GOOD NEWS FOR GRADUATES

A new report on the progress of Sussex students after graduating from the University provides an encouraging view of their ongoing experiences after joining the labour market. The report is a follow-up to the 1995 study by the Career Development Unit and the Institute of Employment Studies which highlighted the variety and fragmented nature of many graduates’ early careers. In particular, it revealed the wide range of graduates’ jobs, including many not seen by them to require graduate ability.

The new report shows that two years on, these same graduates are still experiencing diversity in the pattern of their careers, but they are settling down. By 1997, most of the graduates originally surveyed are in jobs, and more of them are in professional and managerial occupations, and jobs where their degree is seen to be relevant. Salaries have improved markedly, there is less temporary working and satisfaction with career development to date is generally high.

Helen Connor, IES Associate Fellow, the main author of the report comments, “This longitudinal study affords fresh insights into how graduates’ careers develop over time, especially during the 1990s which have been turbulent years for graduate employment. The recently improved labour market situation is obviously a factor in the more positive 1997 results. However, they are also due to the... Continued on page 4

The University Chancellor, the Duke of Richmond and Gordon has announced his intention of standing down with effect from the next annual Meeting of the University Court on 20 March 1998. The University Council received formal notification of the Duke’s resignation at its meeting last week. A circular letter will now be sent to all members of the University Court informing them of the Chancellor’s resignation and indicating the intention of the Chairman of Council and the Vice-Chancellor to nominate Lord Attenborough for election as fourth Chancellor of the University. Lord Attenborough is currently the University’s Pro-Chancellor.

The Council recorded its appreciation of the Duke’s unstinting service to the University for 13 years as Chancellor and prior to that as Treasurer.

Inventive student hits the target

A engineering student’s final year project is being patented and may be used by a top American manufacturer.

Simon Stevens devised a new feeder mechanism for his paintball gun, making a more practical and efficient design. Paintball is a physical outdoor game where the objective is to ‘kill’ your opponents by firing paint pellets at them using compressed air paintball guns.

Simon identified a problem with traditional paintball guns. A typical gun is designed with the hopper — the container for the paintballs — housed above the firing mechanism. According to a leading magazine survey, 40% of eliminations are due to hits on the hopper rather than the player. Simon’s design places the hopper below which both decreases the target area and improves firing rates to up to 1,200 rounds per minute.

Simon designed the new hopper for personal use as a player for pro-league team, the Mayhem Tigers. After submitting the design as his undergraduate degree project, he was nominated for the INA Bearings Engineering Student of the Year award, and came third, winning £100 for himself and £75 for the University.

The game is hugely popular in the United States, and since the publicity of the awards, Simon has been approached by a US company who have shown interest in his concept. “I was taken to Chicago, all expenses paid, wine and dined. Great fun, although it was a week before my finals!” he said.

The beauty of the design is that it may be used for other applications. As the mechanism feeds the paintballs without squashing them, the design could be applied to the manufacture of other spherical objects such as ball bearings or pharmaceuticals.

Simon has recently been nominated for another award, and will be attending the Institute of Mechanical Engineers’ ceremony in Brighton this month.
News from the University Council

-some of the main items considered by the meeting of the University Council on Wednesday 7 January 1998

School of Chemistry, Physics and Environmental Science
The Council considered the Final Report of the CPES Implementation Group in the light of the recommendations of the Planning & Resources Committee and the subsequent discussion by the University Senate.

The Planning & Resources Committee had outlined three options it believed now faced the University. The first option was to accept that there was no prospect of bringing CPES into budgetary balance. The second was to instigate a radical reduction of technical support and space, especially in physics to which the major proportion of the deficit was attributable. The third was to close physics altogether.

The Council agreed to adopt the second option, a radical reduction of technical support and space, with the proviso that, should that policy be unsuccessful, then the closure of physics was the only realistic alternative. The Council also agreed that, as a consequence of its decision, there should be a declaration of compulsory redundancies in March 1998 if necessary, and that all categories of staff within the School should be considered under this declaration.

