The Pulse wins student media award

The Pulse has come out top in the 21st Guardian student media awards, taking the Shoestring Award (for excellence on a limited budget). Eight editors past and present attended the prize-giving ceremony in London, but it was general editors Bonnie Malkin and Jessica Eveleigh who pushed their way through the crowd to accept the award.

UK Student's Paula Shutkever was one of two judges for the Shoestring Award. She said: "The winner, Sussex's the Pulse, impressed the panel with the care and attention it paid to content and design. The budget was half that of its nearest rival for magazine of the year and yet it attained the same journalistic levels."

The magazine, which is published termly by the Students' Union, offers features, creative writing and fashion and looks behind the scenes of Brighton life. It has built a reputation for exciting design and high quality of writing. "I'm thrilled", said Bonnie Malkin. "Hopefully this will inspire more people to get involved in media at Sussex."

Not surprisingly, the Pulse was also among seven publications shortlisted for Student Magazine of the Year. (It won the award in 1996 and came runner-up in 1997.) Mark Frith, editor of Heat magazine and one of the judges, said of this year's entry: "Sussex University's Pulse, particularly, had an airy, cool confidence that only a magazine from Brighton could possess."

The icing on the celebration cake was the nomination of Owen Davis for Student Photographer of the Year. Owen, a Psychology student in BIOLS and a member of the Photographic Society, submitted a portfolio of three pictures from the prize-winning magazine. The Pulse has also been shortlisted in the same three categories for the NUS/Independent media awards, which will be announced at a ceremony on 13 November.

Martial artists win many medals

The Sussex Shaolin kung fu team has won eight medals at this year's Nam-Pai-Chuan National Interclub competition, an all-day event held in Hertfordshire.

Trained by two Sussex alumni - instructors Matthew Gross and Patrick Joseph - the university team won medals in all their events. A thoroughly convincing performance by Sussex graduate Esther Kissling in the lightweight sparring competition saw her high kick her way to a gold medal. In the normal-weight competition, fellow graduate Caitriona McLeish was narrowly beaten into silver after a controversial decision by the corner judges. Postgraduate Carlos Saba won a gold medal in the forms competition.

The main event of the day was the men's team sparring competition. Having battled their way convincingly through the preliminary rounds by winning every match, the five Sussex men made it to the final. However, they were plagued by injuries: the physical punishment suffered during the earlier rounds took its toll and Imperial College beat Sussex to the gold.

Carlos (pictured left with instructor Matthew Gross) said: "It was an exhilarating day for the whole Sussex team, who showed the right mix of discipline, dedication and desire. And it was the overwhelming team spirit that made Sussex the club to remember."

- If you are interested in the Shaolin style of kung fu, call Matthew Gross on 07880 736537. The club is open to all staff and students and to the general public.
Breakfast in Brighton

The DfEE-funded Collaborative Employee Learning (CEL) Project in CCE held an employer breakfast forum last week on Lifelong Learning. A panel of distinguished and influential speakers representing key organisations in the region led discussions on the implications and meaning of lifelong learning for local employers and their employees, with an invited audience of around 50 cross-sectoral representatives.

Professor Clive Booth of the newly formed South East England Development Agency (SEEDA) was joined on the panel by Chris Douel, Training Manager at Family Assurance; Dr Jenny Backwell, Director of Brighton Housing Trust; Brighton & Hove Councillor Jacky Harding, and John Packman, Head of Economic Development and Regeneration at Brighton & Hove Council. Project co-ordinator Dr Mary Stuart (CCE) chaired the forum, and the plenary discussion was facilitated by John Radford, from BBC Southern Counties Radio.

Delegates came from a range of organisations, including Sussex Enterprise, the Workers’ Educational Association (WEA) and the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders (NACRO).

The aim of the two-year project, which runs until March 2003, is to build partnerships between higher education and business for employee and organisational development. The project forms part of CCE’s efforts to widen participation in higher education and places it at the forefront of the shift towards vocational education.

There are plans to hold similar events in the near future. For more details about the CEL Project, contact Rosie Spooner or Adam Roberts on ext. 7289.

Robin is a songbird

Robin Coward, a second-year Music and Media student in CCS, has written the song of songs. He wrote both music and lyrics for ‘I Love You to Death’, one of 190 new works in Songs for the New Millennium, which has just been issued by Church House Publishing and Methodist Publishing House.

