

THE BULLETIN

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UGC GRANT 1976-77

The University Grants Committee has told the University of Sussex that it will receive £7,278,000 as its block grant for 1976-77.

This allocation follows the announcement by the Secretary of State for Education and Science that the total recurrent grant for universities would be £581m and would conform to the general system of cash limits being applied to Government expenditure.

From this total the UGC has held back some £35m which will be distributed when the Government's incomes policy for 1976-77 becomes known, and some estimate of the cost of prospective pay increases can be made. For the first time, therefore, the Government will not directly supplement university grants for increases in national academic salaries.

Compared with the grant for the current year, Sussex's grant for next year seems to have increased (in monetary if not in real terms) rather more than the national average.

The Planning Committee will now discuss the University's budget for 1976-77 at its meeting on April 28.

FRS FOR PROFESSOR BLIN-STOYLE

Professor Roger Blin-Stoyle, Professor of Theoretical Physics, was among new Fellows of the Royal Society, elected last month.

The number of Fellows of the Royal Society at Sussex, including the new Vice-Chancellor, Sir Denys Wilkinson, is now ten.

THE SEARCH FOR SOMEWHERE TO LIVE

Most students now living on campus and in other University accommodation will be expected to move into non-University accommodation for the 1976/77 session. During this term students will begin to search for a suitable place to live from October.

The Accommodation Office keeps a Register of privately owned houses, flats, bed-sitting rooms and private lodgings and will help students to find a suitable room or flat. However, they cannot guarantee to find addresses for all who wish to live in flats and houses, which are even more difficult to find since the 1974 Rent Act.

The Accommodation Office has written to all landlords on its Register during the Easter vacation asking them to telephone or write giving vacancies for 1976/77 as soon as they know them. Landlords can only do this when their present tenants let them know whether or not they will be remaining for the new session.

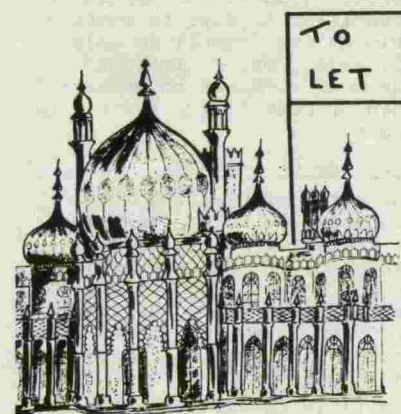
Landlords' replies are likely to come in gradually throughout the summer months and students looking for accommodation for October should call in to the Accommodation Office at intervals during the Summer term and vacation.

Addresses will be passed on to students as information is received but students themselves must accept final responsibility for making arrangements with landlords. Any accommodation booking made must be confirmed to the landlord and to the Accommodation Office as well so that records can be kept up to date.

In practice, many students in flats on the Register pass on their addresses to friends for the next session and therefore these flats are already filled by the time the landlord contacts the Accommodation Office.

The Accommodation Office is situated in the Community Services offices on the 1st floor of the Refectory

Extension, at the North End of the Refectory. Students hoping to move into a flat or bed-sitt for the first time should read the pamphlet "Living in a Flat" which is available in the Accommodation Office.



THE PEGGOTTY FREEMAN MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP IN EUROPEAN STUDIES

The first Peggotty Freeman Memorial Fellowship has been awarded by the Education Committee to Mr. J. R. Thorne, a teacher from Hayling Island.

Mr. Thorne, an Assistant Teacher at Hayling County Secondary School, became an Honorary Fellow of the University for one year from the Easter vacation.

He is the first recipient of the award which the University is to offer annually to teachers working in the field of European Studies. The award is in memory of Mrs Freeman, founder of the Schools Information Unit of the Centre for Contemporary European Studies, who died in November 1974.

Mr. Thorne has been head of European Studies at Hayling since 1973 and was responsible for setting up the course at the School. Since 1973 he has been on the European Studies C.S.E. Sub-Committee of the Southern Regional Examinations Board, as well as being the Consortium Secretary. At the present time he is involved in setting up a C.S.E. Mode I European Studies for the Board.

COUNCIL

The Students' Union Capitation Fee for 1976-77 will be increased to £28.50 for all full-time students, Council agreed at its meeting on March 19. The recommendation for an increase was made by the Council's Review Panel after meetings with Union and University Officers.

Chair of Law Studies

Col. G.I.A.D. Draper, Reader in Law Studies, is to be promoted to a Chair of Law Studies, with effect from April 1, 1976, Council agreed.

Council membership

Following the resignation of Mr. S.D. Deason, Brighton Borough Council has appointed Councillor A. Durr to membership of the Council to July 31, 1976. Dr. A. Trafford has been co-opted to membership of Council for three years.