The Council also approved the appointment of Pro-Vice Chancellor, Professor Brian Roberts as Budgetary Officer of the School until 16 December 1998, subject to review in July in the light of progress in balancing the School budget. This was in line with the Planning and Resources Committee's recommendation that the implementation of option two should be accompanied by the appointment of a Pro-Vice-Chancellor to be the Budget Officer for the School for one calendar year.

Medical School Development Group
The Council noted the membership of the Medical School Development Group and the Vice-Chancellor reported that, following the publication of the Campbell Report recommendation of an additional 1,000 medical undergraduate places a year, he had written to the relevant Minister to put on record the claims for an undergraduate medical school in Sussex. He and David Watson, the Director of the University of Brighton, would also be meeting the Chairman of the HEFCE in February to press the case.

Whistle Blowing
The Council approved a report from the meetings of the Audit Committee which included a Procedure Note on Whistle Blowing. The full text of this is contained in a special insert in this issue of Bulletin Planning & Resources Committee
The Council received and approved reports from the meetings of the Planning & Resources Committee which included the student number targets for 1998 and reports from the Budgetary Review Group and the Budget Sub-Committee. It also approved recommendations on Agents and Referral Fees in the context of international student recruitment.

Estates Committee
The Council received and approved a report from the meeting of the Estates Committee. This contained proposals on car parking and traffic management including, inter alia, the drafting of a revised car parking policy in relation to control of unauthorised parking, the undertaking of a pilot project involving a tidal flow one-way system at peak hours and the preparation of a cost estimate and implementation plan for a car park barrier control system including a car park rationing system. The Council also approved an up-dated management policy for the Chichester Estate (Falmer Village and associated properties.)
Prinny

Poor Cyril Squirrel—exhausted by his hunt for nuts on campus—has retreated to his bolthole for a period of hibernation. I have been asked to continue the good work of cynical comment and tomfoolery. So, on with the charivari ...

A momentous New Year awaits us: the magical transfer of power from one Vice-Chancellor to another will be witnessed and, in a rare display of open government, I understand it's going to happen in the same way Dr. Who transmogrifies from one actor to another. The incumbent Vice-Chancellor will be lightly stung by a set of Planning and Resource Committee papers and, as he lies on the floor, his face will blur and we shall be able to pick out the features of the new principal academic and administrative officer. Betting is, as yet, unfrenzied with Tinkie Winkie a clear favourite. More news when we get it.

Alarming news reaches us about the extent to which "over-reliance on unacknowledged sources" exists in assessed work done by students. A new report by the Institute of Warped Ideas, Statistics and Mob Frenzies now suggests that there may actually be only seven original student essays and that all other student essays can be traced back to them. These essays, known in legend as the Great Seven, are currently the object of Professor Churm Rinciewind's work at the University of Burnage's Oasis Research Unit where plagiarism is a major area of academic endeavour.

Exciting news on car parking has picked its way over the barbed wire around Sussex House and out into the wider world. Our go-ahead, thrusting, customer-oriented Estates Division is proposing that only red cars can be parked on campus. Those of us with non-red cars are to be offered interest-free loans to buy skateboards. I'm told it took an infinite number of monkeys, acting as consultants, five years to come up with this suggestion.

The Society for Traditional Weather has contacted me with a protest against thunderstorms in January. "This is not what we expect in mid-winter: rain, wind, hail, perhaps even a little snow but not unnatural mildness, sunny periods and thunderstorms. How can we be expected to decide on whether to wear a vest in the morning in these conditions?" Sadly I have little time to waste on a stupid fringe group such as this. As I write this by flickering candlelight, a tornado is ripping off roofs in Selsey. Perhaps Helen Rendell in her upcoming Professorial lecture can provide a little more guidance on appropriate clothing choices for a confused climate. I shall be unconcerned by any climatic catastrophe—a sedan chair is surprisingly warm and dry.

Winter Graduation & Special Award Ceremonies

This year there will be two Winter Graduation Ceremonies and a Special Award Ceremony for the presentation of Certificates and Diplomas, all to be held on Thursday 29 January 1998. 150 students in the following GRCs will graduate in the morning at 11:15 am: CDE, CulCom, HUMS, GRGSS, SEI and IDS. 185 students in the following Units will graduate in the afternoon at 3:00 pm: BIOLS, COGS, CPES, ENGG, SMS, SPRU, and USIE, CLS and Rolffey Park Management Institute.

