Work to begin on new teaching building

Work on the construction of a new teaching building at the heart of the campus, alongside the Swanborough student residences, will start this coming year.

The new building should open during the 2009–10 academic year and will provide 3,000 square metres of teaching space across three floors, including two new lecture theatres and a mix of different sized seminar rooms.

On the ground floor, the design incorporates a flexible social and meeting space that will complement the dedicated teaching spaces in the rest of the building.

Professor Joanne Wright, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Education), said: "We have an exciting opportunity with this new building to provide space which supports innovative approaches to teaching and learning. As part of further improving the student experience, this is a very positive step forward."

Once completed, it will enable the removal of the short-life Russell Building on the west side of campus, which has provided a significant part of the University's seminar space since 2003.

The design of the new teaching building with red brick and glass matches the Swanborough buildings and echoes the original designs by Sir Basil Spence for the core campus buildings, particularly the Pevensey building.

The building has also been designed to minimise impact on the environment, with concrete floors acting as heat sinks, and natural ventilation systems.

In line with the campus masterplan to ensure further development of the green spaces on campus, the site also includes the creation of a new grass courtyard at the eastern corner of Arts Road and Refectory Road.

For further information about the range of recent and future building projects on campus, see www.sussex.ac.uk/efm

Former VC to receive honorary degree

The University is to honour a former Vice-Chancellor with the award of an honorary degree.

Professor Alasdair Smith, who was Vice-Chancellor from 1998 to 2007, will become a Doctor of Laws at the graduation ceremonies on 25 January.

Professor Smith came to Sussex as Professor of Economics in 1981, was Dean of the School of European Studies from 1991 to 1994 and, from 1997, served as Senior Pro-Vice-Chancellor before his appointment as Vice-Chancellor.

During his term of office, Professor Smith oversaw significant organisational change, including the introduction of new academic schools and management structures.

The creation of the Brighton and Sussex Medical School and the construction of the Freeman Centre and the Sussex Centre for Genome Damage and Stability were among the major developments on campus.

Professor Smith has played a leading role in higher education policy nationally. He chaired the 1994 Group of universities from 2001 to 2005. As chair of the Universities and Colleges Employers Association (UCEA), he led negotiations in 2006–07 for a new national pay bargaining system. He also has served as a board member of Universities UK – the national voice of all UK universities.

Lord Sainsbury of Turville, who was Minister of Science and Innovation from 1998 until 2006, will also become an honorary Doctor of Laws on graduation day.

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Why we should drink less

Thirty to forty per cent of adults in the UK drink at hazardous levels – and this is the main cause of A&E attendance.

That was the stark statistic with which Professor Ian Gilmore began the South Downs Annual Discourse last month.

Professor Gilmore, who is president of the Royal College of Physicians, was speaking on ‘Alcohol and health’ at the Brighton and Sussex Medical School (BSMS).

While the morbidity associated with most illnesses in the UK is decreasing, alcohol-related morbidity is on the rise, with the rate of cirrhosis doubling among 15–44-year-olds in the last decade.

The pattern of drinking is significant in the acute harm caused by alcohol, such as injuries caused through drunkenness; but the amount that is drunk is more important when looking at chronic diseases.

There are geographic patterns to drinking, and differences between ethnic groups; while there is little variation between the drinking levels of different social classes, the most harmful levels tend to be in deprived areas.

Exploring ways of reducing the health burden, Professor Gilmore estimated that raising prices by 10% could result in a 30% reduction in alcohol-related deaths. Taxes could be differentiated according to target market or strength.

Reducing licensing hours, advertising (four alcohol ads were shown during the last football match he watched on TV) and impulse buying (for example restricting alcohol sales in supermarkets to a single till) would decrease excessive consumption.

Professor Gilmore pointed out how attitudes to smoking have changed over the last few years and left his audience with the hope that changes to price, access and promotion could achieve the same benefits for heavy drinking.

Holocaust Memorial Day

Holocaust Memorial Day is being marked on campus on 23 January with an event organised by the Centre for German Jewish Studies.

Speaking at the event will be Vera Gissing, who will recount her personal experience of being rescued as a child from the Nazis in 1939.

