Technology in cars drives us to distraction

"There is a lot of information outside the car and, if there is too much going on inside, there is a danger of overloading the driver."

Hands-free mobile phones have failed to make the roads safer, according to a Sussex psychologist.

Mobile phones should be banned from cars altogether, says Dr Graham Hole, who has highlighted the worrying combination of mobile phones and cars in his new book, The Psychology of Driving.

In 2003, a ban came into force on using handheld mobile phones while driving - but hands-free kits are still allowed.

Graham says: "The government should have banned mobile phones in cars altogether. It has sent out the wrong message by making hand-held phones illegal because this gives the impression that hands-free phones are safe.

"The problem with mobile phones is not vehicular control and only having one hand on the wheel, but rather it is taking away attention from what is happening outside the car."

Other modern developments that now compete for driver's attention behind the wheel include satellite navigation systems and new design aimed at transforming cars into a mobile office.

Graham says: "We need to be very careful about how we go about handling modern technology in cars, because we are opening a Pandora's Box.

"When anyone is driving there is a lot of information outside the car and, if there is too much going on inside, there is a danger of overloading the driver."

How drivers decide what to attend to while driving, the role of drivers' expectations in determining what they see, and how they respond to the road are among the areas covered in the book.

As well as discussing mobile phones and satellite navigation systems, The Psychology of Driving explores the role of fatigue, eyesight, drugs and age in increasing the chances of an accident.

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**BOOKMARK**

J. Craig Barker (Professor of Law)  
The Protection of Diplomatic Personnel  
Ashgate, £55.00 (hardback)  
ISBN: 0754623921  
Professor Eileen Denza, University College London, UK, and formerly Legal Counsel, Foreign and Commonwealth Office says: "Against a wide scholarly canvas, Craig Barker vividly depicts how the new age of barbarism has transformed ambassadors from sacrosanct messengers into vulnerable targets. He critically assesses recent international measures to strengthen protection and ensure punishment of crimes against embassies. A bleak indictment of the damage inflicted on open diplomacy and compelling justification for the continuing need for inviolability."

Geert De Neve (Senior Lecturer in Social Anthropology) and Maya Unnithan (Reader in Social Anthropology)  
Critical Journeys: The making of anthropologists  
Ashgate, £55 (hardback)  
ISBN: 0754648095  
Professor Richard Fardon, SOAS, University of London, says: "The contributors offer succinct, professional biographies which remind us what reflexivity, in its most helpful sense, contributes. This volume will inspire intending anthropologists by example, reassure new fieldworkers that others have thrived on serendipity, and remind established anthropologists how uncertainly they set out, and how much their own journeys have owed to their local co-workers."

Graham Hole (Senior Lecturer in Psychology)  
The Psychology of Driving  
Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, US$24.50 (hardback)  
ISBN: 0805844252  
The publisher says: "The author gives an up-to-date picture of the realities of driving in the world we live in, the risks and statistics of accidents from all causes, backed up with serious psychological data from experiments in attention and performance of drivers around the world. He shows how psychology can contribute to an understanding of how 21st Century drivers are able to guide vehicles around the congested roads of the developed world at high speeds, and often while using in-car entertainment systems, automated vehicle systems, and mobile telephone devices."  

Geoffrey Sampson (Professor of Natural Language Computing)  
Love Songs of Early China  
Shaun Tyas, £11.95 (paperback)  
ISBN: 190028975X  
The author says: "This makes one of the world's oldest recorded languages accessible to modern readers in a novel way. A selection of poems from an early monument of Chinese literature is presented on facing pages in English prose translation, and in Old Chinese as it was pronounced almost 3000 years ago. Because Old Chinese was a simple, grammar-free language, it is easy to look up the words of a striking line in the glossary provided and see how it means what the translation says it means. The 58 poems chosen are linked by the theme of love and the majority are written from the woman's point of view."