The published pieces were selected from 2,000 submissions by professionals and amateurs in a national competition. Robin describes his song, which he wrote in 1997, as ‘a conversation between me and God’.

A full band arrangement of ‘I Love You to Death’ is available on Thoughts I’m Feeling, a six-track CD by Robin’s indie-pop group, Race. The EP was issued in 1998 and has been well reviewed in the Christian press.

You can find out more about Race on www.cnet.clara.net/race. To order Songs for the new Millennium, see www.chpublishing.co.uk. The words edition is £4.50 and the music edition costs £17.50.

Issues in Environmental Science

Lecture

Genetically modified crops to reduce world hunger: hard fact, emotional blackmail or Monsanto propaganda?

Professor Michael Lipton

At 6.30pm on Tuesday 16 November in the Chichester Lecture Theatre.

Sussex Development Lecture

Genetically modified crops and poverty in developing countries: hope, threat or irrelevance?

Professor Michael Lipton

At 5.00pm on Thursday 18 November in Arts A1.

New research centre opens

Professor Alasdair Smith, Vice-Chancellor, attended yesterday’s launch of the Centre for Research in Health and Medicine (CRHaM).

The Centre is co-directed by Professors Charles and John Abraham and Dr Peter Harris, from S0C. It consists of a group of researchers from varied academic disciplines within the University who are interested in health-related behaviour, medicines policy and health-related issues generally. Its members currently have ongoing projects in areas such as perception of health risk, use of the Internet, compliance, sexual health, nicotine dependency, dementia, and the regulation of medicines.

For more information about CRHaM, contact either Charles Abraham (SCS.Abraham@sussex.ac.uk) or Peter Harris (haf5@central.sussex.ac.uk).

VC’s Voice

The start of term saw the launch of our new Student Services Division, under the direction of Charles Dudley. This is an important new development, whose objective is to improve the quality of the various services which the University provides to students and which has followed extensive consultations with the Students’ Union and others. The new Division has responsibility for a broad range of services including catering, childcare, emergency procedures, residential services, sport, student financial support, support loans and student welfare.

There will be some accompanying changes in committee structures. One welcome effect of these changes is that for the first time the children’s facilities board of governors will have a place in the University’s committee structure, giving crèche and nursery parents a proper voice in the development of the University’s welfare services.

Recognising that students are under ever-increasing financial pressure, we have established a new post of Head of Student Support, to which Sue Yates has been appointed. A very important part of her role will be to be an independent source of advice and help to students in dealing with University services as well as outside agencies.

The University remains committed to providing School-based advice and support for students, through personal tutors and sub-Deans, and we will be working to ensure that this support network remains effective in the face of increasing pressures on finance and on everyone’s time.

Tony McCaffery, the Senior Pro-Vice-Chancellor, is taking the lead in reviving the tradition of student buffet suppers, events at which groups of students have the opportunity to engage in informal discussions with senior officials of the University.

The aim of all of these changes is to improve the University’s responsiveness to student needs. I am sorry that, in apparent contrast, many students’ direct contact with the university administration during the last four weeks has been through locked doors and security guards. None of us like to see a university operating in this way. But I would have been even more sorry if we had had a repetition of last year’s occupation of Sussex House. Normal service has now been resumed.
Student discipline

Members and employees of the University are reminded that all students are obliged to abide by the general provisions of the Ordinance on Student Discipline which says that: "Students shall maintain a standard of conduct which is not harmful to the work, good order or good name of the University."

Under the Ordinance, all University members and employees should report any breach of University discipline to the Registrar & Secretary. The Discipline Committee refers alleged breaches of discipline to the appropriate Dean for action (if minor) or to the Disciplinary Panel if considered to be a major breach.

Trafford Centre for Medical Research Public Lecture
South Downs Health NHS Trust
Sixth Annual Discourse
Communication in health care: time to start making sense
Professor John Weinman

At 7.00pm on Thursday 11 November in the Terrace Room, Bramber House.
PEOPLE

Maggie Boden, Professor of Philosophy and Psychology in COGS, has been elected as one of the first Fellows of the European Coordinating Committee for Artificial Intelligence. She was nominated for her pioneering work in the field of artificial intelligence and outstanding service to the European AI community.

