Doc Hollywood is cult viewing

Who says the life of a scientist isn’t glamorous? Dr Jonathan Hare, research fellow in CPES, is a case in point. He is currently on our TV screens demonstrating the plausibility of cinema stunts in a series called ‘Hollywood Science’.

And in July he is being whisked off to the Caribbean for a second round of ‘Rough Science’, an Open University/BBC2 collaboration in which a bunch of physicists, chemists and botanists are taken to a remote island and given tasks to test their survival skills.

“Of course, I hate the idea of spending three weeks in the sun,” jokes Jonathan. “Every time I think about it, it brings me out in a rash. I’ll just have to grin and bear it.”

‘Hollywood Science’ (also a OU/BBC2 collaboration), wasn’t actually as glamorous as it sounds. The six-part series largely involved Jonathan recreating movie stunts on a small scale in a back garden with actor Robert Llewellyn.

Using a toy bus and a catapult, they demonstrated that Sandra Bullock and Keanu Reeves would never have survived the bus jump in the action movie Speed. And with the aid of an Action Man, they also proved that Bruce Willis would have died in Die Hard if he really had tied a fire hose round his waist and then jumped 50 ft.

Other film scenes subjected to scientific scrutiny included Pierce Brosnan rowing across an acid lake in Dante’s Peak, Paul Newman consuming 50 boiled eggs in Cool Hand Luke and Jackie Chan bending his prison cell bars with a urine-soaked shirt in Shanghai Noon.

The series, which is transmitted after midnight on Fridays, is currently getting audiences of around 200,000. “Apparently, it’s popular with the after-pub crowds,” says Jonathan, who also appeared live on Channel Four’s ‘The Big Breakfast’ demonstrating some of the stunts. “The producers think it’ll become cult viewing.”

Jonathan’s next assignment, ‘Rough Science II’, follows on from the first series made in 1999 when he was sent with four other scientists to the Mediterranean island of Capraia. With rudimentary equipment, he made a radio out of an old saucepan, a seawater battery with pencils and a record player powered by pulleys.

The new destination is a ‘mystery island’ off South America. “I don’t yet know what sort of challenges we’ll be set,” he adds, “although I’d like to make a few suggestions – perhaps we could make a solar furnace with foil or mirrors to harness the sun’s energy and create power.”

Meanwhile, Jonathan is working on a project with the Vega Science Trust to see how the Internet could be used for setting up online science mentoring for schools. He is also holding various workshops for schoolchildren through his Creative Science Centre.

Above: Dr Jonathan Hare and co-presenter Robert Llewellyn with a mini acid lake.
Below: Testing Paul Newman’s gut capacity for boiled eggs.

Refurbished language centre opens

David Lepper had just a few days still to go as MP for Brighton Pavilion when he opened the refurbished Language Learning Centre earlier this month.

More than £250,000 has been spent on the centre during the past few months to refurbish the rooms and equip them with 21 new computerised digital work stations, each with internet and satellite TV access, CD-ROM, DVD, video playback facilities and CALL (computer assisted language learning) programs.

“This is fantastic compared with the equipment we had before,” says director Sue Sheerin. “It offers students and tutors so many more possibilities to be creative with learning. It is also fitting that this refurbishment has taken place during European Year of Languages 2001.”

During his visit Mr Lepper, who took a Certificate in Education at Sussex in 1968 and gained a Diploma in Media Education here in 1991, was also shown how students take classes in the new digital language lab, where the tutor can monitor and communicate with 16 individual students through computers.

The Language Learning Centre, which is open to members of the public as well as staff and students at the University, has learning materials for more than 50 languages. Satellite TV channels are available in English, French, German, Spanish and Russian. The centre also produces worksheets and study guides for independent learning.
Bookmark

New books by Sussex authors

Jane K. Cowan (ed.) (Senior Lecturer in Social Anthropology, CCS)
Macedonia: The politics of identity and difference
Pluto Press, £13.99 (paper), £40.00 (hardback)
The publisher says: “This series of writings explores the contemporary repercussions of the question and the global extent of the Balkan problem.”

Andrea Hammel (Research Administrator, Centre for German-Jewish Studies), Edward Timms (Director, Centre for German-Jewish Studies) and Silke Hasler
Writing After Hitler: The work of Jakov Lind
University of Wales Press, £30.00 (hardback)
The publisher says: “This volume is the first comprehensive study of this creative and controversial writer.”