Bookmark is a regular review of new books by Sussex authors.  
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**Children affected by a sibling in prison**

New research by a Sussex doctoral student questions the use of custody for young offenders because of the detrimental effect that it has on their younger siblings.

Last year 43,000 young people under 21, mainly boys and young men, experienced imprisonment. The impact of their custodial experience was shared by at least 35,000 other children – their younger brothers and sisters.

The Howard League for Penal Reform commissioned Sussex social psychologist Rosie Meek to undertake the first research ever on the impact on children of older siblings being in prison.

Rosie’s in-depth interviews with eight children aged between 9 and 17 revealed strong relationships with older brothers, many of whom were regarded as a father figure. The children experienced high levels of emotional distress as a result of their sibling being taken into custody, which had a detrimental impact on their school work.

Children showed a reluctance to disclose to teachers what had happened; reasons included a fear that "they would think I was bad because he had been bad" and the notion that it was "none of their business". Disclosure tended to be kept within the family and among close friends.

Rosie says: "The interviews with these children revealed the profound impact that the loss of a sibling has on them. Some grieved the loss of their brother, while others got into trouble and became disruptive too.

"But we also found that children regard the imprisonment of their sibling as an intensely personal event – they do not want to reveal what has happened, particularly to their teachers. This provides a real challenge to professionals who work with young people."

Rosie’s report makes a series of recommendations:

- Policy makers and sentencers need greater awareness of the numbers affected by sibling imprisonment and the detrimental effects on younger family members when sending a young person to prison.
- Resources about children affected by sibling imprisonment must be developed for professionals such as teachers and youth workers.
- In schools, support for such children should be implemented through whole-class approaches, with the capacity to provide further individual support.

The study also makes up part of Rosie’s doctoral research, supervised by Dr Paul Sparks in the Psychology department.

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**Micro-generation policy must match rhetoric**

Micro-generation – technologies that allow households and other users such as small businesses to generate their own electricity – is facing huge obstacles. Real risks failing to deliver its potential benefits, say experts from the Sussex Energy Group.

In one of the largest assessments of the prospects for micro-generation conducted to date, a team led by Dr Jim Watson from SPRU – Science and Technology Policy Research has looked at the main factors that will affect uptake. The research team told a meeting in Westminster on 9 October that fundamental changes are required in three areas:

- Domestic households should get tax breaks for investing in power plants and saving energy, as large companies already do.
- Households that sell their power to the grid should receive fair prices that reflect the real value of their power at different times of day.
- Power firms should be obliged to reduce demand by providing energy services including micro-generation and energy-efficient lighting, rather than simply making money by selling more energy.

The meeting included participants from many of the relevant players including Ofgem, the Micropower Council, the Sustainable Development Commission and HM Treasury.

The recent hype around micro-generation has amazed the researchers from Sussex, Southampton and Imperial, who have been looking at micro-generation for two years with funding from the Economic and Social Research Council.

Jim said: "Public interest in micro-generation presents an ideal opportunity for more fundamental changes to energy policy that take individual actions seriously. Action across the board by government agencies such as the Treasury and the energy regulator Ofgem would send a powerful signal that matches the political rhetoric."

The research report, ‘Unlocking the power house’, is available online at www.sussex.ac.uk/spru/1-4-7-1-10-2.html.
New format for VC's open meetings

The format for the Vice-Chancellor’s open meetings with staff is changing in response to comments and suggestions. The meetings will continue to provide an opportunity for the VC to update staff on current issues and to ask questions about any matters that concern them.

Staff will now also have the opportunity to hear from a wider range of senior managers about developments at Sussex. And each meeting will highlight a key issue, to seek staff views and input to major strategic issues facing the University.

This term’s open meetings for staff will take place next week: on Tuesday (24 October) at 11am in the Terrace Room, Bramber House; and on Wednesday (25 October) at 2pm in the Chichester lecture theatre. Tea and coffee will be available before both meetings, which are open to all staff.