Dr Paul Taggart, Lecturer in Politics in SOC and SEL, has been awarded the Bernard Crick Prize for Excellence in Teaching. The prize was given for his innovation in undergraduate teaching and for his role in teaching MA and research students in SEL.

Peter Townsend, Professor of Experimental Physics in ENGG, came 15th in the foil of the Veterans World Fencing Championships in Hungary earlier this year.

Dr John Gribbin, Visiting Fellow in Astronomy, was recently elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature. This is unusual for a science writer.

After 28 years working for the Metropolitan Police at New Scotland Yard, Teresa Davis has joined the Meeting House as its new secretary. For room bookings or to contact one of the Chaplains, call Teresa on ext. 8217.

SQUIDs could revolutionise electronics

A demonstration study to develop superconducting quantum computing devices is one of just eight pioneer projects to win funding from a new endowment of £200 million in lottery money. The one-year study will be led by Terry Clark, Professor of Physical Electronics in Engineering.

This summer Culture Secretary Mr Chris Smith MP announced details of a new "national fund for talent", which will help inventors to turn bright ideas into businesses and will increase public understanding of science, technology and the arts. The National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts (NESTA) will use its estimated annual income of at least £10 million to support talented individuals, promote invention and innovation, and educate and inform.

The first eight NESTA-supported schemes include just one heavyweight scientific programme: a bid from the team at Sussex to investigate quantum phenomena in SQUID (Superconducting Quantum Interference Device) rings.

The group have just heard that their grant from NESTA will be £90,000. Terry outlined the thinking behind the project: "The motivation for this research is to try to set up one framework for what are now termed 'quantum technologies'. Roughly speaking, this means extending the domain and the rules of quantum mechanics well beyond the atomic and molecular level."

The project could revolutionise electronics, explained Terry. "If successful, this will allow us to create 'quantum machines' operating according to quantum mechanics rather than Newton's mechanics. This could lead to dramatic revolutions in technology in the next century at least on a par with those we have experienced in this century. One very exciting possibility is the development of 'quantum computing', which may result in computing speeds millions of times faster than those on the most powerful machines available today."

Vice-Chancellor Professor Alasdair Smith said, "This is excellent news for two reasons: it associates the University from the start with an innovative funding stream; and it recognises Terry Clark's contribution to a very exciting area of modern applied physics."

Cinemagoers take note(s)

Movie buffs swapped the classroom for the big screen last week as they began a film-studies course at the Duke of York's picture house in Brighton.

"We have had informal discussion groups before", says Education Officer Tim Brown. "But this is the first time that we have worked with CCE and have been able to offer university credits." The course is also unusual in focusing on contemporary European films (although it will also feature a couple of classics, Pepe le Moku and Le Mepris).

Every Wednesday evening for eight weeks, the students follow a film screening with a discussion in the convivial surroundings of the cinema's upstairs bar. The screenings, starting at 6.30 or 7.00 pm, are also open to the general public.

As only 15 students can be crammed into the small bar, the course was quickly oversubscribed. "It offers people a chance to get back into study mode", says Tim Brown. "And the atmosphere is more concentrated in a cinema than in a classroom."

Staff at the Duke of York's plan to run a similar course in the new year and are also considering a course involving a screening one week, followed by discussion the next. Tim Brown is responsible for building links with key partners around Brighton. He says, "I am keen to work with other parts of the University. I hope that this course will open the floodgates."

Although the course is new to the Duke of York's, CCE has previously offered something similar at the Gardner Arts Centre on campus. CCE lecturer Nanette Aldred is hoping to organise more courses at other cinemas in the region, leading eventually to a part-time Certificate in Film Studies.

• The Duke of York's box office is open daily from 1.30pm-8.30pm. Tel. 602503.
Societies

This term we are starting a new series on Students’ Union societies that are open to all members of the University.

The Diving Club

Sean Burton tells us about the deeply satisfying and therapeutic pleasures of going underwater with the Diving Club.

“Diving is a wonderful experience – once you start doing it, it can get addictive. It is more expensive to join the Diving Club than it is to join other clubs at the University, but the rewards really are great, and it’s definitely worth the money.