The afternoon will include a screening of a documentary film about Nicholas Winton, the man who saved Vera and hundreds of other Czech children like her.

Speakers also include Rabbi Jonathan Wittenberg and Dr Mark Levene from the University of Southampton.

The event is free and open to all. It takes place from 1.30pm until 6.30pm in the Brighton & Sussex Medical School lecture theatre.

For full details contact Diana Franklin on ext 8771 or email d.franklin@sussex.ac.uk

Fellows migrate to Sussex

Starting this month, Sussex will be running a Chevening Programme on migration policy and hosting Fellows from around the world.

For the next 12 weeks, 12 Chevening Fellows will be on campus, taking courses on all aspects of migration including concepts and theories, methods of analysis, and issues of policy and practice.

The Fellows come from Albania, Bangladesh, China, Ghana, Malaysia, Malta, New Zealand, Serbia, South Africa, Tanzania, Thailand and Vietnam.

All are professionals whose jobs involve the management of migration flows. Some have general duties in the government departments responsible for immigration and border control, while others specialize in migration-related tasks such as the suppression of human trafficking and the management of refugee camps.

While in Britain, in addition to the courses that they take here in Sussex, they will visit organizations associated with the making and the carrying out of UK and EU migration policies.

The course director for the programme is Tony Fielding, Research Professor in Human Geography. Several geography faculty will be involved in the programme, including Professor Richard Black, Professor Russell King, Dr Ben Regaly and Dr Katie Walsh.

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office selected Sussex to host this programme, which is named after the official country residence of the British Foreign Secretary.
New map design for Sussex

A new mapping design has been developed for the Sussex campus by external design and mapping consultants as part of a new University wayfinding strategy.

A preview of the design is available in the pull-out on estates developments published with this issue of the Bulletin.

The flexible design will more easily allow the map to be developed as the campus evolves over time. The new system also enables bespoke versions to be created using a series of overlays that show the location of key services around campus, such as lecture theatres, wheelchair access and cafes.

As well as providing a clearer printed map for ease of navigation around campus, the new map will be integrated into online information. The aim over time is to bring together a range of information so that details of the academic units and services in buildings across campus can be linked to the map and easily displayed on the Sussex website.

The printed maps used in prospectuses and leaflets and in the display cases around the campus will be replaced over the coming months with the new designs.

See www.sussex.ac.uk/efm/maps for more information.

Developing our campus

A thriving and successful university needs to have the buildings and estate that match its needs and aspirations.

Prof Paul Layzell
Deputy Vice-Chancellor

Coming new to the University in September 2006, I was struck not only by the glorious campus setting and exceptional architectural inheritance, but also by the pressing need to continue to maintain and develop the campus.

I was pleased that our Director of Estates, David Kirkwood, and his colleagues had already developed an impressive and forward-looking masterplan for the long-term development of the estate, with the Swannoborough residences the first new building to be constructed under the plan.

With responsibility for planning policy for the University, I am confident that this masterplan provides a sound and flexible basis for ensuring that we can develop the campus in ways that meet the academic and social needs of the University.

Our current capital plan now looks ahead 10 years – with a sensible and costed plan for the creation of new buildings, the refurbishment of existing buildings and the long-term maintenance of our estate.

I am pleased that the next major phase of development is a new teaching building – a much needed replacement for the Russell Building. As my colleague Joanne Wright says (see page 1), this provides a great opportunity to develop spaces that support innovative teaching and learning – as I have seen myself on other UK campuses.

In total, our current major capital programme is some £60m over three years, a significant sum. We have a responsibility to plan and use this investment wisely. In some cases, the wisest option is in fact replacement of outdated and expensive-to-maintain buildings – such as Arts D and E, and East Slope. With replacement comes new opportunity – opening up space at the heart of the campus for social and academic services to students.

But as well as these major projects, I am keen we should remind ourselves that lots of investment has been undertaken in areas not easily or widely seen – not just refurbishment of main lecture theatres such as Chichester and Arts A, but in labs for the sciences, new facilities for Media and Film in EDB, or new social facilities in Park Village.

I am conscious that noise and disruption are an inevitable consequence of any building project. By planning the work sensitively, using high-quality contractors, giving out good information and having strong project managers, we can keep disruption to a minimum, as we saw with the handling of the campus-wide installation of pipe-work for the new heating system.