If you want to raise an issue or ask a question in advance, email internalcomms@sussex.ac.uk.

For these two meetings the main focus will be the student experience and the National Student Survey, with discussion led by the new Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Education), Professor Joanne Wright.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Alasdair Smith, will also report on the main issues on which his executive team will be focussing their attention in the coming year; and the Registrar & Secretary, Dr Philip Harvey, will provide an update on plans for the review of professional services.

In response to discussions with the USSU, a similar themed approach will be taken for the Vice-Chancellor’s open meeting with students later in the term.

Leaders meet in London

More than 50 business leaders and other influential Sussex alumni gathered at the London headquarters of HSBC Investments on Monday (16 October) for the latest University of Sussex Leaders’ Forum, organised by the Development and Alumni Relations Office.

The evening started with a lively panel discussion on the role of charities in the developing world. On the panel were Sussex alumni and executive director of Unicef, David Bull, and Professor Robert Chambers from the Institute of Development Studies. The discussion was chaired by Professor James Fairhead, head of the Anthropology department at Sussex.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Alasdair Smith, hosted the event with Sussex alumni Andrew Withy from HSBC Investments.

“The aim is to begin building relationships with these influential opinion formers and business leaders,” said the Vice-Chancellor. “We hope to create a strong body of advocates for Sussex who can assist with raising the profile and standing of the University nationally and internationally.”

The event also provided an opportunity to update the alumni on news from Sussex and to hear their views and thoughts about the University.
Biologist works with rainforest communities to save endangered monkeys

A year after launching a project to save one of the world’s rarest monkeys, the Sussex biologist co-ordinating the scheme has made his first sighting of the elusive species.

Dr Mika Peck is working with an environmental organisation in the Ecuadorian Andes to secure the future of the Brown-headed Spider Monkey (Ateles fusciceps) and its rainforest environment.

There are only 50-known breeding pairs of the Spider Monkey that still exist in the wild, with some experts predicting the species could disappear completely in 50 years.

More than 20 people from towns and communities surrounding the Los Cedros Biological Reserve attended a five-day course designed to train them as para-biologists, capable of monitoring the Spider Monkey, observing the mammal’s natural environment and learning techniques to protect the species from extinction.

Using methods he describes as ‘citizen science’, Mica demonstrated how to conduct primate surveys and complete data sheets. Mammal experts from Ecuador also explained why the region is home to the Spider Monkey and outlined the country’s environmental and conservation law.

It was not until the final day that Mika observed the Brown-headed Spider Monkey sunbathing in the trees.

He says: “One of the groups came running over and said they had seen a Spider Monkey and when I followed them, I saw it, sunbathing in the canopy. It was a fantastic sight and a great way to finish the first training course.”

In a part of the world facing numerous conservation and environmental concerns, Mica found people were enthusiastic to learn about methods to preserve the rainforest region where they live.

He says: “We are trying to set up a network of local people who can help us to monitor the animal and in the future maybe carry out the work themselves. Where we are based is one of the poorest regions in the country but there are also strong links with eco-tourism. “The trick is to create something that the people can continue themselves.”

How ants find their way

Ever wondered how ants find their way straight to the uncovered food in your kitchen? Sussex scientists have revealed how they navigate by visual landmarks.

Professor Tom Collett and his colleagues in the Sussex Centre for Neuroscience have discovered how the humble wood ant navigates over proportionally huge distances, using just very poor eyesight and confusing and changing natural landmarks.

On a wood ant’s first trip to a food site it follows a chemical trail left by earlier ants. This is a slow way of travelling as the ant needs to walk with its antennae to the ground.

However, this initial route forms the basis of an efficient learning strategy. On the first trip ants store images of the route as they travel and on later trips to the food site will navigate using a combination of landmarks and memories of the whole landscape.

The scientists found the ants even used different sets of landmark memories depending on whether they were on their way to food, or whether they were full and heading back to the nest. Ants store many memories and have mechanisms to activate the right ones.

