British Airways Cabin Purser Julie Kilgannon's jet set job might be the envy of many, but it's right here at Sussex that she's fulfilling her dream. She has been one of the many thousands of students to attend the Open University's summer school programme.

For seven weeks approximately 2,500 students come to Sussex - the only university in the south east used by the Open University (OU) - to take part in an intensive seven days of studying. The residential schools are designed to give isolated OU students some much needed face-to-face contact with tutors and other students.

Michael Stewart, School Administrator for the Open University Summer Residential School says of the programme: "It allows the students to take part in intensive studying away from the distractions of home and work. This is especially important for science students who need to use labs."

Julie had never before attended university. She decided, however, to take a BSc in Psychology. Julie says: "Although it doesn't seem to have much to do with my current position, I decided to do this course because it really interests me. After the first few years I find my knowledge of psychology useful when it comes to spotting problems with passengers and staff."

Lisa Heasman from Brighton relished this intensive studying opportunity. Her course also centred on psychology and involved setting up and completing a project based on stereotyping.

"We formed a very intense relationship in our group and ended up socialising together after the day was over. One night we went to the Zap and stayed until 3.30am!", confided Lisa.

The social aspect is an important element of the OU summer schools. The Student Association organise everything from quiz nights to karaoke at venues including the Grapevine and Hothouse: "I was on a course with a fireman, a policewomen and a media executive," said Lisa. "In October they're all coming down to mine to have a weekend in Brighton!"

Meanwhile, Julie met fellow students from Athens and Africa: "I remember meeting a Zambian guy at the bar and he was just amazed that I'd flown there and knew a lot of these places he was talking about."

With this many students some services on campus actually get busier over the summer. Seven days a week every OU student is fed. Celia Schultz, catering manager, explains this Herculean task: "We serve up to 1,500 meals a day. That's 500 servings of breakfast, lunch and dinner. Then we have to take account of those on special diets - vegans, kosher and the like. The only way we can do this is by hiring an extra dozen staff above term time levels."

So as Freshers Week slowly comes around for another year, it should be remembered that term time is not the only time that campus is filled with students.

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Sporting Disabled offers opportunities for all

With the Commonwealth Games recently throwing the spotlight on disabled athletes, a free event on campus this month will allow disabled people to participate in a variety of sports.

"Sporting Disabled 2002" takes place from 12-16 August and includes sessions for tennis, hockey, basketball, cricket, football and squash.

According to event organiser Aruna Sharma, "The idea is to allow disabled people to participate in a variety of sports and to create local links between disabled voluntary organisations."

Qualified coaches will be on hand for all the sessions. Brighton & Hove Albion coach Theresa Sanders says, "What we want to do is encourage more people to play football regularly by offering good and safe coaching."

Tennis coach Gary Marlow from The Road to Eastbourne project says, "This is about trying to raise awareness and to tailor sports more for the disabled."

All are welcome to the week of events, which includes a charity 'It's a Knockout' event with barbeque and DJs on Friday 16 August. The event is being sponsored by Lucozade and Southern Water.

The website www.sportingdisabled.com has more information. If you are interested in attending, contact Aruna on ext. 7125 or email arunas@sportingdisabled.com
All change for Staffing Services

With effect from 1 August, the Staffing Services Division became the Human Resources Division and Personnel Director Barbara Bush metamorphosed into the Director of Human Resources.

Archaeological science day

Dig this: in association with English Heritage, the Centre for Continuing Education (CCE) is running an archaeological science day school on 21 September. The event will cover the methods and techniques of archaeological science that are used to reconstruct people's natural environment, economic activities, health, diet and culture. To enrol (cost £10) or for further information, call ext. 8040. The CCE runs a wide range of part-time archaeology courses throughout Sussex, as well as study tours and an annual archaeology symposium.

RAE submissions data online

All the submissions data for the latest Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) is now available online at www.hero.ac.uk/rae. These data can be searched by subject and institution. Sussex's results of the RAE were detailed in the Bulletin last year (14 Dec).

Children's safety on campus

Now it is the school summer holidays, staff are reminded that children are not allowed to enter restricted areas on campus such as laboratories or workshops for health and safety reasons. All restricted areas must be clearly marked. Entry into office areas is at the discretion of the Dean / Director of School / Unit. Children are allowed into public University buildings such as Falmer House and Bramber House.