After a year in the Diving Club you can dive in the open water, with a certificate that’s recognised all over the world. Once a week throughout the autumn term, we have an hour-long lecture about diving safety and techniques. Afterwards we go to the pool at Roedean. People usually get to the level where they can dive down to 20 metres in about two terms, which will involve about 70 hours of theory and 70 hours of practical stuff. Then the first time we dive outside the pool is between Christmas and Easter, when we go to a lake in a quarry in Leicestershire and dive. There’s a helicopter and an aircraft sunk down there, which makes it quite interesting. Then in late March we do a trip to Cornwall when people go diving properly for the first time.

We try to make the whole process as cheap as possible, but we never compromise on safety. That’s one reason we go through BISAC rather than PADI (they’re rival diving organisations) – it prepares people better and gives them more time to get used to the equipment in the pool before they go into the open water.

The Diving Club is a proper club in more ways than one. We really pitch in and do things ourselves – we have our own boat, and that has to be kept in good condition. We also need to maintain the equipment. But because we all pitch in, it’s very friendly, and there’s a lot of socialising outside of diving. I’ve made very good friendships through diving. It’s worth every penny I’ve spent on it.”

Factfile

Name: The Diving Club.
Age: The club was established “about 20 years ago”, says Sean.
Membership: 70-90 people. The club trains up between 20 and 40 people every year. About 30% of those are non-students, and the club particularly welcomes people who will be around for more than three years. There are slightly more women than men.
Time and place: Thursday evenings at 6.00pm, in Arts D (and various other places: check for details).
Cost: Joining fee – £65 for students, approximately £85 for staff. Training materials – £22. Cost per dive – about £3-£5 (other clubs: £15). Sean points out that the joining fee is about half that of other clubs and much cheaper than commercial centres, and that the cost of the dives themselves can be a quarter of the price other clubs might charge. All the instruction comes from members of the club, like Sean, who do it for free.
Special equipment: Until the spring term, equipment is provided by the club, but after that you are expected to buy it yourself. The cost depends on how old the equipment is – goggles: £20-40, flippers: £20-40, dry suit: £100-400. Other equipment is provided by the club.
How to join: Anyone is welcome, but you must be able to swim. People with asthma aren’t permitted to dive. To get your BISAC qualification you need to join at the beginning of the academic year, but if you are already qualified you can join at any time. Most of the diving itself happens in summer and late spring. If you want to try-dive contact the Diving Officer, Noelee, by email n.e.keane@sussex.ac.uk and the Diving Club will organise a session later this term. Approx. cost will be £10, all equipment provided.
Contact: Noelleene Keane, email n.e.keane@sussex.ac.uk.

From Taipei to Minsk

Gender and women’s studies at the end of the Millennium

Experience amassed during Barbara Einhorn’s travels and conference participation during 1999 suggests that gender and women’s studies are thriving globally.

In May Barbara, Lecturer in Women’s Studies and Convener of the Research Centre in Women’s Studies, gave a paper at a conference at Stanford University. The conference, entitled “Equality, Democracy and the Welfare State: Europe and the US”, brought together a select group of feminist historians, leading theorists of gender and citizenship, and experts on social policy.

From there Barbara flew to Taipei in Taiwan, where the British Council had sponsored a Women’s Studies mission involving senior faculty from eight UK universities. The objective was to make British graduate studies programmes better known in Taiwan, which has until recently sent most of its graduates to US universities. The British Council has subsequently added gender to the list of priority areas it is willing to sponsor under its UK-Taiwan Academic Links scheme.

Barbara said: “Recent Taiwan government interest in issues of gender equity means that in future civil servants will be sent to the UK for six-month study periods. It was very clear that Sussex is both well known and held to be a leading centre for both women’s studies and queer theory. It might be fruitful for Sussex to consider developing short-term courses or other appropriate modes of study.”

Barbara’s role as a discussant at a World Bank conference in June on “Making Gender Work in Countries in Transition” brought home to her the need and relevance for women’s and gender studies in such countries. International agencies such as the World Bank have taken this on board, says Barbara, in recent endeavours to incorporate gender concerns more centrally into their research and assistance programmes in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

In late September Barbara attended a conference in Minsk, Belarus on “Writing Women’s History/The History of Gender in Countries in Transition”. The conference marked the establishment of women’s and gender history in East and Central Europe and brought together scholars from the region. The Humboldt University in Berlin will host a large international conference on “Gender in Transition in East and Central Europe” in December, at which Barbara will be a plenary speaker.