180 students will be presented with certificates and diplomas at the Special Award Ceremony at 7:00 pm.

Honorary Graduands

The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws will be awarded at the morning ceremony to Ms Jenny Backwell, Director of Brighton Housing Trust. Professor Sir Michael Thompson, recently retired Vice-Chancellor of the University of Birmingham and former Professor of Physics and Pro-Vice-Chancellor here at Sussex, will receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Science at the afternoon ceremony.

Sussex Alumni Society Awards

At the morning and afternoon ceremonies, the Alumni Society Teaching Awards for excellence in teaching will be presented to Martin Bell (SPRU), Paul Roche (CPES), Annis May Timpson (EAM) and Beryl Williams (EURO).

At the evening ceremony, Sussex Alumni Society Fellowships will be presented to Arthur Oppenheimer in recognition of his work and involvement with the Centre for German Jewish Studies. Fellowships are also being awarded to the following distinguished alumni: Rosalind Gold, a long-serving member of the Society Management Committee and co-ordinator of the Alumni media group; David Lepper MP for Brighton Pavilion and Robin Lustig, Radio Four presenter.

SUSSEX SIXTH FORMERS GUARANTEED A SUSSEX OFFER

A new agreement between the seven sixth form colleges in Sussex and the Universities of Sussex and Brighton and the Chichester Institute of Higher Education will help local students to continue their studies within the region.

From next year, students at sixth form colleges in East and West Sussex who apply for the but a small number of heavily subscribed courses here, or at Brighton or Chichester, can be sure they will receive a conditional offer of a place. The students will be expected to achieve the standard entry qualification for the course, but they will benefit from the certainty that a guarantee of an offer brings.

Commenting on the benefits of this partnership, Pro-Vice-Chancellor Colin Brooks says, "I'm delighted by this initiative from the Sussex sixth form colleges. At a time of some uncertainty, the scheme should help allay the anxieties of sixth formers and encourage access to higher education of top quality. We look forward to further collaboration."

This new agreement reflects broader expansion of collaborative partnerships across the education sectors in Sussex. The next aim is to extend this agreement to further education colleges and schools with sixth forms.
Only 714 days to count your chips

A YEAR 2000 Group has been set up to pinpoint and assess problems expected in the new millennium in equipment containing computer chips on campus.

The ‘millennium bug’ is a catch-all term for problems with computer hardware and software anticipated in the year 2000. Such problems would originate from computers registering the date using two digits, i.e. this year would be ‘98’ and 2000 would be ‘00’. Unless action is taken, in the year 2000 the computer would read the date as 1900 instead of 2000. According to John Hinchicliffe, manager of admin computing and a Group member, there are five areas of potential problems—chips in PCs and servers; software packages such as Excel and Netscape; databases and applications software such as accounts, payroll and student systems; macros and templates created by PC users; and chips in equipment including lifts, communications and fire alarms.

The Group is clear that Year 2000 issues are a high priority for everyone involved. Accountancy bodies nationally are warning that organisations will have their accounts qualified if auditors are not satisfied that they properly reflect the likely impact of dealing with Year 2000 compliance.

Although it is hoped that no major problems will be found at Sussex, it will take considerable time to check all equipment which could be affected. The Group are currently compiling an inventory of equipment to establish the scope of the task. Equipment will then be thoroughly checked and listed on the inventory as either ‘year 2000 compliant’, ‘needing replacement’ or ‘to be retired’. The inventories will include a definition of how critical equipment failure would be, e.g. temporary failure of the Library database may be judged as being less critical than maintaining fire prevention systems.

Responsibility for remedial action, where it is needed, and for dealing with problems, will rest with the campus unit owning the equipment concerned, not with the Group. Where replacement equipment or software are required, that needs to be identified by October 1998 so that proper provision can be made.

The full membership of the Year 2000 group, chaired by Deputy Secretary Geoff Ivey is given below. University members with queries should address them initially to their ‘local’ Group member. The Group, which will report to the University Audit Committee, hopes to issue guidelines on Year 2000 compliance later this term.

