence in the communication skills she uses as a broadcasting reporter.

Ten other speakers from the arts, media and publishing also inspired students’ career aspirations. They all said how happy they were to be back at Sussex for a day.

Film at the Gardner

Following a considerable upsurge of interest in cinema, the Gardner Centre has introduced a regular 3pm screening on Sundays in addition to 6pm and 9pm. The cafe/bar is now open from 11am to 6pm on Sundays, serving a delicious range of hot and cold food. Try the two course cine-lunch plus film for only £6 (if booked before the day).

British Sign Language

A group of University staff from various areas of campus recently completed a course in British Sign Language (stage 1). It was set up following a ‘Deaf Community Project’ undertaken by staff in the Centre for Continuing Education and funded by the Alliance and Leicester Building Society.

The aims of the course are to enable students to acquire a basic ability to communicate with deaf people using sign language, and to provide information about deaf people, the deaf community and deaf culture. The 30-week course was taught on campus by Robert Everingham, a Deaf Tutor, and was supported and paid for by the Staff Development Office.

Those successfully completing the course included Andy Medhurst and Pat Baxendale from CCS, Peter Hignell from the Library, Angi Drew (MSU), Denise Haynes (Computer Services), Alison Lynner (Staff Development) and Nannette Aldred and Pam Coare from CCE.

It is hoped that staff from other areas across campus will be interested in participating in the future. For further details contact Pam Coare in CCE.

Dollar Donors

With the help of three former students, the Development Office has established a non-profit corporation in the United States. Called The Friends of Sussex University the new company is applying to the US Internal Revenue Service for full charitable recognition. If granted, US donors will be able to make tax-deductible gifts to fundraising projects registered with the new organisation. In particular, this should facilitate gifts from US Foundations.

Directors of The Friends of Sussex University are John Sedlins (DPhil 1974-84), a Washington-based senior official with the US Information Agency, Fulbright Academic Exchanges Program; Rebecca Janowitz (EAM 1970-73) an attorney-at-law based in Chicago; and Laurie Schlegel, a V&E student in EAM 1976-77 and now a New York fundraiser.

Anyone wishing to register projects expected to attract US gifts should contact the Development Officer, Robin Street, in Sussex House.

A job to consider

Do you enjoy meeting people? If so you could become a Residential Adviser (RA) next year.

Residential Advisers are predominantly second or third year undergraduates or postgraduates who live in University-managed residences both on and off campus. Each Residential Adviser assists with helping approximately 25 new students settle in at the start of the academic year by offering practical help and information. Although their role is ongoing through the year, they are advisers not prefects, still less any sort of warden — and there are benefits:

- a guarantee of University-managed accommodation either on or off campus;
- a guarantee of a termly housing rebate for a job well done;
- a good non-academic reference for use with employment applications.

If you feel that you could fit the bill, RA application forms and information sheets are available from the York House 24-hour reception and the East Slope, Park Village and Holland House Porters’ lodges. The closing date for return of completed applications is Monday 24 February. Interviews will take place between 8 March and 20 April.

If you are interested and would like an informal chat, please feel free to contact any current RA, or Gill Hall, York House reception, ext 3994, Martin Curtis, Lewes Court (ext 4296), Elly Adams, Housing Office (ext 3895).
ALL IN A DAY'S WORK

Christine Aubrey is the Deputy Director for Counselling and Psychotherapy, and Co-ordinator for the Learning Support Unit (LSU). Having completed her first degree in Developmental Psychology in CCS she considers herself to be a home-grown member of faculty. She joined Sussex last September from Brighton where she was a Lecturer in Counselling Psychology, and here she tells us all about the new LSU and her involvement in it.

"The Learning Support Unit tries to provide a service for anybody who has learning troubles while they are here, which can cover a multitude of problems. The most obvious are students who have physical disabilities, i.e. a mobility problem, or a sensory impairment. But the largest group of students we deal with have a specific learning difficulty, such as dyslexia. We also get students who may not have a particular disability in that sense, but have hit a problem of one sort or another: a writing block, or panic in exams, and things like that.

We can offer two main avenues of support. One is the mentor scheme, which involves training two or three volunteers from each school in the autumn term, and then referring students to them for support and help in dealing with whatever the particular problem is they're having. This is usually about writing essays: basic skills and techniques. The other route is for people who have run into social and emotional difficulties. This is one of the main rationales for having the LSU within the Psychotherapy Unit.

For students who have already been assessed as dyslexic before arriving at university, we can provide continuing support by making sure that they get extra time in exams, longer loans from the library, or we can offer learning support tuition.

However, some people wonder how it is that a student can make it all the way to university without having been diagnosed as dyslexic; to go all the way through school without noticing it until university. Because of this we get a lot of resistance from certain members of academic staff. The fact is if they are assessed as being dyslexic now then they have always been dyslexic. These students have developed coping strategies which have worked through their 'A' levels, but are no longer adequate to deal with the pressures they are under.