Visiting Professors

The title of Visiting Professor is to be conferred on Professor Martin Black, Professor of Medical Physics in the University of Sheffield. He was previously Chairman of Counselling Services and Reader in Biomedical Engineering at Sussex.

The title of Visiting Professor should also be conferred on the following, Council agreed: Professor M.S. Bartlett, Emeritus Professor of Mathematics in the University of Oxford; Professor K. Hoselitz, upon taking up a part-time appointment in the School of Applied Sciences for two years from October 1976, following his retirement from the Directorship of the Mullard Research Laboratories; Professor J.B. Serrin, University of Minnesota, during his association with the School of Mathematical and Physical Sciences; and Professor S. Vajda, formerly Professor of Operational Research at the University of Birmingham and Visiting Senior Research Fellow at Sussex, during his association with the Mathematics and Operational Research Subject Groups.

Honorary Degrees

The honorary degree of Doctor of Letters is to be awarded to the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Asa Briggs at the Summer Graduation Ceremony on July 13.

Mr. S.D. Deason, a member of the University Council from 1961 to 1975 is to be awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, and an honorary D.Sc. is to be awarded to Professor Ya B. Zeldovich, Professor of

THEATRE TRAINEE DIRECTOR AWARD FOR SUSSEX STUDENT

Sarah Harding, a final year English student in the School of European Studies, has won an Independent Television regional theatre trainee director award.

She was one of three successful applicants selected from a short-list of 18 and a total of 187 applicants, one of the largest entries for the awards.

Sarah, 22, who comes from Keynsham, Bristol, will join the Harrogate Theatre for two years' training under a grant from the Independent Broadcasting Authority's television fund.

While at Sussex she has directed productions of Love's Labour Lost and Woyzeck.

The Times Higher Education Supplement has deferred publication of its article on Sussex until April 30.

SCHOLARSHIPS

* Brunner Mond Scholarship. Imperial Chemical Industries invites applications from graduates, under 25, who were born in Cheshire (the new county), for a scholarship of £1,000 to travel outside the U.K. to undertake a course at a recognised institution and/or undertake research into a subject of educational value, preferably with some connection with the chemical industry.

Applications, indicating nature of research, to the Director of Education, County Hall, Chester, by not later than this Friday, April 23, for the 1976 award. (Envelopes marked 'Brunner Mond Scholarship'.)

First-aid course

A first-aid training course starts on campus on Wednesday, April 28.

The course will be held on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. and will continue until June 16. Further details from Mr.P.J.Gilliver, Room 3R402, School of Molecular Sciences.

Physics, Space Research Institute, Moscow, and Academician, Academy of Sciences of the USSR.

Professor Daiches

Council congratulated Professor David Daiches on the award to him of the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters of the University of Edinburgh. The degree will be conferred on November 27 at Edinburgh's winter graduation ceremony.

STAFF FOOTBALL CLUB

WIN CUP FINAL

SUSSEX SUNDAY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
INVITATION TROPHY FINAL.

University Staff 1 - Brighton Boys
Club 0

At last the Staff have won a cup competition after five years of League success.

On the day the Staff deserved their victory against a team who started very much the favourites. Brighton Boys, on average a much younger team, play in Division Three of the Sunday League.

Conditions should have suited them better; the large pitch and fast surface could have caused the Staff some problems. However the Staff midfield and defence confined the Boys Club to long range shots which Les Langston, the Staff Goalkeeper, dealt with confidently.

The Staff were particularly dangerous on the left with penetrating crosses from Dave King causing the Boys Club defence serious problems. Tony Childs narrowly missed with a first time shot thundering against a post.

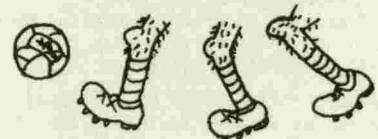
The wind and drying pitch made accurate passing difficult for both sides and the game developed into a midfield battle.

In the second half, with the scoresheet blank, the Staff began to pressurise the Brighton defence. In the 65th minute a promising attack developed on the right; the ball was half intercepted by a Boys Club full back but the ball fell for John Dunning to score in relative comfort. In the last 25 minutes the Boys Club increased the pressure on the Staff defence but only had one dangerous chance which Les Langston saved at full stretch.

Everyone in the Staff team played extremely well, showing extraordinary effort and determination in front of the very welcome University supporters.

Team: Les Langston, Ken Norman, Terry Wheeler, Mike Clare, Dave Burrell, Geoff Lockwood, Tony Childs, Gary Collins, Dave Lutwyche, John Dunning, Dave King, Jack Wilkinson.

Terry Wheeler



STUDENTS IN DEBT TO THE UNIVERSITY

1. The Ordinances and Regulations of the University give the University the rights:

- (1) to refuse to confer a degree or other award to a candidate unless he or she has paid all sums due to the University;
- (2) to withhold registration or re-registration from a student if that student is in arrears with the payment of fees or any other dues to the University.