Ms I Browning (Students' Union)
Ms J E Claydon (Safety Service)
Ms V A Downes (Computing Service)
Mr K W French (Estates) Mr J C Gaunt (Staffing Services) Mr J S Goodlet (COGS)
Mr J D Hinchicliffe (ACS, inc. Sport)
Ms C M Huggett (SPRU) Mr G M Ivey (Deputy Secretary) Mr C E Leech (BIOLS & Science Building & Resource Managers, inc. Trafford Centre) Mr D J Longman (USIE) Ms C Ryder (Business Division) Mrs C Peach (CCE) Ms S F O’Sullivan (Finance Division) Mr O M Richards (Academic Division) Ms M J P Stalker (Estates) Mrs P M Thorne (CCS & Arts Admin Officers, inc. Language Centre.) assisted by Mrs P Baxendale Dr R C Young (Library)

Good news for graduates

fact that many graduates take several years to settle into the kinds of jobs they regard as first career steps, and as appropriate to their level of education.

“The survey also provides evidence that some of the features of 1990s graduate employment and careers (such as more instability, career changes and under-employment) apply mainly to first jobs and the early stages of career development.”

Points of interest from the survey include the fact that only seven per cent of graduates are self-employed; media/arts and R&D sectors had a greater share of graduate employment than in 1995; the average size of firm had increased slightly and degree discipline is still one of the most influential

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factors affecting employment. The report also showed that geographical mobility over the last two years has been low, with one in four graduates still living in the Sussex locality, and that a high proportion (43 per cent) of the Sussex graduates surveyed have gained a postgraduate qualification.

According to careers advisor, Bridget Millmore, co-author of the report “This survey has provided a rich detail of individual experiences over time which will be of considerable benefit to our current students. It also provides a more realistic picture of career success and benefits from degree study than the snapshot first destinations survey at six months after graduation.”

STUDENT VIEW

For most students, returning to university after a break proves a tad disorientating, especially after Christmas, renowned for its parties and festivities with friends and family at home. However, the post-Christmas terms are generally the busiest, with piles of work and exams to look forward to. Hopefully, the humdrum life of campus will return most of us to the work ethic again.

This week, campus has been sleepyville, and last year’s antics — such as the liveliness of the USSU/BSU Christmas Ball; not so much a traditional ball as a jumblefest — are fading into a distant memory. One new thing I’ve noted so far, is that the Zap’s infamous Stanky and Hutch night has evolved into Chopper Choons, in-line with the Zap ownership handover. I’m sure it will still be a student crowd puller. If you don’t fancy that on a Wednesday night, Charlie’s Angels is still going strong at the Escape on a Thursday.

New this term are notices in the campus bars, stating that anti-social behaviour — such as abuse, threatening behaviour and assault — is unacceptable, will be treated seriously. It leaves me wondering whether there have been any problems with student behaviour recently. One to follow up I think.

USSU Reception tells me that they are still waiting for many students to go and pick up their NUS cards. Silly not to, I think, as it provides those all important reduced entry rates and discounts at high street stores.

Something I would personally like to look into, is whether many Sussex students have been the victims of theft over the past term or so. I’ve heard quite a few tales of woe concerning theft of personal belongings (not necessarily on campus) and am wondering if students are easy targets.

In case you didn’t know (no reason why you should really), those kind people at the Bulletin send certain issues to students studying abroad. I’d just like to take this opportunity to say hi to everyone out there......and stop having such a good time!

LANGUAGE COURSES

Grammar workshops for ‘A’ level students Saturday 7 February - German and Spanish Saturday 14 February - French Easter three day courses in these languages Contact Michele Saliman on ext 2016 or 8006 for details
A celebratory dinner was held on 9 December in honour of Sybil Oldfield and Nick Tucker on the occasion of their official retirement.

Willie Lamont regaled the diners with stories about Sybil which spanned over 35 years of teaching. John Jacobs spoke about Nick and his 30 years of teaching psychology, in particular the School Course he designed, ‘Images of Childhood’, which is as popular with students today as it was in its original inception many years ago.