According to Barbara, “A certain level of gloom about reports of falling interest in the UK, voiced at the Women’s Studies Network conference held at Warwick in July, is outweighed by my sense of a lively and growing interest elsewhere, especially in the Far East and in East and Central Europe. Sussex would do well to respond to these potential markets.”
Statistical help for refugees

Ethnic Albanians fleeing Kosovo, the persecution of Kurds in Turkey ... civil unrest in these and other countries has displaced millions of people. (The Refugee Council estimates that there are 15 million refugees in the world today.) International agencies are quick to respond in raising funds - but what the agencies actually do with these funds and how best they target these resources is a matter of public concern. They rely heavily on statistics on which to base their policies. But, as with other areas of methodology, the objectivity of such statistic-gathering is hotly debated.

This is the issue that Richard Black, senior lecturer in Human Geography in AFRAS, will be raising as a member of the newly formed Roundtable on the Demography of Forced Migration. The group has been set up by the National Academy of Science in the USA - which provides advice to Congress and to public policy makers in general. The Roundtable will bring together a group of academic researchers and representatives from government, international organisations and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) who will help to shape the research agenda and foster communication among those who work in this field. The group will aim to provide an interdisciplinary arena for examining what is known about demographic patterns in refugee situations and exploring ways to apply this knowledge to policy and action.

In the initial stages of the group’s existence, Richard sees his role as generating some debate about what kind of statistics are needed and what the political context is in which those statistics are gathered. Richard says, "Often international agencies working with refugees find it extremely difficult to gather accurate statistics about the number of refugees there are or their characteristics in a particular situation, and it is not just the number of refugees but also data on health status, gender and age that can be very important in planning assistance to refugees. There are a whole range of techniques within demography, but also within cognate disciplines, that can assist those agencies in producing better statistics and therefore improving their assistance to refugees."

Richard argues, on the basis of work he has carried out in Tanzania, Zambia, Guinea and the Balkans, that too often the collection of demographic data can be done in such a way that it is resisted – sometimes violently – by the populations that are being counted. Understanding this resistance, Richard believes, is very important. The refugees’ perception, when data is being collected, is seldom that agencies are conducting census exercises in order to target their public policies better and therefore to improve assistance for refugees. In fact, they see the exercises as a mechanism to withdraw public and international support and reduce assistance.

In his work, Richard has examined some of the bases on which statistics are collected and some of the categories that the statistics gatherers are trying to identify. Richard cites, as an example, international agencies who are often very keen to target their assistance to vulnerable groups, but whose notion of vulnerability may be ‘guided by an almost Victorian idea of the ‘deserving’ and the ‘undeserving’ poor’ and, he would argue, bears very little relation to what the native populations see as vulnerability. According to Richard, "One can question the premise that improved statistics is about improving public policy. From the refugee viewpoint, often improved statistics is about improved control of refugees and not improved systems."

Richard will be arguing in the Roundtable that the way to gather the most accurate statistics, on which policy should be based, is to ask the refugees themselves to gather them. Using this method, policy makers can use statistics to target resources in the most effective way for the refugees themselves.

Improved provision for special needs

The University has been awarded over £50,000 from the HEFCE in order to improve our provision for students with disabilities and special needs. The money will be used to support two posts: a Disability Co-ordinator and a Learning Support Tutor and will enable the University to undertake a full disability audit and develop full policies and procedures. It is also intended to underpin a programme of staff development to raise awareness about disability issues and provide practical support for all categories of staff who work with students with disabilities.

The bid for funding was submitted in the late summer as part of our overall student-support strategy aimed at enhancing the quality of the university experience for all Sussex students. Central to this strategy is the new Student Services Division, which came formally into existence on 1 August this year. One of the main aims of the new Division is the promotion of close co-ordination and development of services for the whole student community, including improving any shortfalls in the service and support to students with disabilities.

According to Charles Dudley, the Director of Student Services, "This money is most welcome and helps the University confirm its commitment to widening participation and provision for students with special needs."