The research could help to develop autonomous robots. Tom explained: “Insect behaviour is much more ‘machine-like’ than that of mammals, and ants are a lot less flexible in their use of navigational strategies.”

“This stereotypically makes it easier to understand how their strategies operate and to design robots that navigate following similar principles.”

The research was funded by the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC).
Thin doesn’t sell better

Body anxiety and the use of unhealthy models in advertising

New research suggests that models do not have to be ultra-thin to be effective at selling products.

In a large-scale research project involving 800 women, Sussex psychologist Dr Helga Dittmar and her colleague Dr Emma Hallwell from the University of the West of England compared the impact of viewing adverts featuring ultra-thin models, who typically are dress size 8, and featuring models with a dress size 14, which represents a healthy body weight as well as the average dress size of UK women.

They found that women who already wanted to change their appearance were particularly susceptible to being affected by viewing ultra-thin models and reported increased negative emotions about their own bodies after exposure.

In contrast, viewing average-size models did not have a negative effect on women’s body image, compared with exposure to neutral, appearance-unrelated images.

Contrary to advertisers’ claims that thinness sells, the perceived effectiveness of the adverts was not influenced by the body size of the models. Average-size and ultra-thin models were seen as equally effective. This was found to hold across advertisements for a range of different consumer goods, including body care, make-up and food products.

“These findings suggest that average-size models may be used in advertising without compromising the effectiveness of the advert and without increasing body image concerns amongst many women”, says Helga. “Models with a healthy, normal body size could be used effectively in advertising.”

Just telling people to be more healthy will not prevent obesity

Improvements in health education will not be sufficient to tackle the obesity crisis in Europe, according to an influential University of Sussex report published yesterday (19 October).

The two-year study involved collecting the views of key stakeholders in nine EU countries that all show rising obesity: Cyprus, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Spain and the UK.

The report calls for a package of measures to deal with the issue. These include:

• better provision of facilities for physical activity in schools and communities,
• radical changes to transport and planning policies,
• improved food labelling, and
• tighter restrictions on advertising junk foods.

“Just telling people how to be more healthy will not solve the growing problem of obesity in the UK,” said project leader Professor Erik Millstone. “A coherent set of government policies is needed, or the problem will only get worse.”

More than 200 leading representatives of farmers, retailers, consumer groups and health and fitness organisations and policy-makers were interviewed, probing their views on options for dealing with the rapid increase of obesity.

The study showed that improved and compulsory food and drink labelling was seen as essential, even by representatives of the food industry.

The under-use of school and college gymnasias, swimming pools and sports facilities after the end of the school day and during school holidays was seen as wasteful.

The most controversial recommendation is a restriction on the marketing and advertising of certain categories of food and drink, especially to children and young people.

Almost all stakeholders agreed that four policy options would be poorly accepted and unlikely to be effective. These were:

• taxes on junk foods and/or subsidies on relatively healthy foods,
• the increased use of synthetic sweeteners or fat substitutes,
• the use of devices that monitor physical activity, such as pedometers, and
• the use of medication for weight control.

Speaking at the launch of the report, Brighton MP David Lepper said: “The policy recommendations from this project provide an excellent basis for action by the UK government and by the EU. The costs of not solving the obesity problem will hugely exceed the costs of solving it.”
FIRST CLASS

September was a good month for DPhil students in the Centre for Computational Neuroscience and Robotics (CCNR). At a conference on autonomous robotic systems Bill Bigge won the award for best paper, while Dan Bush won the award for best poster at an international conference on the simulation of adaptive behaviour.

The Historical Association has awarded Sussex graduate Chris Culpin the 2007 Norton Medlicott Medal for services to history. Chris did his teacher training at Sussex from 1968–69 and for the last ten years has been director of the Schools History Project, which provides innovative materials for 11- to 19-year-olds.