Transition arrangements in the Arts

The move to the new school system in the Arts involves change with respect to people and positions, structures and the curriculum. The Bulletin will continue to inform on the changes as they proceed.

The new Deans are in post and School Administrative Managers (SAMs) will be in post from October 2002, but the Directors of Undergraduate Studies, Postgraduate Studies, and Student Support have still to be appointed.

The Schools and the Institute will not come into being until August 2003 and so the old Schools and the existing Deans will continue to have an existence until that date.

The Arts Budget Holder, John Dearlove, has been appointed as a Pro-Vice-Chancellor from 1 August with a particular responsibility for admissions and recruitment.

Key roles

Until the new Schools and the Institute come into being in August 2003, Arts will continue to operate on the basis of a single budget with the Arts Budget Holder responsible to the Vice-Chancellor and Council for the financial health of the area.

Subject Group chairs should now deal directly with their new Deans and not with the Arts Budget Holder.

As at present, Student Advisers will continue reporting to their existing Deans for 2002–2003. From October 2003 the Student Advisors will be reporting to Sue Yates.

In the Graduate Research Centres, John Holmwood will be the Acting Director of SocCul from October 2002. Martin van Gelderen and Norman Vance will continue as Co-Directors of HUMS.

Personnel arrangements

Permanent post recommendations for appointment in 2002 were decided by the Arts Advisory Committee in April. Those recommendations have been approved; advertisements have been placed; and in most cases the positions have now been filled.

All decisions on permanent posts are now the sole prerogative of the Strategic Restructuring Group working to the Vice-Chancellor and the Senior Management Group.

Dear Bulletin

I have recently noticed that the car parking area outside Hastings Building has been fenced off and a barrier, intercom and CCTV installed. Several questions spring to mind in light of recent articles concerning car parking charges.

1. Why do those working in Hastings building have specified parking?

2. Why was money spent on the above improvements in this time of budget freezes and cuts?

3. Will this relatively secure space be solely for those working in Hastings Building and if so why are they guaranteed parking?

As a member of staff working in Falmer House we have been subject to car parking charges for the last two years in the Sports Service car park. We are then excluded from this privilege on open days etc. If the issue of finances is to be considered a more open approach needs to be forthcoming.

Irene Browning
Students' Union

Linda Newman, Transport Manager, replies:

The parking outside the Hastings Building is available on a first-come, first-served basis. It is not reserved or specified for use by particular staff.

The installation of barriers and fencing in Estates Road followed a series of serious health and safety incidents including a head-on collision involving a DSU van and a contractor's vehicle. The Hastings Building has become the centre for campus-wide contractor management.

Consequently Estates Road has continuous movement of vehicles including lorries, trucks and vans during the working day. The additional barriers improve the safety for EFM staff and discourage unsafe pedestrian use of the road for access to nearby buildings. The CCTV is used to manage access by contractors' vehicles and to improve the security of University owned vehicles and tools, again following incidents of theft and attempted theft.

The installations were all completed before the recent budget freezes and have no relation to the implementation of the Travel Plan and parking charges.

Space Allocation

The overall location of the two Arts Schools and the Sussex Institute has now been decided. Hum is going to Arts A and B, with its School Entrance into the courtyard of Arts A. SocCul will be in Arts C and EDB with its main Entrance coming into a newly created area on the left of Arts D. Sussex Institute will be in both Essex House and Arts E and will be linked on first floor level. The main entrance will be in Essex House.

It is envisaged that all Arts moves will also be completed by September 2003.

Any queries on the Arts schools should be addressed to John Dearlove on ext. 8034, email J.N.Dearlove@sussex.ac.uk.

More information can be found on the new schools website at www.sussex.ac.uk/USIS/newschools
DVC’s voice

Well, the summer term is over; a very successful graduation in the refurbished Dome (a much more intimate affair than the Brighton Centre) came and went; and Gordon Brown released the outcome of the Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR).

The good news is that the results were a big win for science. There will be an increase of £1.25 billion in annual science funding over the three years from 2003/4. The science budget will grow by about 10 per cent in real terms each year, which means that the budget will almost have doubled between 1997 and 2006.