New disability access to EDB

Access to EDB is now possible for wheelchair users following the conversion of the loading bay area. Project manager, Martin Lamont, worked very hard to secure European funding as well as money from Buildings and Services for the conversion. The refurbishment involved a wheelchair ramp with carpet and handrail, cycle racks, an easy-opening door that closes itself and general improvements to the entrance including new glass windows and a lowered ceiling. This gives greater access to the ground-floor lecture theatre as well as other parts of the building. The gents toilet has also been converted into a unisex toilet for wheelchair users.
Lectures, Seminars, Colloquia

During the Autumn term the Bulletin will be produced fortnightly. We will therefore include two weeks' lectures on the back page. Please make sure that you get information to us in time for the copy deadline. Lectures, seminars and colloquia that miss the deadline will be put on the web at www.susx.ac.uk/information_office/bulletin/ which will be updated every Friday.

As the Bulletin is being produced fortnightly there is less space on the back page for small ads. All adverts sent in will now be displayed on the web version. Please try to keep adverts to 20 words or less.

Monday 8 November

1.30pm SPRU Environment Lunchtime Seminar: Duncan McLaren (Friends of the Earth), Sustainability, trade and the next economic revolution. 2A3 Mantell.

1.00pm Experimental Psychology Seminar: Jenny Rusted, The complex neurochemistry of memory: improvement and impairment induced by the same drug. Biology Lecture Room (EP 3.9).

4.00pm Sociology and Social Psychology Seminar: Simon Miller (Gibson Institute, Queen's University of Belfast), Nation and Englishness: Cohesion & countryside in the midst of the Fascist threat. D310.

4.15pm Organic Chemistry Seminar: Roger Taylor, Solved at last! The oldest problem in fullerenes chemistry. Arundel 401.

4.30pm Neuroscience Seminar: Amy Johnston (Open University), Behavioural and molecular correlates of memory consolidation in the chick. Biology Lecture Room.

5.00pm Women's Studies RIP Seminar: Nadje Al-Ali, The women's movement in contemporary Egypt: Divisions and debates within. A71.

Tuesday 9 November
12.30pm Centre for Life History Seminar: Clare Hemmings (LSE), Biographies of desire: Lesbian (anti-)heroes and androgynous aesthetics. Library Seminar Room.

2.15pm SEI Research in Progress Seminar: Ken Warwick and Daniel Trinder (UK Department of Trade and Industry), Economic growth and the knowledge economy. A71.

4.15pm Social Anthropology Seminar: Mukulika Banerjee (UCL), Popular perceptions of democracy and governance: voices from West Bengal. C233.

4.15pm Biochemistry and Genetics and Development Seminar: Paul Martin (UCL), Wound healing: lessons from the embryo. BLT.

5.00pm Media Studies Graduate Seminar: Celia Lury (Goldsmiths), Toy Story, Wallace & Gromit, and the new visibility of animation. EDB 125.

5.15pm German Research Colloquium: Dorothea McEwan (London), The holdings of the Warburg Institute as a mirror of refugee experiences in the 1930s. A155.

Wednesday 10 November
1.00pm IDS Seminar: Peter Houtzager, 'Institutional hosts': Making collective action of the poor possible. Room 221.


5.00pm English Graduate Colloquium: Drew Milne (Cambridge), Who's afraid of modernist theatre. D640.

Thursday 11 November

1.20pm SEI and SLS (Joint Seminar): Gabrielle Marceau (World Trade Organisation legal service), The dispute settlement mechanism of the WTO. A71.

4.00pm CPES Colloquium: Linda Cooper (British Museum), Mummies, murder and materials: Science at the British Museum. Chichester Lecture Theatre.

4.00pm Experimental Psychology Colloquia: Mike Page, Conceptionist modelling: a localist manifesto. BLR.

5.00pm History Work in Progress: Joan Tumblayte (Southampton), Fascist cultural politics in France, 1940-44. A155.


5.00pm Centre for Statistics and Stochastic Modelling Seminar: Carole Proctor, Modelling anti-predator vigilance when there is a conflict between centre and edge birds. PEV2A2.

Friday 12 November
2.15pm SPRU Seminar: An ad-lib provocation conducted by Eric Millstone, GM foods: Reconfiguring corporate strategies and public policy. EDB 121.

4.00pm Chemical Physics and Materials Seminar: M. Terrones, The morphology of graphite. CH13 3R241.