It has also been clear to me that too much of our estate has suffered from too low a level of investment in regular maintenance, albeit for understandable financial reasons. Long-term maintenance is however a vital investment and we are therefore boosting this from £2m to more than £4m a year. This covers everything from renewing roofs and windows to repairing concrete and brickwork and cleaning the outside of buildings.

Finally, I am pleased that we are paying attention to small details of ecology and conservation of green spaces on and around the campus. The Downland setting of the site – extensively documented by David Streeter and David Harper in their excellent Bulletin column – is an important part of Sussex’s past and future.

You can read detail on the latest estates strategy and campus masterplan in the Council papers from summer 2007 (available to staff in the ‘Committees’ section of Sussex Direct).
Goodbye greasy spoon

A documentary film by two Sussex students lamenting the demise of a legendary London greasy spoon cafe is showing on Channel 4’s website.

A Dawn Nice Caff concerns the closure in September last year of the New Piccadilly Cafe, which had been run by the same family for over 50 years.

The three-minute film was made by two DPhil students, Stella Sims (Media and Cultural Studies) and Kevin Reynolds (History).

“I was told by a friend about the cafe and how it was under threat of development”, says Stella.

“When I visited it I saw that it was an amazing place to document as it had a real resonance of history to it.”

Stella and Kevin used equipment borrowed from the Media Services Unit (MSU) to make their film. Filming was done over a day and a half in the cafe, with the narration gleaned from a week of interviews.

In the film, customers at the cafe mourn its loss and describe what the place has meant for them.

“Our collaboration illustrates how important the interdisciplinary school system is at Sussex in terms of making contact with other students in other departments,” says Stella.

“My DPhil is supervised across both the History and Media and Film departments, which has been invaluable in terms of finding new ideas and friendship, and for collaborating when you discover shared interests.”

The film can be viewed online at www.channel4.com/fourdocs

A previous film that Stella worked on called ‘Kiss Me Quick’ was shown at the SEE Brighton Documentary Film Festival (see Bulletin, 2 November 2007).
Calendar gives insight into living abroad

A 2008 calendar showcases photographs taken by Sussex students who have been studying or teaching abroad as part of their degree.

The 12 varied images include a market in La Réunion and an Alaskan log cabin, as well as a surfer in San Diego and the medieval architecture of a German city. France, Iceland and Mexico also feature.

More than 200 Sussex students go abroad on exchange programmes each year.

Those in Europe are organised through ‘Erasmus’, a scheme supported under the European Commission’s new Lifelong Learning Programme. The University receives funding from the EC each year to support and promote the Erasmus programme, and part of this was used to produce the calendar.

Emily Sinclair, Head of International Programmes, says: “The calendar seemed a good tool for promoting Erasmus, publicising our other exchange programmes and sending out a good will message for the new year, especially to those University staff who help to make study abroad a positive experience for both incoming and outgoing students.”

Staff in the School of Social Sciences and Cultural Studies will be handing out some 650 copies to prospective students on their Admission Days.

“This is a great way to promote the opportunities Sussex offers students to spend part of their degree overseas,” says Emily, “both as part of a four-year language or American Studies programme or as a voluntary period within a three-year degree.”

The calendar has been sent to Sussex students who are currently abroad, as well as Sussex finalists who returned in 2007 from time overseas.

It has also been given to incoming visiting and exchange students who have just arrived at Sussex for the spring and summer terms.

Emily says: “The calendar gives an insight into the many positive and diverse aspects of living and studying in another culture, the accomplishment of which is no small achievement.”

If you would like a copy of the calendar, contact the International and Study Abroad Office; email international@sussex.ac.uk

Above: Anthropology student James Morgan photographed the Icelandic mountains.
Below: Jennifer Robinson took this image of a cactus when she was in Mexico as part of her undergraduate degree in Anthropology and Spanish.
News in brief

Vanessa Redgrave to visit campus

Actress and UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador Vanessa Redgrave will be coming to Sussex on Friday 3 February to give a talk on behalf of UNICEF UK. There will also be a screening of her documentary, Wake up World, which traces the history of UNICEF. The talk and screening take place from 1.15pm in the Chichester Lecture Theatre.