2. As far as graduation is concerned, final year students are reminded that they will not be allowed to graduate or to enroll as a candidate for a resit examination whilst in debt to the University.

3. As far as provisionally registered students are concerned, their provisional status will be extended to the end of the Summer Term.

However, in order that adequate advance notice may be given, each student of the University is hereby reminded that, if any debts outstanding in his/her name have not been cleared, or if satisfactory arrangements have not been made with the Finance Office concerning payment of those debts, by the end of the current academic year, he/she will not be offered registration

for the academic year 1976/77. The relevant grant-awarding body will be informed to this effect and the student will not be re-admitted to the University in September.

Any student in any doubt about his or her debts to the University should contact the Deputy Finance Officer (Mr. Colin Brummitt, Sussex House, room No. 209).

PLANNING COMMITTEE

The B.Sc. Early Final Examinations in October 1976 are to be accommodated at the University, rather than the Brighton Boys' Club, Planning Committee agreed at its meeting on March 10.

The Old Refectory, its balcony and the present Senior Common Room will be used on the Monday and Tuesday of the first week of term. The Old Refectory will be used on the Friday morning and the Sussex House Common Room all day Friday.

If, on closer scrutiny, practical difficulties appear to be too great, the Sportcentre will be used instead on the Monday and Tuesday and other rooms on the Friday.

Either alternative requires some candidates to sit three papers in two days, and a 'no smoking' rule to apply.

SENATE

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The title of the School of Applied Sciences is to be changed to the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences from October 1976, Senate agreed at its meeting on March 17.

The existence of engineering disciplines at Sussex was insufficiently recognised externally, the Dean explained in supporting the change in the title.

Colleges Advisory Board

The proposal to introduce a B.A. degree programme, with the possibility of honours classification, in Combined Studies at Brighton College of Education, was discussed by Senate.

In approving the proposal Senate agreed that the title of the course should be B.A. in Combined Studies, with no reference to honours. A statement should, however, be included in the syllabus and in publicity material that the possibility of the award of honours exists subject to approval by the Senate for students who reach honours standard, and that details of assessment machinery to identify such students have still to be approved by the Senate.

Senate also agreed that this form of words should serve as a model for all similar courses.

Arrangements, satisfactory to Senate, are to be made for assessment procedures to identify honours standard students, including the appointment of external examiners.

Revised proposals for the course are to be submitted to Senate for final

approval.

The Senate is to discuss at a future meeting, the basic principles underlying the University's involvement in validation of degrees.

Dr Alan White

The Pro-Vice-Chancellor reported with sorrow the death earlier in March of Dr. Alan White, a Senior Scientific Officer in the Unit of Invertebrate Chemistry and Physiology, who had been one of the University's research students in the mid-1960's.

Tuition Fees

The University is to inform the joint Committee of Vice-Chancellors/University Grants Committee Working Party on Tuition Fees that it is completely opposed to the very large increases in fees for overseas students which, according to press reports, the Government is considering.

At its meeting on March 19, Council endorsed Planning Committee's decision to inform the Working Party of the University's opposition. It also endorsed a statement that the University remained strongly opposed to differential fees for home and overseas students.

However tuition fees are to be increased for 1976-77. Council approved Planning Committee's decision for an increase of 30 per cent from October 4, 1976, in line with the Government's recommendation of December 1975.

From October 1976 tuition fees will be as below:

Course	Annual Block Fee (£)				Exam Fee (£)
	Full-time		Part-time		
	Home	Overseas	Home	Overseas	
B.A. (other than affiliated Institutions & Year Abroad)	189	417			
B.Sc., LL.B., P.G.C.E.					
B.A. (Year Abroad)	52	52			
M.A. (other than C.D.E.T.), M.Ed. Psych., M.S.W., M.Sc. (other than Modular M.Sc. in Physics)	210	435	105*	217.50	
Research, M.Phil., D.Phil. (other than Dev. Studies)	210	435	105	217.50	
D.Litt./D.Sc.	-	-	-	-	100
Continuation Fee	25	25	25	25	N/A

* the special fee of £45 p.a. payable by part-time candidates for the M.Sc. in Astronomy who are staff members of the RGO to be raised to £60.

The above exclude:

(i) Certificate in Education, Initial and In-Service B.Ed. fees and validated degree fees, which are subject to separate national or local agreement;

(ii) the fees for fully or partly self-financing courses (i.e., the M.A. in Curriculum Development and Educational Technology, the M.Phil. (and coursework content where required for the D.Phil.) in Development Studies, the M.Sc. in Operational Research (including its term courses), I.M.S. agreement students and the Modular M.Sc. in Physics), which are subject to a separate review process.

CONFERENCE TO MARK THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GENERAL STRIKE

A conference to mark the 50th anniversary of the General Strike is to be held at the University of Sussex this coming weekend, from Friday, April 23, to Sunday, April 25.