Friday 12 and Saturday 13 November

Monday 15 November

1.00pm Experimental Psychology Seminar: Claudia Metzler, title TBA, Biology Lecture Room (EP 3.9).


4.30pm Neuroscience Seminar: Iain Robinson (Cambridge) Calcium and synaptotagmin in vesicle fusion. Biology Lecture Room.

5.00pm Sociology and Social Psychology Seminar: Frank Furedi (Kent), Risk consciousness and risky relationships. D310.

5.00pm Women's Studies RIP Seminar: Kelly Coate (London), The History of women's studies in UK higher education: A case study approach. A71.

Tuesday 16 November
2.15pm SEI Research in Progress Seminar: Alan Mayhew, The evolution of negotiating positions between Central and East European countries and the European Union. A71.


4.15pm Biochemistry and Genetics and Development Seminar: David Owen (Cambridge), The molecular mechanism of protein recruitment to clathrin coated pits. BLT.

5.00pm Media Studies Graduate Seminar: Paul Smith, Terminator technologies. EDB 125.

5.15pm German Research Colloquium: Artistic responses to the Holocaust: A panel discussion the artist Ralph Freeman. Gardner Arts Centre.

Wednesday 17 November
1.00pm IDS Seminar: Robin Luckham, Democracy and conflict: Solution or problem? Room 221.

2.00pm Music Graduate Research Seminar: David Osmond-Smith, Doing what you're told: The performer and the new music. Recital room, Palmer House.

2.00pm Queery Seminar: Del la Grace Volcano (photographer and activist), Looking beyond the binary. A71.

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Please contact the Information Office in Sussex House on (67)8888 or email Bulletin@sussex.ac.uk.
**Student Jobs Day**

Looking for part-time or temporary work? Visit the Student Employment Office Jobs Day on Monday 22 November. Top floor of Bramber House (Refectory), 10.00am–4.00pm. **Employers are coming to recruit you** with administrative/clerical, retail, catering and light-industrial jobs. The Employment Service, Career Development Unit, Student Advice Centre and Student Voluntary work will also be represented there. No appointments necessary and interviews are guaranteed on the day.

**Small ads**

FOR SALE: Ideal Xmas pressies. Brand-new fender G4 acoustic guitar inc. case, strap, chord book and practice CD. Was £149, sell for £100 ono. Also JVC micro hi-fi CD, cassette, FM/AM radio, remote control. £100 ono, still in warranty for 10 months! Contact Gavin ext. 7393 or email G.P.Ashdown@susx.ac.uk.

WANTED: Tuition for a 2nd-year A Level 20th-century-history student. Please phone 305000.

WANTED: New member of faculty seeks home to rent for at least six months from 1 January 2000. Should be suitable for two small children and parents relocating from USA, and within easy reach of the University. Contact Paul Betts at pbetts@newmail.uncc.edu or Prof. Pat Thane at P.M.Thane@sussex.ac.uk, ext. 8844 or (weekends) 0171 495 8951.

WANTED: Manual for Photoshop 5 for PC. Please email A.J.Willmer@susx.ac.uk.

WANTED: Home to rent by visiting faculty from Colorado, beginning 1 Jan 2000, for 6–7 months. Suitable for 10-month child and her parents. Contact Prof. Erik Van Vleck, evanvleck@mines.edu; or Dr Tony Humphries on ext. 8718 or a.r.humphries@susx.ac.uk

NEEDED: Good ideas for a short film based on student life. Please contact me on "moe247@hotmail.com" with your suggestions.

WANTED: Incoming professor with small family seeks house or flat to rent (also sabbatical rental). Preferably within car-commutable distance to the university. Rental should be for a period of 5–12 months (or longer) starting around December/January 2000, but later start-date (up to April 2000) also possible. Contact rmurphy@wanadoo.fr or S. Freeman on 877385.

CHILDMINDER: Needed to cover school holiday periods for nine-year-old boy in central Brighton. Five mornings a week. Maximum nine weeks throughout year (four weeks in summer, one week at Easter, one week at Christmas, and three half-terms). Please phone Sinnet on 736507 afternoons and evenings (at IDS mornings only on ext. 8283).

**Sportscentre**

**Back care course** on 30 November from 6.30–9.00pm at the Sportcentre. Students £15.00, staff £17.50, public £20.00. Places must be paid for when booking. For further information or to book, please contact Sportcentre Reception on 678228.