Professor Lesley Fallowfield and Dr Valerie Jenkins from the Psychosocial Oncology Group have won an Excellence in Oncology Award from the British Oncological Association (BOA) for 'Best Professional Education Initiative' — educational materials for communications training about the recruitment of patients to what are known as 'randomised clinical trials'. The judges said: "The unique training they provide is probably one of the most memorable training cancer specialists and their teams can receive."

Sussex appoints new Deputy Director of Finance

A new Deputy Director of Finance has been recruited to succeed Ian Child, who joined the University of Chichester last month as its Director of Finance.

Joanne Jones will join Sussex in January from the University of Lincoln, where she is currently Deputy Director of the Finance department. Joanne also brings a wealth of experience from posts at Nottingham City Council, Nottingham University and York University.

She says: "I am delighted to be moving to Sussex to work in a top-class research-led university."

Allan Spencer, Director of Finance, says: "Joanne is already working at senior management level in her current post and she will be a great asset to the division and the University at large."

"She brings a wealth of experience in running a finance department as well as specialist areas such as strategic planning, financial systems and taxation."

VC makes station stop

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Alasdair Smith, donned the obligatory hard hat last week to see how construction is coming along on the new student residences next to Falmer railway station.

The three accommodation blocks are being built by a family-owned contractor and developer called Watkin Jones. The company's chairman, Glyn Watkin Jones (pictured left), showed the Vice-Chancellor and other Sussex staff around the site, where completion is due by September 2007.

The development consists of three cross-shaped two- to five-storey blocks containing 440 bedrooms, each with en-suite bathroom facilities. Each flat will have its own fully fitted kitchen and dining area.

The residences will be managed by the University. Together with the student residence being built opposite Bramber House, they will lift the proportion of rooms with en-suite facilities from 10% to nearly a third of all housing stock, closer to what other universities offer.

New student residences with up to 300 bedrooms are also being considered for North Field (at the top end of campus, north of Lewes Court) by 2008; and the plan is to redevelop East Slope (in phases) by 2010.

New survey will measure student experience

Sussex students are being offered the chance to help the University improve its services — and at the same time to benefit fellow students who are in financial difficulty.

All students — with the exception of home undergraduate finalists, Medical School students and research students — are being sent a survey questionnaire that tracks up to 60 elements of their student experience.

And for each response received, the University will give £1 to student hardship funds.

Over the past year about 60 UK universities and colleges have signed up for what is known as the International Student Barometer (even though it covers UK and home students as well) and have used the findings to inform decision-making and to identify priority areas for investment or support.

Sussex, like the other institutions taking part, will receive a report that includes detailed analysis of student opinion by nationality, subject area and level of study.

As the Sussex survey forms part of the wider ongoing study, it will be possible to make comparisons across time and across the higher education sector, providing an independent benchmark.

LETTERS

Being kind does not cost a lot

I was at the food counter on the ground floor of the Refectory getting my lunch ... veggie pizza, I can recommend it!

Anyhow, someone came up and asked if he could fill a Pot Noodle (dried meal) with hot water. The lady behind the counter explained very kindly that she was not allowed to do that.

We were then treated to some swear words in a foreign language. We did not understand the words, but we did comprehend that he had been rude.

We all try to be welcoming at Sussex and I realise we have quite a diverse community ... but being kind does not cost a lot. It is not nice to be sworn at ... in any language!

Mick Henry, Chemistry
**Get a job or fill a vacancy with CDEC**

To mark National Student Employment Week (16–20 October) at Sussex, the Career Development & Employment Centre (CDEC) has been talking to students and employers about the services it offers.

More than 3,000 vacancies a year are promoted to students and recent graduates via the CDEC online vacancy listing. Opportunities range from part-time jobs (all offering the higher level national minimum wage or above) and work experience through to jobs for finalists and new graduates.