Nick Tucker and Sybil Oldfield share a joke cutting the cake

British Red Cross Scholarship for CDE

Patricia Munyai is the first recipient of a British Red Cross Scholarship in the Culture, Development and Environment (CDE) Graduate Research Centre. Patricia, who comes from Kenya, arrived at Sussex last October to study for the MA programme in Gender and Development. At the African Medical and Research Foundation (AMREF) in Kenya, she is the editor of the foundation’s magazine, and more recently Research and Training Officer for AMREF’s Women and Development Project. The project was launched in 1992 to promote a holistic approach to women’s health. Patricia was keen to come to Sussex after speaking to colleagues who had studied here. “The presence of faculty with extensive knowledge and experience in many areas of development made me decide that the University could really help me in my training needs,” says Patricia. There was considerable competition for the Scholarship, which covers all fees, travel and living expenses. Patricia acknowledges that she would not be able to study here without the generous support of the Red Cross. “As a professional working in research and training, the Gender and Development Programme is providing me with the necessary knowledge and skills which I can put into action when I return to AMREF.”

Last month Patricia met Geoffrey Dennis, International Director of the British Red Cross, himself a Sussex graduate. Mr Dennis confirmed that the Red Cross would support an African or Asian MA student in CDE next academic year.

Rothwell Prize

For the third year the Roy Rothwell Prize has been awarded for the outstanding Masters dissertation by a student undertaking one of the SPRU Master’s courses.

The prizewinner for 1996-97 is Michael Abu, awarded the MSc in Science and Technology Policy. His dissertation was entitled: Technological Learning and Innovation in Industrial Clusters in the South. A bound copy of the dissertation is to be found in both the University and SPRU libraries.

The prize of £500 will be awarded to Michael at a ceremony in SPRU after the graduation ceremony on 29 January.

Management Prize

Ben Graham, a third year physics student in CPES, was recently awarded a prize by the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) for being the best undergraduate student in Management Studies at Sussex. He received a cheque and a citation in a ceremony held at the London headquarters of CIMA. The prize was jointly sponsored by CIMA and Van den Bergh Foods Ltd. Director of the Science with Management Studies programme, Brian Smith, commented, “Ben is an excellent all-rounder who will find it difficult to choose between physics and management when he graduates. We are most grateful to the sponsors for their continued support.”

New Face

Shimon Edelman – COGS

Dr Shimon Edelman has recently come to Sussex as a reader in Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence, after reading for a degree and a PhD in Israel and post-doctoral work at MIT. He enjoys working in COGS with its mixture of psychologists and philosophers as well as computer scientists “all along one corridor.”

In his spare time, Shimon enjoys hiking with his family, judging by the selection of photographs on his personal web site. His family share a love for Britain, particularly the South Downs and Scotland. His family also indulges in rollerblading, but he says that they underestimated the “terrifying” slopes in Lewes and haven’t bladed there since.

Shimon likes to approach his subject matter from a variety of angles, which is one of his reasons for coming to Sussex, with its interdisciplinary ethos. He is currently supervising projects including nerve cells, nuclear magnetic resonance imaging, computer vision and psycholinguistics. “I try to get beyond details and take an integrated look at things. I’d be bored to death looking at just one aspect.”

Cross-Channel degree

Géraldine Gadbin is the first postgraduate to receive a doctorate with mention honorable avec félicitations in a joint project between Sussex and the University of Grenoble/Stendhal. Her project was supervised by Dr Richard Vogler (CLS), entitled ‘Access to justice in England and Wales, the role played by solicitors and the CABx in the market for legal services’. Géraldine was presented with her certificate in Grenoble last month.

New Professors

At the recent meetings of Senate and Council the following appointments were approved to take effect from 1 January 1998:

Hilary Buxton, Reader in Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence in COGS, is promoted to a Professorship in Visual Intelligence.

Kosmas Prassides, Reader in Chemistry in CPES, is promoted to a Professorship in Solid State Chemistry.
ALL IN A DAY'S WORK

Did you know that Sussex is affiliated to 19 educational establishments in the South? An office in Sussex House is responsible for forging and maintaining these links. Bulletin paid a visit to the cryptically-named Partnership Office to see what assistant registrar Peter Dennis and executive officer, Lalagé Tutt, actually do. Peter explains...