Library surveys students

Students are invited to help the Library identify its priorities for the next few years, via an online survey at www.sussex.ac.uk/library/survey. Hard copies are available from the Library’s Enquiry Desk during staffed opening hours. The survey closes on 18 January.

CCE short courses, Jan-Aug 08

The Centre for Continuing Education (CCE) offers 10- or 20-week courses, taught mainly at evenings and weekends. Subjects include: Archaeology, Art, Art history, Career development, Churches, Classical and ancient civilisations, Community development, Creative writing, Creativity and the arts, Cultures and societies, Deaf studies (BSL), Ecology and nature, Film studies, Geology, History, Landscape studies, Life/Oral history, Lifelong learning, and Literature. See www.sussex.ac.uk/cce

Win a three-night stay in Brighton

For the first time there is a new category of 'self catering accommodation' on the University's list of approved hotels and guest houses. City Pad Holiday Homes offer a large selection of self-catering holiday accommodation in Brighton and Hove. Now you could be in with the chance of winning a free three-night stay in one of their apartments. Check-in is on Sunday 10 February from 3pm, with check-out by 10am on Wednesday 13 February. To enter the competition, just find out approximately how many properties City Pad has on its portfolio; see www.sussex.ac.uk/about/hotels. Then email the answer with your name, status (staff/student/graduate) and contact details to hotelcompetition@sussex.ac.uk. The closing date is Friday 18 January.

Feedback from NSS improves the student experience

The National Student Survey (NSS) for 2008 goes live for Sussex finalists on 4 February.

This will be the fourth year of the survey, and Sussex is keen to maximise participation. Working with the Students' Union, the University will be encouraging as many third year undergraduates as possible to respond.

The online survey covers a range of aspects of the academic experience – from teaching and assessment through to personal development and learning resources, with an overall quality measure as well.

Professor Joanne Wright, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Education), said: “We want as many students as possible to respond to the survey, and will be working hard with the Students’ Union to achieve this.

“Departments need at least 50% of students to respond to securely a publishable 2008 NSS result.

“A high response rate will give us representative feedback, and departments can encourage their final year students to complete the survey – giving the University vital information about improving the student experience.”

The University has already put in hand a range of developments based on feedback in previous surveys.

The most prominent and latest such development is the 24-hour opening of the Library, which is being piloted in the spring and summer terms. Improvements in academic advising and support for personal development have also been prompted by the feedback.

Departments' own NSS action plans were developed in the autumn term 2007 to strengthen the student academic experience in each department. Good practice is being discussed and shared across within and across schools, via work that Joanne is leading.

Sussex has also already piloted and will be running its own survey of second year students in spring 2008, as a bridge to the NSS itself.

Nominees invited for National Teaching Fellowship Scheme

Nominations are now open for the individual strand of the National Teaching Fellowship Scheme (NTFS).

Fifty awards, of £10,000 each, will be made to recognise and reward individual excellence.

Sussex currently has four National Teaching Fellows and is looking forward to continuing this record of success in 2008.

Any nomination needs to be endorsed and signed by a Dean or Director of Professional Services. (There may be more than one nomination from each school.) Nominees may be in any academic or professional role that supports the student learning experience.

Further information is available online at

www.sussex.ac.uk/tdu/1-5-9.html and at www.heacademy.ac.uk/NTSIndividual.htm

Completed nomination forms should be sent to Dr Vince East, TLDU, Mantell Building, E.v.east@sussex.ac.uk, by 5pm on Monday 21 January.

All articles are also featured on the internet at www.sussex.ac.uk/press_office/bulletin
LETTERS

Where to entertain visitors

I was interested to read (‘Plans to improve catering and retail, Bulletin 14 December’) that there was a strong message from staff for somewhere on campus to entertain visitors and that many staff currently go off campus. At my previous university this was usually the Senior Common Room.

During my time at Sussex the hot food was discontinued in the SCR, then it was moved to a smaller room, and finally it was closed altogether to make room for the Alumni Office.

Andrew Buxton, former SCR treasurer

Charles Dudley, who is responsible for campus catering, replies:

The halcyon days of the SCR were reputedly in the 1960s, when it was based in Falmer House.