The following treatments are available at the Lifestyles Studio situated in the Sportcentre:

**Reflexology** on Mondays from 12 noon to 5.00pm. Treatments for 45 minutes. Students £10.50, staff £13.50, public £16.00.

**Reiki and R.E.S.E.T.** on Fridays from 12 noon to 5.00pm. Treatments for 45 minutes. Students £15.00, staff £18.00, public £20.00.

**Acupuncture** on Wednesdays from 9.30am to 5.30pm. Treatments for 45 minutes. Students £14.00, staff £18.00, public £22.00.

**Holistic massage or Indian head massage** on Thursdays from 10.00am to 5.00pm. Treatments for 30 minutes. Students £8.00, staff £10.00, public £11.50.

**Beauty therapy** on Tuesdays from 9.00am to 2.00pm. A leaflet detailing treatments and prices is available.

**Homoeopathy** on Mondays and Fridays from 9.00am to 12 noon. Treatments for 45 minutes. Students £15.00, staff £20.00, public £25.00.

**Sports Injury Clinic** on a Monday and Tuesday evening and Saturday morning. Initial consultation 30 minutes, follow-up treatment 20 minutes. Prices on request by phoning 678228. 24 hours’ notice of cancellation must be given or a fee will be charged.

**International Wives’ Group**

The International Wives’ Group is a social group open to all partners of International students. They meet every Monday morning between 10.00am and 12 noon during term time in York House TV room. The aim is to assist people to make friends by using and improving English with conversation. Occasionally they arrange visits to places of interest or invite a speaker to talk to the group on a topic of general interest. For further information please contact Gill Hall at York House reception on (67)8323 or ext. 3994.

**Study Abroad Fair for USA and Canada**

There are a limited number of places available for half-year and full-year voluntary study abroad in USA and Canada for the academic year 2000/01. To find out more, please come to the Study Abroad Fair on Wednesday 17 November in Chichester Stage 1 Common Room from 4.00–6.00pm.

Please note that students cannot spend their last term abroad.
NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE
Lay membership of Court and Council

The Nominations Committee of the University Council is responsible for making recommendations on the appointment of Council-coopted members of the Council and Council-appointed members of the Court and for making nominations to the Court for the election of Court-appointed members of the Council and for the appointment of coopted members of the Court. All these are lay (i.e. external to the University) members.

The Court, which consists of some 200 ex-officio and representative members, links the University to the community at large. It meets once a year to receive the audited accounts of the University and the Vice-Chancellor's Annual Report for the previous session. It may discuss any matter relating to the University and convey its opinions to the Council. The Court is responsible for electing the University's Chancellor.

The Council is the governing body of the University, responsible for the management and administration of the University's finances and property and for ensuring proper accountability. It normally meets once a term, to consider reports from its sub-committees (including the Planning & Resources Committee) and from the Vice-Chancellor. It has a membership of just over 40, about two-thirds of whom are lay members.

The Nominations Committee wishes to build up a list of potential lay members of Court and Council on which it can draw as vacancies arise and to that end invites suggestions from members of the academic and non-academic staff of the University and from students.

Suitable candidates are likely to have achieved eminence in their chosen field, which might include the professions, industry, commerce or the arts (although this list is purely illustrative and in no way exhaustive). They should have an interest in higher education and they must have the time and inclination to play a full part in the activities of whichever body they might join; in the case of the Council, members are likely to be asked to join sub-committees as well as the Council itself.

Names should be submitted to the Senior Assistant Secretary, Dr J C Gaunt, in Sussex House, for transmission to the Nominations Committee. All submissions should include a *curriculum vitae* of the suggested person(s).

The number of vacancies arising each year is small. To avoid raising unrealistic expectations, it would, therefore, be prudent not to inform individuals whose names are being suggested. The Nominations Committee would, of course, sound out in advance anyone whose name it wished to recommend to the Council or the Court.

All suggestions will be considered by the Nominations Committee on their merits. The Committee will not necessarily attach more weight to suggestions supported by large numbers of signatures than to those submitted by one person.

The discussion of individual names by the Nominations Committee is, for obvious reasons, confidential. All suggestions will be acknowledged, but the Committee cannot enter into correspondence about, or give reasons for, its decisions on whether or not to recommend individuals for appointment.