Justin Rosenberg (Senior Lecturer in International Relations and Politics, AFRAS)
The Follies of Globalisation Theory

Michael Fielding (ed.) (Director, Graduate Research Centre in Education)
Taking Education Really Seriously: Four years hard Labour
Routledge Falmer, £19.99 (paper)
The publisher says: “Michael Fielding looks at what the Labour Government has achieved since its inception in 1997 with its policy of ‘education, education, education’.”

Partha Mitter (Professor of History of Art, EAM)
Indian Art
Oxford University Press, £11.99 (paper)
The publisher says: “This survey guides the reader through 5,000 years of Indian art and architecture.”

Christine Moulder (Visiting Research Fellow, CCS)
Miscarriage: Women’s experiences and needs (revised ed.)
Routledge, £40.00 (hardback), £9.99 (paper)

Clive Webb (Lecturer in North American History, EAM)
Fight Against Fear: Southern Jews and black civil rights
University of Georgia Press, £31.95 (hardback)

Godfrey Young (Lecturer in Human Geography, SGC) and R. Ash
Foreign Investment and Socio-economic Development in China
Palgrave, £17.50 (hardback)

All titles are available from the University Bookshop. If you are a Sussex author and have a book coming out in June, let us know on ext. 8888 or by email at Bulletin@sussex.ac.uk.

Preserving the biodiversity of Papua New Guinea

BIOLS lecturer Alan Stewart will lead a three-year project to help conserve the rich biodiversity of Papua New Guinea.

“Papua New Guinea is one of the few remaining relatively pristine environments,” says Alan. “This project will train local people in the skills they need to help preserve it.”

As elsewhere in the world, the rain forest in Papua New Guinea is under mounting pressure from commercial demand for tropical timber, and there is also a threat of pollution from mining for gold, silver and copper.

Biodiversity, defined as the existence of a wide variety of plant and animal species in their natural environment, is consequently under real threat, and the aim of this project is to help Papua New Guinea to avoid the kind of serious environmental problems – such as the major slash-and-burn forest fires in Indonesia – that other countries have suffered as they develop economically.

The project has received £163,000 in funding from the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions (DETR) as part of the Darwin Initiative for the Survival of Species.

The project will run from June this year until May 2004 and will train locals in the skills necessary to undertake biodiversity surveys.

Twice a year, Alan will visit Papua New Guinea to provide several weeks of intensive training and fieldwork. In addition, two trainees will visit Sussex each summer for further training.

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During the course of the project, six major surveys will be undertaken in different provinces of Papua New Guinea. The training will cover everything from collection of samples and data analysis to publication and presentation of results at conferences.

At the end of the project, the team will be self-sustaining and able to take on contract work. Alan will be collaborating with Vojtech Novotny from the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic and Mike Wilson from the National Museums and Galleries of Wales in Cardiff.

Research funding opportunities

More details of these and other research opportunities are available from Debbie in the Research Services Division (RSD), or email D.Foyer-Everett@sussex.ac.uk. For an extensive listing of funding opportunities, see REFUND on the RSD website, www.sussex.ac.uk/units/research.

EPSRC Networks
Applications are invited for interdisciplinary research networks in analytical science. The aim is to encourage collaboration between academia and industry. Up to £50,000 is available to cover the operating and support costs of these networks. Deadline: 31 July

DAIWA-Japanese Foundation
Applications are invited from all fields of Japan-related research to promote links between the two countries at all levels and to enable British and Japanese academics to further their studies by visiting each other’s countries. Deadline: 31 July

EU-INTAS
Encourages collaboration with independent states of the former Soviet Union. An open call and two new thematic calls have been made. Applications for joint research projects are invited in: polluted environments; and nanoscale materials and structures. Deadline: 26 September

British Academy Joint Activities
To support international joint activities, involving British scholars in collaboration with foreign partners in one or two countries. Grants of up to £2,500 p.a. are available to support travel costs for individual visits, or for workshops/symposia. Deadline: 30 September

EPSRC MathFIT
This initiative aims to develop new interactions between mathematics and computer science in areas such as statistics and operations research, information technology and artificial intelligence. Funds can be requested for research grants, networks and/or visiting fellowships. Deadline: 19 October
From time to time rumours circulate about the possibility of university mergers. Such speculation has been given a recent impetus by the discussions between three London universities about a possible merger. But as far as Sussex is concerned, any rumours are pure speculation.