By 2001, as a members-only lounge on the first floor of Bramber House, the SCR was by its own admission simply “a quiet and comfortable place for staff to have a coffee and read the papers”. (See Bulletin 14 December 2001.) It closed a few years later.

Even if it remained in place today, it is very unlikely it would be the right place for developing the high-quality dining we need for the campus community and suitable for entertaining our off-campus visitors.

Time for a clean-up?

Now that the annual leaf-chasing marathon is over, is it possible for grounds staff to turn their attention to clearing the litter that has accumulated in the shrubbery around campus? East Slope car park is a good place to start.

I am sure there are some nice noisy machines especially made for that very purpose or, failing that, a nail on a stick … or is that too quiet?

Geoffrey Mead, CCE

A walk on the wild side

Happy New Year to our readers! A new web page linking to our previous jottings reveals that this is our 79th column and that we have mused about organisms ranging from ants and Bee Orchids to Yew Trees and Zebra Spiders.

See www.sussex.ac.uk/walkonthewildside

Walking around at this time of year it is interesting how often one notices something familiar that at other times escapes interest when so much else is going on.

So it was that on a trip round campus on the second day of the year the large fluffly dirty white cottonwool-like balls of Old-man’s Beard festooning the hedgerows and shrubbery caught our attention.

This is a Sussex name for our only species of wild Clematis, the ‘beard’ consisting of the clusters of long, persistent feathery styles that crown the tips of each small nut-like fruit.

Like many familiar plants it has accumulated an impressive number of different local names in different parts of the country, Geoffrey Grigor lists a total of 36 in The Englishman’s Flora. Another Sussex name is ‘Boy’s Bacca’, as country lads once smoked cigar-sized lengths of the dried stems. ‘Gipsy’s Bacca’, ‘Shepherd’s Delight’ and ‘Poor Man’s Friend’ from Somerset all tell the same tale.

With so many of our wild plants known by such a rich variety of delightful vernacular names in different parts of the country, it was sadly inevitable that tidy-minded attempts to standardise English names would be made. That chosen for our Old-man’s Beard was ‘Traveller’s joy’, the name coined for it by the famous 16th-century herbalist John Gerard, as it decked and adorned ‘waies’ and hedgerows.

On campus it can be seen decking and adorning hedgerows around the tennis courts, the margins of the Tenant Laine woodland and behind Life Sciences.

Clematis vitalba, its botanical name, is a common plant of calcareous soils in southern England, but as a native it doesn’t venture much further beyond a line from north Wales to north Norfolk, although it is widely naturalised north of its natural limits.

We also spiced our New Year walk by seeing how many plants we could find in flower. The tally was 10, six of which were annual ‘weeds’: Chickweed, Groundsel, Shepherd’s-purse, Canadian Fleabane, Scentless Mayweed and Annual Meadow-grass.

All of these are plants of disturbed ground and flower all the year round, have a short life-span and produce copious seed; adaptations to the evolutionarily challenging strategy of colonising short-lived patches that appear in unpredictable places at unpredictable times.

The most eye-catching were the Primroses at the Boiler House end of the North-South Road; although planted here, they can naturally flower as early as December and are a cheerful reminder of the spring to come.

Get fit for the new year

If one of your new year resolutions was to get fit, the Sports Service could have just what you need.

Sussexsport are conducting an exciting piece of research and are looking to recruit 50 volunteers to take part. All participants will be given free access to facilities, a structured exercise programme and support over an eight-week period.

The aim of the study is to investigate differing exercise options and whether they contribute to an increase in sticking to physical activity. Which types of activity are easiest to participate in for those studying or working in a university environment is also under investigation.

Fifty Sussex staff and students are needed who have not exercised regularly before or have been inactive in the last six months.

There will be no restriction placed on those taking part in regards to lifestyle or diet. Participants must be free from any medical conditions that would affect their ability to engage in regular exercise and must be free to exercise three times per week from 21 January.

Participants will be randomly assigned to either a circuit group or a gym group. All information that is collected about participants will be kept strictly confidential.

The research is being conducted in conjunction with fitness companies Life Fitness and ReAIM. All participants will receive a free Life Fitness goodie bag including a water bottle and T-shirt.