When a student finds work, CDEC also provides information on employment rights and can help if any discrimination or other issues arise, working closely with the USSU Student Advice Centre to resolve any employment-related issues.

Students also find support in CDEC to reflect on the skills and knowledge they have developed at work and a structured approach to reflecting on their academic and broader University experiences.

Many of the available jobs are actually based on campus; last year CDEC advertised more than 100 part-time jobs for various University departments, thereby helping to minimise placement fees paid to recruitment agencies.

What do University staff say about the service? "The recruitment was very successful and we received a high number of applications," commented the Students’ Union. The International and Study Abroad Office said, "Many thanks for your swift and efficient service," and the School of Education told CDEC, "We have just had a great response to our advert."

Andrea Wall, Employer Liaison and Events Manager at CDEC, is looking forward to promoting your campus temporary and part-time vacancies, whether this involves providing additional cover for busy periods or short term projects. Andrea can be contacted on ext. 3384 or a.wall@sussex.ac.uk.

To speed up the process, you can use the online form at www.sussex.ac.uk/cdec/advertise to notify CDEC of vacancies.

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**Credit where credit’s due**

Can you spot an essay downloaded from the Internet? Why does good referencing make teachers happy? Do students 'find' or 'make' answers?

These and many other plagiarism-related issues will be addressed by Jude Carroll, an internationally renowned plagiarism expert when she launches this year’s Plagiarism Awareness Week (13–17 November) on campus.

Sussex will play host to Jude, who is deputy director of the Assessment Standards Knowledge Exchange (ASKe) and a teaching fellow at Oxford Brooks University, on Monday 31 November. She will spend the day holding workshops and seminars for both staff and students to learn more about plagiarism and its prevention.

There are events running throughout the week with the aim of ensuring that staff and students are aware of what constitutes plagiarism, how to prevent it occurring and the resources and support available.

Jude says, "Plagiarism is a complicated problem which requires a complicated solution. Most incidences occur as students do not understand what is required of them through referencing: it is a universal issue which is linked to the easy availability of information and ways for students to bypass learning."

She continues, "It is only a small proportion of cases which involve misconduct though, worryingly, this proportion seems to be growing."

"Plagiarism through misunderstanding or misuse are still serious problems, as both hinder students’ learning. A teacher needs to know whose work they are reading. Is it the student’s or is it copied?"

Drawing on her experience of working with universities throughout the world on measures to prevent plagiarism, Jude has the following advice: "For academics it is important to look thoroughly at assessment briefs and tasks. Does the student have to work for this or can they find the answer or even fake it? If it’s possible to fake an answer, it’s time to redesign the assessment into something the student must make."

Pro-Vice-Chancellor Professor Joanne Wright says: "This awareness week means that Sussex is making innovative and practical inroads into tackling the thorny issue of plagiarism, its causes and its prevention."

A programme of events, as well as online resources such as tutorials and presentations, is available at www.sussex.ac.uk/academicoffice/paw. If you wish to attend any of the events, email Tracey Beck on t.a.beck@sussex.ac.uk by 31 October to book a place.
Academic events↓

MON 23 OCT
4pm Social and Health Psychology seminar: David Bourjouin (Louvain-la-Neuve), Perceived group and personal discrimination: Differential effects on personal self-esteem. Venue: Centre Social Space.

5pm Migration seminar: Christina Bowser (Edinburgh), The uses and abuses of research in migration policy making. Arts C233.

FRI 27 OCT
1pm IDS seminar: Sonja Boehme-Christiansen (Hull), The making of a climate sceptic: Does denial matter? 120 IDS.

2.15pm Freeman Centre seminar: Kamal A. Munir (Cambridge), Dynamics of technological breakthroughs: The case of Poland’s SX-70 camera. Freeman Centre G042/25.

TUE 24 OCT
4pm Social and Health Psychology seminar: Ed Keogh (Bath), Sex matters in pain. Venue: Centre Social Space.