In fact, there have been remarkably few inter-university mergers in the last two decades. The London discussions are between three institutions all of which are having difficulty filling their student places; and they are still only discussions. A proposed merger between two more robustly placed universities, Birmingham and Aston, has just been called off.

Institutional restructuring, whether that means changes of structure within an institution or changes in the number and size of institutions, should never be seen as an end in itself. The right approach is to look at our real objectives and ask whether restructuring would make such a contribution to the meeting of these objectives as to justify the upheaval and disruption that result from a bringing together of separate organisations with different structures, histories and cultures.

Our primary objectives at Sussex are to strengthen our student-recruitment record, build on our already strong research record, translate that into a stronger performance in research funding, and broaden the financial base of the University. There is an important secondary objective, particularly relevant here perhaps, of reducing administrative costs and increasing the resources available to teaching and research.

Mergers are likely to have negative effects on these central objectives, by diluting our distinctive research reputation and confusing our message to the student market-place. Improving our funding and our student recruitment requires sustained hard work, in partnership between academic and other staff, not institutional upheaval. Diversion of our energies from these core priorities would be a serious mistake.

Mergers do, of course, promise savings in administrative costs: only one VC rather than two or three! But most savings become available only if there is large-scale rationalisation of facilities. It is not much cheaper to run two libraries within a single organisational structure – real savings require restructuring the libraries themselves. Three universities with declining student numbers and large slices of real estate in London may well hope for substantial savings from rationalisation; Sussex is unlikely to find itself in a comparable situation. And we need to remind ourselves of the sad lesson of mergers in the commercial world – the expected costs always appear, the expected benefits are often more elusive, and the majority of commercial mergers result in disappointment.

None of this should be read as negative about inter-institutional partnership. Quite the contrary. We continue to develop productive relationships with a number of partner institutions, most notably the University of Brighton. The joint Medical School will take our relationship with Brighton into new and exciting territory, and this aspect of the Medical School development was very warmly welcomed by Senate. Making a success of the Medical School will require a focused effort by both universities and our NHS partners, and a diffusion of effort would be counter-productive.

Karen Dunster
Head of Sport

Sussex has become one of the first universities to sign up for the FANS scheme (Free Access to National Sports People). The scheme, which is supported by Sport England, offers any current nationally selected sportsperson free training facilities across the south-east region.

The University already offers free use of its sports facilities to Olympic athletes as a result of its accreditation with the British Olympic Association. Olympic rower Guin Batten, who won a silver medal at the Sydney games, was the first sportsperson to take advantage of that scheme when she began training on campus in March.

Sport at Sussex has undergone a number of positive changes in recent years with the development of new facilities, increased programmes for staff and students and a wider focus on health and fitness activities. Provision and support structures for talented sportspeople has been an area in which both the Sports Service and Sports Federation are now keen to improve.

The Focus on Excellence programme was officially launched by Tessa Sanderson last year at the Brighton Centre and it has already started to produce results. Both of the women’s squads in the selected focus sports - basketball and hockey - are poised for promotion in the BUSA competition, with women’s hockey remaining unbeaten all season and the basketball squad conceding only one game and beating their main rivals, the University of Brighton, to promotion.

In addition, links created with Brighton Bears basketball and Lewes Hockey Club have seen the creation of four sports bursaries for Sussex students of between £500 and £1,000 for talented players of the two sports.

The Alumni Office is helping to support some additional bursaries from next year. Applications for support have already started to come in and the number of enquiries from potential students who have accessed the information on the sport website (www.sussexsport.com) have been very promising.

With figures suggesting that 50 per cent of the athletes at the 2000 Olympic Sydney Games were studying or had studied in higher education, there has never been a more important time to recognise and support the huge potential for sporting success that exists within our institutions.

The first staff member to be supported by the Focus on Excellence programme is Dr Lynne Mayne, Director of Molecular Studies at the Trafford Centre. Lynne, the individual randoori (free fighting) southern area champion for Tomiki style Aikido, is currently training for the World Championships to be held in Japan in October.

Lynne will be taking advantage of a support package that will include additional training time in the Sportcentre dojo, help with fitness assessments and specific advice to help her in her fitness preparation.

Below: Lynne Mayne (upside down) training in Aikido.
AFRAS students win places on VSO scheme

Politics major Gemma will be going to South Africa to do HIV and AIDS awareness work, while social anthropologist Zoe will go to India. "I'll be going to work for a group called Action Village India, mainly working with women's initiatives against social oppression and for clean water supplies and better health services," says Zoe.