But what will all this money be used for? Firstly, there will be a capital funding stream, worth £500 million a year by 2005, to maintain university scientific infrastructure. The sting in the tail is that universities will have to find 10 per cent matching funds (somewhat better than the 40–50 per cent we had to find for the Joint Infrastructure Fund (JIF), however).

The budget for large facilities will double to £205 million by 2005, and £400 million a year extra will be available by 2005 to fund research grants. Allocations to individual Research Councils will be announced later in the year.

From 2005/6 Research Councils will receive an extra £120 million a year to enable them to pay the true indirect costs of research. In exchange the Treasury wants universities to continue to improve our costing and financial management systems to ensure we have a better appreciation of these costs.

One of the major outcomes of the CSR is the additional £244 million by 2005/6 for recurrent research spending, which will enable the Funding Council to fund fully the outcome of the 2001 Research Assessment Exercise (RAE) between 2003/4 and 2005/6. However, the government insists that it cannot make money available retrospectively to meet the shortfall for 2002/3, which is a particular but not unanticipated blow for institutions such as ourselves with 4s and 5s.

Additional good news is the extra money to be made available for doctoral students. To encourage more good graduates to continue in research, PhD stipends will increase over the three-year term to a minimum of £12,000, with £13,000 available for subjects with recruitment problems. Over this time the starting salary of post-docs will increase from £17,000 to £21,000. The Chancellor’s statement also spoke of a commitment to improve training for PhD students and post-docs. As recommended by the Roberts review, funding will be made available to create 1,000 new academic fellowships over five years to kick-start the careers of the best young post-docs.

The Treasury said that it would continue to target funds to improve universities’ capacity to recruit and retain first-rate academics, but no details were available. Nor was there any information about general higher education funding in the Review, and details will probably not emerge until a White Paper is published in the autumn.

Finally, the knowledge transfer budget will increase from £54 million in 2003 to £114 million by 2005, with the Higher Education Innovation Fund being revamped to include University Challenge and the Science Enterprise Challenge. Last year we successfully bid for £3 million seed corn funding through University Challenge in partnership with the Universities of Surrey, Reading, Royal Holloway and Brunel and received £2m to establish Sussex IP.

Professor Anthony Moore
Deputy Vice-Chancellor

First class

The Institution of Mechanical Engineers has awarded Emeritus Professor Fred Bayley the Dugald Clerk Prize for his paper on energy storage in hybrid vehicles, presented to the Total Vehicle Technology conference at Sussex last November.

Bob Benewick, Research Professor in Politics, has become an Academician of the Academy of Learned Societies for the Social Sciences. The organisation was established in 1999 to promote excellence in, and encourage the advancement of, the social sciences in the UK.

Peace delegation to 10 Downing Street

Rev Rob Esdaile (pictured right), Roman Catholic Chaplain at the University of Sussex, was part of a peace delegation to No.10 Downing Street this week (6 Aug).

The delegation from Pax Christi presented a petition against war with Iraq. Since its public launch in mid-July, the ‘Declaration on Legality and Morality of War with Iraq’ has gained widespread support.

The Declaration states: “It is deplorable that the world’s most powerful nations continue to regard war and the threat of war as an acceptable instrument of foreign policy, in violation of the ethos of both the United Nations and Christian moral teaching. The way to peace does not lie through war but through the transformation of structures of injustice and of the politics of exclusion, and that is the cause to which the West should be devoting its technological, diplomatic and economic resources.”

Pictured left: Andi Rutherford and fiancee AJ make a statement at the Graduation ceremony on 19 July at The Dome. Andi gained a First Class BSc in Computer Science.

If you think you have seen this photo before, you may well have. The Source, Brighton’s listings guide, is using it as this month’s front cover shot.
Advising on criminal justice reform in Georgia

Dr Richard Vogler, the Director of the Graduate Research Centre in Legal Studies at Sussex, recently visited Tbilisi in Georgia at the request of the British Council.

Richard was acting as a Specialist Advisor on criminal procedure to the Criminal Justice Reform Commission of Georgia in July and August.