The deadline to register your interest is 17 January: contact either Karen Creffield (ext 3947, E k.creffield@sussex.ac.uk) or Terry Cooper (ext 8345, E t.cooper@sussex.ac.uk).
Academic events

MON 14 JAN
5pm Education seminar: Judith Watson (Brighton), The social effects of travel to learn patterns: A case study of 16-19-year-olds in London. Arts D110.

WED 16 JAN
2pm Politics seminar: Roger Scully, Electoral institutions and the failure of parliamentary democracy in the EU.

THU 17 JAN
4pm Psychology seminar: Andy Smith (Royal Holloway), Brain regions involved in encoding ego-motion. Reveseyse 1, 1B3.

FRI 18 JAN
2.15pm Freeman Centre seminar: David Langley (Cambridge), title TBC. Freeman Centre G24/25.

MON 21 JAN
4pm Languages and Linguistics seminar: Sebastian Rasinger (Anglia Ruskin), Identity in Bangluntlet: Qualitative and quantitative considerations. Arts A71.

5pm Education seminar: Mary Evans (LSI), Talking and not talking in higher education. Arts D110.

TUE 22 JAN
2pm SEI seminar: Werner Schieke (LSE), The rise of the regulatory state in fiscal surveillance. Arts C233.

4.15pm Anthropology seminar: Hugo Gorners (Edinburgh), The nation and its discontent: Daim readings of the Indian 'nation'. Arts C233.

4.30pm Professorial lecture: Jane Oakhill (Sussex), Reading comprehension: Losing the thread. Chosen lecture theatre, BSMS. RSVP ext 7707, events@sussex.ac.uk

WED 23 JAN
1.30pm Holocaust Memorial Day: Various speakers. Chosen lecture theatre, BSMS.

4pm Social and Political Thought seminar: Peter Reilinger (Warwick), Robert Musil and modernist transcendence. Bramer 242.

5pm Migration seminar: Elisabeth Iversflaten (Bergen), Party politics and public opinion about immigration in Western Europe. Arts C233.

FRI 25 JAN
2.15pm Freeman Centre seminar: Scott Moss (Manchester), Understanding social complexity: HIV/AIDS in GaSalas. Freeman Centre G24/25.

News in brief

Postgraduate Open Day
The Postgraduate Open Day will take place on Wednesday 30 January from 11.30am to 2.30pm. It provides an opportunity to meet academic faculty representing a wide range of taught degree programmes and research subjects, and to talk to current students about life as a postgraduate student. There will be information on accommodation, careers, computing services and sport, as well as how to fund postgraduate study. For details and to book, see www.sussex.ac.uk/units/pgad/open-days/

Leaving do for Paul Feast
Paul Feast, who has been a key player in the Estates management team since 1989, is leaving the University to take up a senior position elsewhere. Colleagues and friends are invited to his send-off on Thursday 31 January at 12.30pm in the Meeting House. RSVP for catering to Michaela Shepherd on ext 3289, mgsb@sussex.ac.uk.

Audit of GTS rooms
An audit of General Teaching Space (GTS) seminar rooms takes place the week beginning Monday 4 February. Study helpers will check on 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. The Student Systems Office thank staff and students in advance for bearing with any inconvenience caused.

‘No Such Thing As Society’
Art historian Professor David Alan Mellor has curated a major new touring exhibition from the Hayward Gallery, ‘No Such Thing As Society’ presents a survey of 36 social realist photography by artists including Gilbert & George and Martin Parr. Selected from the combined collections of the Arts Council and British Council, it documents the effects of de-industrialisation, social change and globalization in Britain between 1967 and 1987.

Small ads

For sale: Phillips 27” colour television & stand + Philips digital set top box with 2 SCART inputs. Remote controls, instruction booklets, connecting SCART lead. £60. Ext 8021 or E a.j.woodbridge@sussex.ac.uk.

To let: Room in house off Lewes Rd. Wireless broadband, cleaner, unrestricted on-street parking. Share house with straight, non-veggie F owner & dog. Pref mature student or staff. £425 pmos inc. T Marie on 07793 733658, E mgf21@sussex.ac.uk.


For sale: Lexmark P3150 printer. New cartridges, £25. Buyer collects. T Rob ext 7108, E rob24@sussex.ac.uk.