Everybody who is assessed here has to be referred by their School or Graduate Research Centre. We run a fairly short screening interview at that stage to make an initial assessment. If someone is found to be dyslexic then we will refer them to an educational psychologist. Once everything has been sorted out, I liaise with whoever referred them and brief them on any special requirements the student may have.

We have had a lot of positive feedback from the students and a great deal of support from tutors. I think it helps to have worn the hat of a university lecturer. I know what it is like to be in that position. You are actually asking lecturers to do extra work when they are already under an enormous amount of pressure. But you could argue that it is good practice.

One of the things about dyslexia is that, what is good for dyslexic students is good for all students.

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
- Library: Stage IV extension: Completion due summer 1997.
- Bicycle racks: upgrade of existing and installation of new racks continues.

PLANNED FUTURE WORKS

Starts mid-March.
- MAPS I: edge protection to staircases, during Easter vacation.
- AFRC: major repair and refurbishment. Level I completed. Levels 2, 3 and 4 anticipated on site March to August.
- MOLS I: major repair and refurbishment. Programme dependent on AFRC completion.
- MOLS II: Level 2. Upgrade of new CPES administration area. Being reviewed and reprogrammed.
- 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.
- East Slope (Phase II): refurbishment. Blocks 10, 13 and 14, July to October.
- Access for disabled: Health Centre: automation of the south entrance door to Counselling.
- Campus Signposting: delayed pending possible renaming of buildings.
- Children's Facilities Building (north of Lancaster House): currently on hold.
A taste of Italy
The Italian Subject Group is organising an afternoon dedicated to Italian history, theatre, fashion and politics from the end of the Second World War to the present. The talks, on Wednesday 19 February in Arts A1 Lecture Theatre, are open to everyone:
2pm Darrow Scheeter, From the Paritocrazia to Prodi: Italy's new public sphere.
2.40pm Carl Levy (Goldsmith’s College) Ambiguities of Italian Regionalism.
3.40pm Maggie Günsberg Centre Stage: Franca Rame’s female parts.
4.20pm Nicola White (Kingston University) The fashion industry in post-war Italy.
For further information contact the Italian Subject Group on ext 2010.

Staff/Faculty
Computing Training
The University Computing Service and Library have developed a suite of computing and information handling courses designed to teach basic IT skills. During the vacation five course modules will be run, specifically to give staff and faculty an opportunity to attend. These will be:
- Mon 17 March, 9.15am–12.15pm Introduction to Word Processing and Windows
- Tues 18 March, 10.15am–12.30pm Accessing the Internet
- Wed 19 March, 9.15am–12.00 Intermediate Word Processing
- Thurs 20 March, 9.15am–12.00 Introduction to Spreadsheets (Excel)
- Fri 21 March, 9.15am–12.00pm Introduction to Email
The booking fee for each course is £3. For further details contact Computing Centre Reception on 0909. Book early, course places are limited.

Sponsored Parachute Jump
DASH (Direct Action by Students in Higher Education) is organising a sponsored parachute jump, on 5 and 11 March. The cost is £130, £80 of which has to be raised through sponsorship. Half of this money goes towards refugees in Zagreb, the other half will pay for the jump and proper training. For further information contact Espen as quickly as possible on 723191.

In the Bookshop
Recent and forthcoming publications by Sussex authors, all obtainable from Sussex University Bookshop
LAND AND SOCIETY IN EDWARDIAN BRITAIN by Brian Short. Cambridge University Press, cloth £45.

Bookshop Sale
The Bookshop is having a massive sale for two weeks only, starting Monday 17 February at 9am. Hundreds of bargains at greatly reduced prices. Don’t miss it—come early.

Library periodicals review
Inputting of voting returns is now complete. Overall, 62% of those eligible to vote have responded (compared with 47% in the 1994 review), and many subject groups have achieved a response rate of 90–100%. Over 300 new subscriptions, costing over £91,000, have been suggested. Preliminary lists of proposed cancellations and new subscriptions will be circulated in due course. Thank you to all those faculty who took the time and trouble to vote.

All about the European Parliament
URL:<http://www.europarl.eu.int>
A multilingual Web server has recently been set up to provide information about the activities of the European Parliament, its various bodies and its political groups
With its EUROPAL multilingual web server, the European Parliament, representing 380 million citizens of the 15 member states of the European Union, seeks to improve the transparency of its work and to offer its citizens a further means of information and dialogue.

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES
This is a selection of research opportunities. More details of these and other opportunities are available from Mylène Powell in the Research Grants and Contracts Office, ext 3812 (am only) or email: M.Powell@sussex.ac.uk.
URL: http://www.ncl.ac.uk/~nrsui/refund – for REFUND and URL http://www.sussex.ac.uk/Units/research/ – USIS Home Page – click on For Staff, Research Funding.