The OTP programme is designed for undergraduates under 25 to work abroad for a year between their second and third years of study. The scheme provides assistants for development projects all over the world and gives students invaluable experience. "It's also quite hard to get experience in development work without paying a lot for it or doing a PhD first," says Jonathan. "And it gives a good grounding in development work," adds Gemma.

The group will attend a residential training week in Birmingham in July before setting off in August for their year-long placement. They each need to raise £500 towards the cost of their placement and are planning a fund-raising barbeque and raffle. If you want to help the group, you can contact Jonathan on 096087.

Barber finds muse at barber's

The prize-winning poet, who described her style to the Evening Argus as "dark-edged and occasionally humorous", has written verse based on ancient myths revolving around hair, such as Samson and Delilah.

She has also written poems after eavesdropping on conversations between the staff and their customers.

Ros said: "I have written a poem called Snippets which I write each time I go in. I have put in a snippet of conversation from each of my visits."

The salon's owner, Tom Boden, said: "We've hung her poems on the walls around the shop and in the foyer. We often wonder where our customers are, only to find them in the foyer reading poetry."

Ros completed the MA in Creative Writing, the Arts and Education in USIE last year, but long-standing members of staff in BIOLS will remember her from the early 1980s, when the young poet was a biology undergraduate at Sussex.

"All the people I knew who wrote poetry studied English literature. I was quite interested in science anyway but also thought that it would give me an edge on the competition as a poet."

A creative writing tutor at Sussex has taken a short cut to publication by becoming poet-in-residence at a barber's shop in Hove.
The appropriately named Ros Barber, who teaches on courses at the Centre for Continuing Education (CCE), hopes to bring out a pamphlet of the poetry she has composed at the old-fashioned Gwysdy Gentlemen's Hairdressing Saloon.

Ros, who received funding from South-East Arts for her residency, first became fascinated by the barber's when she walked past it every morning while taking her son to nursery school.
You are the weakest link ... goodbye

With the general election just weeks away, local prospective parliamentary candidates were put to the test on 15 May in a quiz organised by the Students' Union to find the 'Weakest Link'.

With Anne Robinson currently taking the USA by storm, her part was played by VP Education Sara Turnbull, who grilled the candidates with a mix of questions on general knowledge, politics and higher education.

Instead of cash for questions, the candidates attempted to bank votes, and in Round 1 they started well, stockpiling 1,050. David Gold (Conservative, Brighton Pavilion) was the first to be voted off – "because he's a Tory".

As their performance worsened – with John MacLeod (Socialist Labour Party, Brighton Kemptown) even voting himself the weakest link – one by one the candidates did the walk of shame.

The event lost some of its colour when Harold de Souza (Liberal Democrat, Hove) resplendent in a loyally yellow shirt as well as the traditional rosette, crashed out in Round 2. He was swiftly followed by Toby Rumford, USSU President, who – despite his participation in the event – had been at pains to deny any parliamentary ambitions.

Keith Taylor (Green Party, Brighton Pavilion) was clearly the weakest link on higher education issues, putting the maximum possible student loan at £3,000 instead of £2,750 and suggesting that "City Poly" rather than Warwick had been the university that had tried to require all students to purchase laptop computers.

Appropriately for an environmentalist, Keith left the 'set' – an assortment of music stands – carrying his cycle helmet and echoes of Norman Tebbit filled the hall as Sara/Anne barked, "On yer bike!"

Sussex alumnus Andy Richards (Socialist Alliance, Hove) eventually emerged as the strongest link, after which it was Question Time as the contestants were joined by Jenny Langston (Conservative, Hove), David Lepper (Labour, Brighton Pavilion) and Geoffrey Theobald (Conservative, Brighton Kemptown) for a question-and-answer session chaired by USSU Communications Officer Benedict Brook.

"Everyone agrees that by 7 June, we are going to be pretty fed up with the election, so we designed the Weakest Link to bring a bit of fun to the campaign," Benedict says. As Peter Snow would say of his swingometer, it's just a bit of fun.

Students urged to use their vote

As election day (7 June) approaches, the National Union of Students (NUS) is urging students to vote at their university rather than at their parents' home and targeting seats with a majority of less than 5,000 in a constituency with a significant student population.