4.30 pm Neuroscience seminar: Agnieszka Raszkowska (Cambridge), Dynamic regulation of stereocilia structure and renewal. Venue: Centre Social seminar room.

5pm Education seminar: John Edwards (Portsmouth), Evaluating trained teachers: What can pupils tell us? Arts E413.

TUE 31 OCT

1pm IDS seminar: Leonardo Antzzer, Comparing participatory institutions in Brazil. IDS 221.

2.15pm SIE seminar: Jorg Monar (Sussex/Strasbourg), The EU’s “area of freedom, security and justice”: A test-case of co-ordinating rather than integrating national systems. Arts C233.

1.15pm Anthropology seminar: Daniel Miller (LCL), The problem with roots: Four moments in Caribbean migration. Arts C233.

WED 1 NOV
12noon Chemistry seminar: Xiangming Zhu (Dublin), Carbohydrate chemistry and chemical biology, Anzulis 401.

12.30pm Seminar: Felicity Watts (Sussex), GDSC seminar room.

1pm Controversies on Science & Technology: Georgina Voss, Adult entertainment and the legitimisation of innovation discourses. Freeman Centre Social space.

3pm Politics seminar: Ed Phelps (Sussex), Political participation among young citizens. Arts D019.

5pm Migration seminar: Richard Pearson (Sussex), Will the UK government’s new managed migration policy help solve the country’s skills problems? Arts C233.

FRI 3 NOV

1pm IDS seminar: Leonardo Antzzer, Comparing participatory institutions in Brazil. IDS 221.

2.15pm Freeman Centre seminar: George Yp (Cagmaker Consulting), Successful strategic transformations: Research and innovation at Cagmaker Consulting. Freeman Centre, G042/25.

Arts events↓

PERFORMANCE
Thu 26 Oct
1.20–2pm Lunchtime Concert Final year Music student, Rhiannon Fox, performing her own works in a piano and voice recital. Meeting House.

Wed 1–2 Nov
8pm Bobby Baker – How To Live A set of life-changing techniques in a show guaranteed to effect ordered and disorderled minds alike. Gardner Arts Centre (GAC).

Thu 2 Nov
1.20–2pm Lunchtime Concert Music Informatics students, directed by Ian Taylor. Meeting House.

Small ads↓

Audit of teaching space

In order to inform plans to improve the teaching space on campus, an audit of seminar rooms will take place in the week beginning Monday 30 October. Student helpers will check each room and the number of occupants on an hourly basis. They are under instruction to be as unobtrusive as possible and cause minimum disruption to seminars. Student Systems thank you in advance for bearing with any inconvenience caused.

EXHIBITIONS
Until Sun 26 Nov
Walker Evans, England, 1973
These photographs – presented as a projected sequence – are an intimate personal travelogue of the friends of American photographer Walker Evans and the places he visited on a trip to England, including Brighton Pavilion and the Palace Pier. GAC.

Small ads↓

Win a scholarship to California for 2007–08

The William and Olivia Alloway Scholarship provides a stipend of US$3,000 for the academic year and a tuition-free waiver at the University of California. It is open to students on most undergraduate programmes; exceptions include those on a mandatory year abroad, those entering their final year in 2007–08, and Law and Engineering students. Simply tell the International and Study Abroad Office why your degree or future career would benefit from the opportunity to study in California. For further information and application form, contact Liz Wingfield in Mantell Building 1A25. The closing date is Tuesday 21 November.

News in brief↓

Announcement

The Bulletin is written and produced by Alison Field and Claire Potter, with contributions from Jacques Beaucage, Jessica Mangold and Reb Read. We welcome any news, story ideas, letters or small ads from the staff and students of the University. The next issue will be out on 3 November, with a copy deadline of 1pm on 27 October. Please contact the Press & Communications Office in Sussex House, ext. 8888 or email bulletin@sussex.ac.uk.

Details of all events can also be found on the web at www.sussex.ac.uk/events