To let: 1-bed UF 2nd-floor flat in Cliffe High St, Lewes. £600 pcm + bills. T Liz on 07887 600322, E liayes@bsms.ac.uk.

To let: Room in shared household, Lewes. £280 pcm. T Martin on 477137.
Planned campus developments

A new phase of development is underway in 2008, with the creation of the teaching building in the heart of campus, and other residences and academic projects at the planning stage. A mapping system has also been created to provide a clear and flexible design that can develop with the campus.

New teaching building
Timescale: construction to begin in summer 2008
Project value: £10,000,000
Architects: Architects Design Partnership
The next major development on campus will be the construction of a new teaching facility adjacent to the Swanborough site. This project, which will accommodate two purpose-built 150-seat lecture theatres, has been centrally located for use by both the Arts and Science schools. The upper floors of the building have been designed to provide additional high-quality teaching space that will be adaptable as the University's needs change. The ground floor will contain a flexible learning and social space.

This modern landmark building will serve as a focal point for students at the heart of the campus.

North Field
Timescale: construction to begin in 2008
Project value: to be determined
Planning is underway for the second phase of development of the University’s residential facilities. Phase one provided extra residential facilities at the Swanborough and Stanmer Court developments. However, there is a growing demand from students for high-quality, en-suite accommodation. Proposals for additional space include utilising land at the north end of campus, known as the North Field. An initial planning application will be made in spring 2008. The new development will be carefully designed to suit the locality.

Redevelopment of East Slope
Timescale: construction to begin in 2009
Project value: to be determined
Plans for further development of residential facilities include the renewal of the East Slope housing area. This was one of the original residences, built in the 1970s. The accommodation has remained popular with students over the years but is now reaching the end of its useful life and is in need of replacement.

The intention is to redevelop the North Field site first, which will provide extra housing and, thus, allow the closure and subsequent redevelopment of the East Slope area.

New academic building
Timescale: construction to begin in 2009
Project value: to be determined
Removal of the temporary Russell Building will make way for a new Arts academic building. This exciting new development will enable the demolition of the Arts D and E buildings, which provide insufficient space and are costly to maintain. The project will enable us to make full and effective use of the space available and create an ambitious academic centre more suited to our future requirements.

Other future developments
The University has a long-term investment and development strategy for the Sussex estate, which takes forward the ideas in the Masterplan (see back cover). Some of the potential developments in the pipeline for the future include –

• regeneration of the ground and first floor of Bramber House to develop new kitchen, café and restaurant facilities, in line with our new catering and retail strategy;
• a student hub, located close to Bramber House and the student residences, which would provide a purpose-built base for a range of student services, the Students Union and student retail;
• refurbishment of the Gardner Centre as part of the long-term academic and social development of campus facilities.

For more information see www.sussex.ac.uk/efm
Sussex map

A new mapping design has been created for Sussex, as part of a new University wayfinding strategy. The flexible design will allow the map to be adapted as the campus develops. The system also enables bespoke versions to be created using a series of overlays that show the location of key services around campus, such as lecture theatres and disabled access. The map will also be integrated into online information. The aim is to bring together a range of information so that details of the academic units and services across campus can be linked to the map and easily displayed on the Sussex web.
The Campus Masterplan

The Campus Masterplan, developed in 2004, provides a planning framework that will support an ambitious programme of building and regeneration for Sussex, in line with our academic mission and plans for strategic development.

The plan helps us to develop the best aspects of Sir Basil Spence's original vision for the site, with interlocking courtyards and with trees and landscape still dominant. The approach recognises that our estate requires sensitive regeneration, while implementing a building programme that will modernise and improve the look and feel of campus.

Our Estates and Facilities Management team has worked in collaboration with English Heritage and Brighton and Hove City Council to develop a shared agreement that ensures that our architectural legacy is not compromised.

The Masterplan provides a robust framework for development over the next 30 years, and is sufficiently flexible to accommodate the University's needs as they develop over time. The over-riding aim is that growth is managed in a coherent manner so that the ultimate result is a campus that continues to be greater than the sum of its parts.

Key
- potential new buildings
- potential landmark buildings
- planned new buildings
- delivered new buildings