The partnership office is responsible for links between the University and its partner institutions. We oversee a range of activities, from validation to franchises. We organise validation of courses leading to university awards, where institutions do not have degree-awarding powers in their own right.

This involves the scrutiny of proposed new courses by subject specialists and external experts. We also organise staff development events at our partner institutions. One such event focused on forging industrial links, in other words, possible collaboration to attract financial backing from industry for research.

We also oversee franchised foundation programmes in four FE colleges. These last for one year and over subjects including molecular, biological, and computer sciences. These are university-designed courses for students of proven academic ability whose qualifications do not yet meet our general entrance requirements.

The University's strategic plan sees links with other institutions as a key objective. This benefits Sussex by coupling our strengths with those of other institutions, which enables us jointly to provide innovative opportunities, such as the proposed BEng in Broadcast Engineering. It is hoped that this course will be offered in conjunction with Ravensbourne College of Design and Communication.

In the Partnership Office you get a real insight into other institutions, and what people do career-wise if they study a particular degree. One thing I particularly enjoy is putting people in touch and seeing their ideas spin off. Our link with West Dean College near Chichester is an example. Students there study conservation, restoration and crafts to a high level. We were able to make our electron microscope available to them to help with some areas of restoration.

This year, with Lalagé working more on validation, I will be concentrating on a number of projects concerned with developing new ways to encourage people to progress to higher education.

Although the office is obviously well known by our partner institutions, it is not well known within the University, having only been established in April '96. If Schools of Studies are considering links with other institutions, or would like to know more about those we have already, they should contact myself or Lalagé on ext 8371.

Changing face of campus

The Estates Division is undertaking the following work. Please take care in the vicinity of the work, and stay outside any safety barriers.

WORK IN PROGRESS
- Bicycle racks: upgrade of existing and installation of new racks continues.
- Campus Signposting: removal of redundant signs and improvement of building name signs.
- Chichester I: major repair and refurbishment. Chemistry Teaching Laboratories completed in December (and should be brought into use in early January). Planned completion of remaining work in early April.
- Pevensey II: Level 5. Alterations and some upgrading to facilitate COGS School moves, planned for completion early April.

PLANNED FUTURE WORKS IN 1998
- Pevensey I: Level 1. Alterations and some upgrading to provide new open access computing, contracted for April to the end of June.
- CRPC: upgrading ventilation and cold water services, planned for April to August.
- Playing Fields Pavilion: extension and alterations to provide a fitness and dance studio. Refurbishment of changing rooms and showers. New artificial grass pitch. Planned for April to September.
- Chichester I: minor work to form new offices within Computing Service contracted from end of June to early July. Roof and concrete repairs, planned for July to September.
- Campus Signposting: another new transport noticeboard, improvements to map display boards and building name signs.
- Access for Disabled: Chichester III and COGS: widen existing narrow connecting doorway on middle floor, programmed for Easter vacation. Arts A: alteration and automation of two pairs of doors on each floor (date dependent on listed building consent).
- Falmer House: major repairs of external building fabric and services. Bid has been submitted to HEFCE for funding.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS
The following applications for listed building consent (LB) and planning permission (FP) are being submitted. For applications made by the University a copy may be seen at the Estates Building Reception:
- Pevensey Building: alterations and upgrading of existing laboratory teaching spaces/offices to form computer teaching spaces. (LB and FP)
- Brighthelm: remedial cladding to defective brickwork comprising tile hanging and render. (FP)
- Chichester I: construction of demountable partitioning at ground floor level to provide three new offices. (LB)
RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

This is a selection of Research Opportunities. More details of these and other opportunities are available from Mylene Powell in the Research Grants and Contracts Office, ext 3812 or email: M.Powell@sussex.ac.uk. For an extensive listing of funding opportunities see REFUND linked to the Research web site: http://www.sussex.ac.uk/Units/research or USIS Home Page, select 'Teaching & Research', 'Research Funding at Sussex'.