Key seats identified by the NUS include two Labour constituencies: Brighton Kemp Town, where Des Turner has a 3,543 majority, and Hove, where Ivor Caplin is defending a majority of 3,959 in a traditionally Tory seat against a Sussex alumnus, Jenny Langston.

Another on the NUS list of 32 seats where students count is Lewes, held by Liberal Democrat Norman Baker with a majority of only 1,300. Hoping to regain the seat for the Conservatives is Simon Sinnatt from Ditchling, a county councillor and barrister who studied law at Sussex in the early 1990s.

Back in March, NUS president Owain James told the Times Higher Educational Supplement: "We are trying to mobilise in marginal seats where there is a small majority and a college or university nearby. We are going to get as many students as possible to turn out and vote, and give student issues a high profile, not only within the student population but in local communities."

Dr Richard Black (AFRAS) will contest East Sussex County Council leader David Rogers for the Newhaven seat in the local elections on 7 June. Richard, who is the Labour candidate, opposes plans to site a waste incinerator in the town.

Asa celebrates 80th

Over 300 family, friends and former colleagues, including many of the University's earliest academic and administrative staff, joined Lord (Asa) Briggs on 9 May for an 80th birthday celebration in Bramber House.

The event was hosted by Asa's old friend, Lord Attenborough, who spoke warmly of his many achievements. The two met while the young Attenborough was making Oh! What a Lovely War in Brighton and surrounding areas and he persuaded Asa, then Vice-Chancellor, to lend him most of the students of the day as extras.

The Chancellor presented Asa with a video – created by Dr Brian Smith (CPES) – of early film footage of the University, and a birthday card containing messages from alumni and friends all around the world.

The Alumni Society marked the event by announcing the creation of an Asa Briggs History Bursary to help 3rd year undergraduates with history research projects.

Asa wishes to thank the many people who participated in an occasion which, he says, he enjoyed as much as anyone present, and in particular all those who were unable to attend the party but sent him birthday messages.

Council election results

In a cross-campus ballot, Jeremy Maris (BIOLS) has been elected the non-academic member of staff to serve on Council from 1 August. Jeremy already chairs the Trades Union Liaison Committee on campus and is a governor of the University Creche and Nursery.

Two academic members – Dr Penny Chaloner (CPES) and Professor James Hirschfield – have also been elected by cross-campus ballot. The election of four Senate members to the reconstituted Council will be conducted later this term.
Management Development Programme

Sarah Strupinski
Head of Staff Development Unit

One of the University’s main staff-development priorities is to introduce a Management Development Programme early in 2002. This will give opportunities to support and academic staff with management responsibilities at all levels, as well as career opportunities for aspiring managers.

A proportion of the recently announced HEFCE funding for developing and rewarding staff in higher education has been earmarked by the University to ‘pump prime’ this programme over the next three years. This is an ambitious project because we must ensure that the programme is relevant and supportive to the ever changing development needs of the University and its managers in their diverse and challenging roles.

In consequence, the programme will be launched as a pilot and then adapted and expanded in light of experience, and thereafter reviewed and updated annually to reflect our evolving work environment.

Some fundamental work on developing the programme’s framework has already taken place with the anticipation that it will comprise an array of session modules which link University strategy with manager skills and knowledge at strategic and implementation levels of management, as well as offering other elements of support such as coaching, mentoring and networking opportunities.

However, we have now got to the stage where wider consultation is essential to enable us to ensure the programme modules and elements reflect, as accurately as possible, the main development needs of all types and categories of manager.

It is intended to hold a series of focus groups over the next couple of months to give the opportunity for different categories of manager to learn more about the anticipated programme framework, but more importantly to give feedback on what they might expect or need to see included in a Management Development Programme.

If you are a member of staff with management responsibility (e.g. responsible for other staff and/or a substantial area of work) and feel able to join one of these focus groups, complete and return the proforma attached to a memo you should have received recently, or send an email entitled MD Focus Group to s.m.strupinski@sussex.ac.uk, indicating your job title so that we can allocate you to an appropriate group.

Do try and find the time to contribute to this consultation exercise — it is most important that as much feedback as possible is gained to enrich this programme’s development.
Healthy campus

for just 30p each. Plus a free condom for every one purchased – only with this copy of the Bulletin!