After independence and the subsequent civil war from 1990–1992, Georgia is still beset by endemic violence and kidnapping (including a British national abducted in central Tbilisi in broad daylight in June 2002) and faces a severe economic crisis. The situation is complicated by the fact that significant areas of the national territory are out of the control of the government and that Russia is currently bombing parts of Georgia across the border from Chechnya.

The deteriorating crime and public order situation is also not helped by serious problems in the justice system. In July 2002, the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture released a report concluding that criminal suspects in Georgia run a significant risk of being ill-treated during interrogation by the police, who also resort to more severe forms of torture. Corruption in the police and judicial system is allegedly widespread.

However, in the face of all these problems, and to its great credit, Georgia has been attempting to reform its Soviet-style justice system by introducing western due process standards.

At a seminar in Tbilisi on 3 August, chaired by Richard, the Georgian Criminal Justice Commission and Supreme Court Judges met with the Ambassadors of the USA & Germany, a delegation from the Council of Europe as well as young lawyers from Georgian non-government organisations.

Reform proposals, which must be established in principle by September, are the subject of heated and intense debate in Georgia. Although the current Code of Criminal Procedure (enacted in 1998 but subsequently undermined by massive amendment before it came into effect) will hopefully be strengthened as a result of the work of the Commission, the real problems of criminal justice practice are unlikely to be solved so rapidly.

Richard has also been advising and assisting the non-government organisations who are submitting proposals and comparative research to the Reform Commission. He hopes that students enrolled on the LLM International Criminal Law programme this year at Sussex can also provide research support.

Obituary

Archer Martin

Archer Martin, who was Royal Society Professor of Chemistry at the University of Sussex from 1973 to 1984, has died aged 92.

Martin shared the Nobel prize in 1952 with Richard Synge for the invention of partition chromatography, a method which made possible the rapid separation of small amounts of complex mixtures of biomolecules such as proteins. The techniques he pioneered led to advances in many fields of research.

Disability Discrimination Act

From next month, the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (DDA), as amended by the Special Educational Needs and Disability Act 2001, will make it unlawful for education providers to discriminate against disabled people.

The DDA has specific implications for Higher Education institutions such as Sussex, and more information is now available on the Disability Rights Commission website at www.drc-gb.org/drc/Campaigns/Page431.asp.

The Disability Rights Commission, in collaboration with Universities UK and others has worked with a wide range of partners in higher education to produce a series of good practice leaflets aimed at different areas of Higher Education provision. Each leaflet summarises the duties, the key responsibilities of each area and sets out strategies for compliance.

Small ads

FOR SALE: Black Yamaha SRX400 motorbike, 1991, 30,000 km, £1,050 ono. Tel. 380848, email R.Wilson@sussex.ac.uk.

WANTED: B'ton house for 4 finalists or PGs from Sep, 9/10-mth tenancy. £900 pcm. Email scfg3@sussex.ac.uk or tel. 699096.

WANTED: Women 30+, men 55-75 as control groups for studies of memory after cancer treatments. Ext. 3036, email v.shilling@biols.susx.ac.uk.

TO LET: Largely unfurnished, modern detached house in Kingston. £900 ppcm. 3/4 beds, 3 reception, study, south-facing garden. Contact John Nixon on ext. 8538 or email J.Nixon@sussex.ac.uk.

TO LET: 4-bed B'ton house for 4 finalists or PGs from Sep, 9/10-mth tenancy. £900 pcm. Email scfg3@sussex.ac.uk or tel. 699096.

TO LET: Fully furnished 3-bed house in Vendee, France. Sea 2 mins, golf 5 mins. £240 pw incl. Available from 24 Aug. Email O.Gendilhomme@sussex.ac.uk.

LAST-MINUTE HOLIDAY: Due to change of plans, Aug bookings now available in secluded 17th-c house in rural Normandy (Pays d'Auge). Sleeps 6+. Email sfc8@sussex.ac.uk or tel. 820256.

FOR SALE: Colour TV, Matsui, 14", teletext, remote control, on-screen display, sleep timer, like new, only £50. Please contact Sami on 248102.

Staff vacancies

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Apply by 15 August
Installer / Telephoneist, CCE (Ref 421)
Telecommunications Unit (Ref 425)

Apply by 21 August
Systems Administrator, CGS (Ref 424)
Apply by 22 August
Admissions Coordinator, CCE (Ref 421)

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