NERC ARCTIC ICE AND ENVIRONMENTAL VARIABILITY: to enhance our understanding of, and capacity to predict, variations in the Arctic cryosphere relevant to climate and sea-level change in NW Europe. Deadline for outline proposals: 2 February 1998.

ITALGAS PRIZE FOR RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION: the prize aims to take account of the specific nature of research applied technological innovation in the fields of energy, the environment and information systems with particular focus on applications in the field of natural gas. Deadline: 31 January 1998.

THE ROYAL SOCIETY MICHAEL FARADAY AWARD 1998: to encourage scientists to promote the public understanding of science. The award consists of a silver gilt medal and a prize of £1000. Deadline: 2 February 1998.

THE ROYAL SOCIETY GLAXO WELLCOME PRIZE: awarded biennially for original contributions to medical and veterinary sciences published within the previous ten years. Deadline: 2 February 1998.

THE LEVERHULME TRUST GRANTS TO INSTITUTIONS: applications invited for research grants of up to £15,000 for pilot projects to be administered by institutions. To enable a principal investigator to assess and demonstrate the feasibility of a project (duration of about 6 months). Deadline for full proposals: 15 February and 1 May 1998.

BBRC INITIATIVE ON SCIENCE OF AGEING - SAGE: proposals invited for research into aspects of the biological basis of normal ageing with potential relevance to the improvement of the quality of later life. Closing date: 2 March 1998.

EPSRC MATERIALS PROGRAMME NETWORKS: to support UK based networks which link academic and industrial groups in new collaborations. Proposals should address priorities within the Materials Programme as identified in the EPSRC Programme 1997/98. Deadline: 31 March 1998.

WELLCOME TRUST SCART: funds (£5,000 to £25,000) provided for partnerships between scientists and artists. Deadline: 16 February 1998.

What’s on...

Lectures, Seminars, Colloquia

Monday 19 January
12.30 pm Sussex Continuing Education Research Forum: Gillian Weaver, An adult education project for stable or former opiate dependants. Room D310
4.00 pm CULCOM Lecture: Eileen Yeo, Workers and women contest the public sphere in the 19th and 20th centuries. CCS Common Room
4.30 pm Neuroscience Seminar: George Kemenes, Learning in the snail: neuronal mechanisms. Biology Lecture Room
5.00 pm Sociology and Social Psychology Seminar: Keith Tribe (Keele University) The university and public education in Britain. Room D310

Tuesday 20 January
4.00 pm Engineering Colloquium Research in Progress: Peter Townsend, Improvements in ion implanted optical waveguide structures. Room Arundel 401
4.00 pm COGS Seminar: Vinod Goel (UCL) The reasoning brain: neuroanatomical correlates of human reasoning. Room COGS 5C1
4.30 pm Social and Political Thought Seminar: Alan Carter (Huythop College, London) Political liberalism: political not liberal. Room D630
5.00 pm Social Anthropology Seminar: Les Back (Goldsmiths College) Reading the writing on the wall: urban graffiti, racism and territoriality. Room D722
5.15 pm German Research Colloquium: Gilbert Carr (Trinity College, Dublin) Intersexuality and psychosis: Karl Kraus and the Irenhauslyrik affair. Room A155
6.15 pm Professorial Lecture: Helen Rendell, Global havoc: climate change from ice ages to El Niño. Chichester Lecture Theatre

Wednesday 21 January
1.00 pm IDS Environment Group Seminar: Philip Stott (School of Oriental and African Studies) On changing the metalinguage of environmental knowledge and power. Room IDS 221
1.30 pm Sussex Centre for Optical and Atomic Physics: John Griffith (Birmingham University) Laser spectroscopy of radioactive isotopes. Room Pevensey 2A2
4.00 pm Centre of Southern African Studies Seminar: Isabel Hofmeyst (Witwatersrand) John Bunyan, his chair and a few other relics: orality, literacy and the limits of area studies. Room C337