REALISING OUR POTENTIAL AWARDS (ROPAs) 1997: call for applications. The scheme rewards researchers who receive substantial financial support from industry for basic/strategic research through the award of grants to support curiosity-driven research. Closing date: 11 April 1997.

WELLCOME TRUST RESEARCH TRAINING FELLOWSHIPS IN WILDLIFE CONSERVATION IN AFRICA, ASIA AND LATIN AMERICA: to address the urgent issue of the loss of biological diversity in the tropical areas. Closing date: 28 February 1997.

PILAR JUNCOSA AND SOTHEBY’S PRIZES, GRANTS AND AWARDS: to promote and propagate contemporary creative values. Closing date: 28 February 1997.

ROYAL COMMISSION FOR THE EXHIBITION OF 1851 INDUSTRIAL DESIGN STUDENTSHIP 1997: to stimulate awareness of industrial design among the country’s most able graduates. Closing date: 25 April 1997.

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FISHERIES AND FOOD RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP ON FOOD RISK ASSESSMENT: to enable an academic scientist with a proven research record to develop new approaches in Food Risk Assessment.

EU FRAMEWORK IV – INDUSTRIAL & MATERIALS TECHNOLOGIES: call for trans-national long term research projects in the following areas: 1.1 Incorporation of new technologies into production systems, 1.2 Development of clean production technologies, 1.3 Rational management of raw materials, 1.4 Safety and reliability of production systems, 1.5. Human and organisational factors within production systems, 2.1 Materials engineering, 2.2 New methodologies for product design and manufacture, 2.3 Reliability and quality of materials and products, 2.4 Technologies for recovering products at the end of their lifecycle, 3A – Aeronautics technologies, 3B Surface transport technologies – design, production, improved efficiency, environmental technologies, safety, operation. Closing date: 30 April.
Monday 17 February - Sunday 23 February

Lectures, Seminars, Colloquia

- Monday 17 February
  1pm Laboratory of Experimental Psychology: 101 national anthems, Christopher Longuet-Higgins, Biology Lecture Room.
  2pm Cilcom - Telling Stories: What Ihsen knew: psychoanalysis and drama. Michael and Margaret Rustin (Tavistock), Gardner Centre Theatre.
  2pm Particle Physics Seminar: Recognising non-gaussian cosmic radiation. J. Magowan (IC), room P2B2A.
  3pm Analysis Seminar: Gel fand inverse spectral problem. S. Kurylov (Loughborough), SMS room 2A2.
  5pm Women's Studies Graduate Division Seminar: Single parent families in China. Miao Ye, room D730.

- Tuesday 18 February
  9.30am Student Seminar: Founding myths: the Oedipus story. Michael and Margaret Rustin (Tavistock), Essex House Conference Room.
  12.30pm Sussex Life Histories Research Seminar: Angelouled stories: constructing a CD presentation of Aboriginal life stories and local history. Heather Goddall (Sydney), University Library Seminar Room 122.
  2pm The Idea of European Integration Series: EMU: Why do the French, the Belgians and the Swiss all have Francs? Previous glorious failures of monetary union and prospects for the future. Peter Holmes, EDB room 121.
  4pm COGS Seminar: Artistic creativity across the life spans: biographical material as evidence. Ray Crozier (Cardiff), room PBS1C1.
  4.15pm Biochemistry and Genetics and Development Seminar: Microsatellite DNA analysis in Natterjack toad populations. Dr. Graham Rowe, Biology Lecture Theatre.
  5pm German Research Colloquium: The role of the German Churches in the making of the Holocaust. Herbert Loebl (Newcastle), room A155.
  5pm Graduate Seminar in Media and Culture: Notions of a British film avant-garde. Michael O'Pray (University of East London), room A183.
  5pm American Studies Open Seminar: Conquest of Eden: possession and disinheritance in early Virginia./ James Horn (Brighton), room D730.
  5pm MA Language, Arts and Education Open Seminar: The role of galleries and museums in aesthetic education. David Anderson and Bridget Baldwin, EDB room 302.
  5pm Social Anthropology Graduate/Faculty Seminar: Madonna, the Virgin and the gendering of Modernity. Dr. Victoria Goddard (Goldsmith's College London), room A71.

- Wednesday 19 February
  11.30am Plant Science Seminar: Survival in the forest understory: shade tolerance and photosynthetic opportunism. Steven Hill (Oxford), AFRC room 1B.
  1pm IDS and Poverty Research Unit Seminar: Social assistance and social exclusion in France and Britain. Martin Evans (LSE), IDS room 221.
  2pm Queory: Lesbian and Gay Studies Seminar: 'I love you, you pay my rent': people as products in the supply of male homosexual prostitution services. Neill Thew (Westhill College), room A71.