Work stress and health
Andrew Steptoe, British Heart Foundation
Professor of Psychology in the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health at UCL, will be speaking on "Work stress and health: Behavioural and psychophysiological processes" on Wednesday 13 June, at 6pm in the Conference Room, Essex House. All welcome.
Contact Dr Hidi Mitchell, Centre for Research in Health and Medicine, for further details on H.J.Mitchell@sussex.ac.uk, ext. 7358.

Mini health checks
Find your blood pressure, lung function, body fat and flexibility scores with a 15-minute mini health check. Only £3. Call the Falmer Sports Complex on ext. 7125 for further details.

Health and fitness tip
Take a half-hour walk in your lunch break. It will make you feel better and if you walk briskly (and regularly) it will improve your cardiovascular fitness. Not sure where to start? Try out the Fitness Walks with Cat Stead and Lindy Ainsworth on 6 and 13 June. Both walks will commence from Bramber House at 1pm – remember to wear sensible footwear.

A lost poetic genius restored to his ‘right’

Nicholas Dakin
English Department, St Paul’s Girls’ School

Is becoming a set author at AS level the ultimate sign of ‘arrival’? By that criterion, the Gloucestershire poet Ivor Gurney (1890–1937) has finally emerged from an obscurity that even distinguished contemporaries were never quite able to overcome.

It has in fact taken a great deal of careful textual scholarship and a full appreciation of Gurney’s unique poetic voice to set the record straight. At Sussex, his cause has been admirably served by Dr George Walter, of the School of Cultural and Community Studies, respectively editor and co-editor of two manuscript collections of verse, hitherto unpublished, Rewards of Wonder (c.1923) and Best Poems (c.1925) as well as a well-judged selection from Gurney’s vast output for the popular ‘Everyman’ series published by Dent.

It was this students’ edition that brought Dr Walter to St Paul’s Girls’ School and his audience of AS students. A happier meeting between academe and secondary education could not have been imagined. Combining overview with close reading, Dr Walter communicated a fine sense of the essential Gurney, the poet of epiphanies and ‘reality’ (Gurney’s own word for a quality of Truth compelling capture in language).

Gurney, who served in France with the 25th Gloucestershire Regiment between 1915 and 1917, was a war poet, and remained one long after hostilities ceased, styling himself significantly “First war poet (He does truly believe)”. Dr Walter discussed this aspect of Gurney’s work fully and pointed the way to some very useful contrasts with Sassoon, Owen et al. Ultimately, though, Gurney was never a poet of discrete experience, and his later tragic years in the Dartford Asylum saw if anything a greater synthesis of the various strands of a life that was at once so ecstatic and blighted: a beloved Gloucestershire superimposed on the killing fields of France, Beethoven rubbing shoulders with the Elizabethans, and Ben Jonson, Gurney’s ‘master’, still walking the streets of Waste Land London.

Dr Walter did more than justice to all this poetic richness. He also had fascinating things to say about Gurney’s schizophrenia and creative output in words and music, arguing most convincingly that, however ‘mad’ the letters were, Gurney’s control of poetic language was never once affected, even after he had ceased to compose.

This was a brilliant talk. Some London schoolgirls were fortunate indeed to have a national expert justify so eloquently his commitment to the cause of a lost genius who, to use his own word, has finally been restored to his ‘right’.

Below: The poet Ivor Gurney (1890–1937)

Lawyers of the future

The Sussex team that represented England in the 2001 Telders International Law Moot Court Competition in The Hague last month finished a creditable 4th overall and the respondents (Louise Bullen and Stefan Albers Brough) were ranked 5th. The competition was won by Denmark, who beat the Ukraine in a close-fought final.

Law Lecturer Paul Eden, who accompanied the team, said: “The students worked very hard but they also found time to get to know the other teams. The language skills of the Sussex team also pleasantly surprised many who did not expect a team from England to contain fluent German and Polish speakers.” Meanwhile, three eminent judges gave their time on 15 May to test Sussex students at the final of the DMH Mooting Competition, held in the oak-panelled courtroom at Lewes Combined Court. Martin Allen and Rustom Tata from DMH handed out winners’ cheques to Karim Bouzidi and Katherine Grey, who also won a summer work placement with the local firm of solicitors, and runners-up prizes to Alison Gale and Daniel Jameson.

Swinging Sixties...