Thursday 22 January
11.30 pm Economics Seminar: Stephen Jenkins (Essex University) The length of men’s unemployment spells and the role of the unemployment benefit system: an application to Spain. Room D310
12.30 pm Postgraduate History and Gender Seminar: Margareta Joly, The stolen postbags:
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the uses of letters from the Second World War. Room D520
4.00 pm Geography Research Seminar: Annabel Thomas, News from nowhere: what one means to homeless women. Room D610
4.00 pm Experimental Psychology Colloquium: James Blair (UCL) Emotion, psychopathy and social intelligence. Biology Lecture Room (EP 3.9)
5.00 pm Sussex Development Lecture: Marc Williams, The international organisation of development. Room A1
5.00 pm Centre for Modern French Thought Seminar: Edward Bullard, Derrida on friendship. Room A71
5.00 pm History Work in Progress Seminar: Andrew Davies (Liverpool University) Street gangs and violence: late 19th and early 20th century Britain. Room A155

Friday 23 January
2.00 pm SPRU Seminar: Vivian Walsh (UMIST) Designing products, constructing uses. Room EDB 121
4.00 pm Astronomy Centre Seminar: Melvyn Davies (Cambridge IoA) Stellar encounters in crowded places and the millisecond pulsar enigma. Room Pevensey 1A7

Meeting House Events

- 20 January - lunchtime recital with Charles Macdonald (organ) in the chapel at 1.20 pm
- 22 January - The Four Quartets by T S Eliot, two readings by local poet Mutabar Williams, in the chapel at 6 pm

Miscellaneous

- Green news - the development of a national cycle network project is one of the most exciting millennium projects. Sustrans, the organisation coordinating the project, have been commissioned to study the section between Newtimber and Brighton/Hove. Comments from the University are welcome at a meeting on 21 January, 12.30 pm in Arts E419. Contact Penelope Chapple, Environmental Adviser on ext 8904, or e-mail: P.J.Chapple@sussex.ac.uk so the paperwork can be forwarded to you
- Creating a professional presentation - this Computing Service workshop aims to give you a grounding in the use of PowerPoint for producing presentations, lectures or demonstrations, 20 January from 2.15 to 4.30 pm. To book a place or for more details, contact Reception on ext 8090
- Sing with the University Chorus - no auditions, just come and enjoy being part of a large, friendly choir. This term we are singing Poulenc’s sumptuous and rarely performed ‘Gloria’ for a concert at Lewes Town Hall. Rehearsals every Wednesday from 7.15 to 9 pm, Biology Lecture Theatre. For more details contact Robert Adlington on ext 2171

Small Ads

TO LET: room in family house, very close to London Road station, £40/week including bills, self-catering, non-smoking. Contact Shirley on ext 8851 or 680522
TO LET: two-bedroom Hove flat, easy access to bus and train, partly furnished, £115/week, available February. Contact ext 4173 or 773161
FOR SALE: fridge-freezer, £60; satellite decoder, £15; gents’ mountain bike, £110; VW Golf 1.3 C-reg, 94,000 miles, £1,000. Contact Mr Tagluk, ext 2856 or 695061
FOR SALE: four-bedroom detached Whitfield house, two bathrooms (one en-suite), shower room, garage, gardens, large through-lounge, conservatory, £185,000. Contact 415630
FOR SALE: gents Meindl hiking boots, size 9 1/2. Ideal for hiking and mountain climbing, as new, unwanted present, not worn in. Worth £135, selling for £100 o.n.o. Contact ext 4353.
TO LET: furnished four-bedroom house in Kingston near Lewes, available mid-February. Contact ext 8536 or 692005 (day) 483993 (eves).
MATHS TUITION: undergraduate available for personal tutoring of GCSE mathematics, very reasonable rates. Contact 601671 or e-mail: mmuhh-6@central.sussex.ac.uk
FOR SALE: piano, very small upright (42" long), 1930s, mahogany, five-octave C-C, under damper, easily transportable, excellent condition, £350 o.n.o. Contact ext 8019 or 699096
SHIATSU: final year shiatsu student seeks people to use as case studies for professional qualification. Shiatsu (Japanese through-the-clothes massage/acupressure) is effective in treating illnesses from bad backs to RSI - and it is particularly good for stress-related problems. It’s wonderful to receive and does you good! Treatment will be free but a small charge will be made to cover costs. Contact Tania on ext 3853, e-mail: T.L.Rigby@sussex.ac.uk

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