Lectures, Seminars, Colloquia

- Wednesday 19 February
  2pm International Relations and Politics Seminar: The international relations of the European Union. Dr. Geoffrey Edwards (Cambridge), EDB room 125.
  4.30pm History of Art Work in Progress Seminar: Modes of expression and images of mortal sacrifice in Eighteenth Century French painting. Prof. Tom Crow (Yale), room A5.
  5pm English Graduate Colloquium: Falling asleep in the Wake: Finnegans Wake and the reader. Jeremy Lane, room D640.

- Thursday 20 February
  10.15am Algebra Seminar: The proof of Liu's identities via modular functions by J. R. P. Lewis, AFRC 1D.
  2pm Centre for Statistics and Stochastic Modelling: Data transformations and de-trending in econometrics. Stephen Pollock (Queen Mary and Westfield College), room P2B2A.
  2pm Theoretical Physics Seminar: An introduction to quantum computation. A. Baraceno (Oxford), room PGBA.
  4pm Research Seminar in Geography: Negotiating differences: questions of identity for young British Muslim women. Claire Dwyer (UCL), room D610.
  5pm History Work-in-Progress Seminar: The Scottish contribution to the enlightenment. John Robertson (St. Hugh's College, Oxford), room A155.
  (Joint meeting with SPT)
  6.15pm Professorial Lecture - The challenge to logocentricity: music as discipline. David Osmond-Smith, Molecular Sciences Lecture Theatre.

Friday 21 February

- 4pm Applied Mathematics and Numerical Analysis Seminar: A thin plate model of superconductivity. Qi Tang, room PB1A.
- 4pm Astronomy Centre Seminar: The nature of faint galaxies beyond the spectroscopic limit. R. Ellis (Cambridge), room PB1A.
- 4.30pm Philosophy Society Meeting: Events, counterfactuals and causes. Kirstie Morrison (Oxford), room A155.

Miscellaneous

- Undergraduate History Forum
  2pm, Wednesday 19 February: Mr John Pollock and his controversial theory regarding the burial place of Harold Godwinson post Battle of Hastings. Convener John Russell, room A155.

- 33 Percenters Wine Tasting
  7pm Tuesday 18 February: Mature Students Society: Including a talk by wine expert. £2 contribution towards the cost of evening. Refreshments available. All welcome. CCS Common Room.

- Book Launch

- ROKPA Pub Quiz
  7pm Monday 24 February: Raising money for Tibetan and Nepalese refugees and Brightons homeless. Lots of prizes. £1 per person, maximum of 4 per team. Falmnr Bar.

Miscellaneous cont...

- Smith Kline Beecham
  4.15pm Monday 17 February: Excursions into Purine Chemistry - the quest for re-giospecific alkylation. Dr. T.J. Griner (Smith-Kline Beecham), Molecular Sciences Lecture Theatre.

- Mixed Doubles Tennis
  2pm Sunday 2 March: Tennis tournament at the Playing Fields Pavilion. Prizes to be won. To enter ring. ext. 3950, or 8230.

The Gardner Arts Centre

- Film at the Gardner
  Monday 17 February
  6.30pm The Crying Game (15)
  Friday 21 February
  11.30pm The Craft (15)
  Sunday 23 February
  6pm Tin Cup (15)
  9pm Boys on the Side (18)

Small Ads

HOUSE in Brighton Hanover area to let from beginning April to end of July. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, suit visiting academic with family. £580 pcm. Please ring 705397 after 6pm.

FRENCH student interested in conversation practice with English students. Ext. 8256, or 679436.

TO LET: Roomy 2 bedroom maisonette with view. 5 mins from London Road Station. £110 p.w. Suit quiet mature people. Contact. 602486.

MATHS tutor needed for teenagers sitting GCSEs. Please call ext. 8537.

TO LET: warm back room £42 per week inclusive of bills in house shared with two students and landlady (Cogs staff). On quiet road half-way between 7 Dias and the A27, 5 mins, from Preston Park Station, 20 mins from Brighton Station or London Road. Available 12 Feb. E-mail anna@ogs.susx.ac.uk, or tel 880895 S1786.

VICTORIAN 3-bedroom family house to rent in the Preston Park/Fivesways area. Close to good schools, parks, local shops and station. Large kitchen and breakfast room; lounge/dining room; attractive and well-loved garden. Available from April 1997. £700 per month. Call ext. 2012, or 561071 evenings.

KINGSTON family house for sale or to let. Furnished, detached, modern house with 4 bedrooms and south facing garden. Good local school. Avail immediately, single occupancy. K. Nixon. Tel: 692005 (wk) and ext. 8536, or 483993 (hm).

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