From the Bulletin, 27 May 1965
Sussex Graduation Ball
Plans for the Sussex Graduation Ball are now going ahead in top gear. Falmer House has been divided for purposes of decoration, with individuals in charge of each part ... Highlighted tables in the snack bar will groan under the weight of turkeys, salads and strawberries prepared by Mr. Nicholson. For those who manage to remain hungry, a Wimpy Bar and Coffee Bar will be open on the roof, and there will be a milk bar in the J.C.R. (Junior Common Room).
Lectures, seminars, colloquia

**Tue 29 May**
2.15pm–3.50pm Sussex European Institute Research-in-Progress Seminar: Lucinda Guaglia (Sussex), title TBA. Arts A77.

4.00pm–5.00pm Experimental Psychology Colloquium: Ricardo Russo (Essex), title TBA. Pevensey 2A/12.

4.15pm–5.30pm Biochemistry and Genetics & Development Seminar: Martin Buck (Imperial College), Gene activation at the DNA-melting step. BLT.

5.00pm Seminar in Literary and Intellectual History: Paulina Kewes (Abertystwyth), Julius Caesar in Jacobean drama. B261.

6.30pm Professorial Lecture: Peter Abs, The three faces of wisdom. Chichester LT.

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**Small ads**

**WANTED:** Working-class grammar school girls. If you started school between 1948 and 1957, went to a mixed-sex grammar school, and would like to be interviewed for a pg oral history project, contact Lindsey Dodd, GCR-6, HUMS (pigeonholes), tel. 670787, email L.A.Dodd@sussex.ac.uk.

**WANTED:** Male smokers aged 40+ for psychology project. Contact Pip Bradford, tel. 679960 or 0792 9918844, email P.J.Bradfield@sussex.ac.uk.

**WANTED:** Badminton players to join small, non-league group of friends (of all standards!) who play for pleasure on Sat at 5pm for an hour or so at Plumpton Agricultural College. Just turn up or ring Dick Grimsdale on ext. 8047 or Jenny Money on ext. 8004, tel. 483424.

**FOR SALE:** Baby Bjorn baby carrier £25, Moses basket £8, breast pump £8, various baby clothes (£0-6mths, some Gap and Next). Email H.J.S.Stewart@sussex.ac.uk or call ext. 7435.

**HOLIDAY LET:** Normandy cottage, 4 miles from Dieppe, sleeps 6, walking distance to shops, week/weekend let. Tel. Anne-Marie Bur on 471571.

**TO RENT:** Clean, tidy, spacious one-bed furnished flat in Hove. Available mid June to end Sept. 3 mins’ walk from station. £560 pcm plus bills. Non-smokers only, no pets. Contact simons@artisanom.com.

**TO RENT:** Two-bed house in central Lewes; for summer vacation, possibly longer. Ideal for visiting faculty. £185 p/w plus bills. Tel. 515575 or 07787 877385.

**WANTED:** 2 American summer school students, with small child, looking for house- or flat sit in B’ton, Hove or Lewes. Prefer 23 June–28 Aug. Email rvera04@student.ucr.edu or tel. (+1)909 5519017.

**GOLFERS WANTED:** Uni Golf Society plays fixtures against local clubs during the summer term and holds a club championship. See www.maths.sussex.ac.uk/ Welfare/WHG/GOLF for details.

**FLAT CLEARANCE:** Office furniture, kitchen utensils, portable stereo, plants, etc...all for sale at student prices! Call 890459 (after 5pm).

**FOR SALE:** Astra G reg, 60,000 miles, FSH, 2 owners, superb condition inside and out, 5mths tax and MOT. £1,000. Tel. 605791 or 07999 555946.

**FLATSHARE:** In well-kept large flat on Kemptown seafront. Bicycle store, on bus routes, 15 mins’ walk from town centre. Available end June to mature-minded person. £350 pcm plus deposit. Tel. Gail on 605791 or 07999 555946.

**SUBJECTS WANTED:** For a no. of experiments that involve eating & drinking, paying up to £40. Contact Lorenzo Stafford; email Lorenzo@biols.sussex.ac.uk or call ext. 8286.

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**Exhibitions**

**Until Wed 20 Jun**

**Discovering Japan**

An interactive exhibition that explores Japanese culture through seven themed sections, from trying on a kimono to having your fortune told at a Shinto shrine. Particularly interesting for children aged 7-13 and anyone studying Japanese society and culture.

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**Cinema**

**Sat 2 Jun**

8pm The Claim (15)

Sun 3 Jun

8pm Requiem For A Dream (18)

The first 10 Bulletin readers at the box office get a free pair of tickets (worth £7) for either film.