Peter Cresswell, Conference Co-ordinator, describes below the background to the conference, which is organised by the Trades Union Group, University of Sussex Union.

In May 1926, Britain's first and only General Strike precipitated the most serious defeat the British working class has suffered. The strikers joined a struggle started by the example set by the miners. After nine days, in which the strike had increased in size and militancy, it was called off by the Trades Union Congress which had been secretly negotiating a settlement. Despite this, the miners carried on alone until they were driven by starvation and ostracism to concede defeat in November 1926.

The strike had been stage managed by the government for the employers. The TUC had sold out to the employers in the "national interest". Collaboration between labour leaders and government took on a new and firm basis, but for nine days the working class had shown an ability to organise in its own defence, despite the imprisonment at the commencement of the strike of the leaders and activists in the fledgling Communist Party and amongst the labour movement generally.

The defeat of 1926 has inhibited and obstructed the working class movement ever since. The slogan of the time "Never Again" reverberates through the 20's to today.

What positive lessons are to be learnt from the General Strike and how in the light of this should the working class movement progress? These are some of the questions which will be considered by delegates to the conference this coming weekend.

The conference is organised by the Trades Union Group, a Students' Union society here at Sussex, and is supported by our local trades council, Brighton, Hove & District Trades Council, the Sussex County Association of Trades Councils and the National Museum of Labour History.

The conference is centred on eleven workshops. Delegates (and private applicants are also welcome) will be able to choose both a morning and afternoon workshop from a wide range of topics.

Idris Cox, a miner in the 20's in South Wales and later a communist organiser, will talk on "The Miners" and their unmatched

solidarity and purpose.

The economic background will be discussed by Harry Pollens from Oxford. In the early 20's the price of German coal was manipulated to abate the unrest in British pits. Subsequently the government and employers were able to pick the most opportune time and issue with which to face the British miners and conspired in this with the TUC.

Sarah Boston will talk about the role of women in the General Strike, which came during a momentous era in the women's movement. Stephen Yeo from Sussex will examine the lessons of 1926 and socialist strategy today.

At the start of both the morning and afternoon sessions on Saturday, chaired respectively by Professor Tom Bottomore of Sussex and Keith Orange, Secretary of the local trades council, the conference will assemble in Lecture Theatre A2 to hear two guest speakers. In the morning James Klugmann, editor of Marxism Today, will talk generally about the Strike. In the afternoon Professor Vic Allen of Leeds University will talk about the consequences of the Strike.

On Sunday there will be brief reports from each of the workshops held on the previous day. These may later be expanded into a short pamphlet.

The conference will finish with an address from Brian Stanley, General Secretary to the Post Office Engineering Union (and Labour Party N.E.C. member) and the Rt. Hon. Michael Foot, MP.

Some exciting social activities also planned for the weekend. On Friday evening the first floor bar of the New Refectory will open at 8.30pm and there will be songs from a well-known London folk group, the Partisans, and our own Judy Coutinho. Opening the evening's entertainment will be local speakers, including Jack Dunn of the Kent Miners and the Rt. Hon. Frank Cousins, representing the University.

The 7:84 theatre group will present "Yobbo N'owt" on Saturday evening. Spare tickets will be available at the Union Office or on the door at Falmer House on the evening. A bar will be open until midnight.

An exhibition on the General Strike arranged by the National Museum of Labour History, will be on view in the Debating Chamber in Falmer House, throughout the weekend.

The cost of the weekend is £3.00 exclusive of meals and refreshments, which will be available. For further information contact Peter Cresswell on Brighton 692276, or ask at the Students' Union Office.

SICKNESS BENEFIT

The 'flu epidemic last term highlighted the fact that many members of staff, and faculty in particular, are unaware that the University's regulations on sick pay oblige them to produce medical certificates if absent through illness.

If you are away for more than three days and fail to produce a certificate, the period of absence is treated as unpaid leave and the next month's salary payment will be adjusted accordingly.

If a certificate is produced, the University deducts from pay only the amount of benefit entitlement under the state scheme. Since the benefit itself is tax-free the staff member stands to gain financially by forwarding certificates promptly to the Establishment Office.

Two points about the certificate itself. Do not delay submitting it to the Establishment Office or your entitlement to benefits may be lost, as several staff members have found to their cost. Make sure you fill in the certificate properly, including where applicable a claim for a non-working wife and children.

Finally, let the Establishment Office have sight of Forms BS12 & BF168 which the DHSS send you. These show the amount of benefits to which you are entitled and by making the Establishment Office aware of the exact amounts involved you will ensure that the correct deduction is made from your pay.

Bruce Claxton.

BRITISH ASSOCIATION MEETING

The British Association for the Advancement of Science is to hold its 1976 Annual Meeting at Lancaster University from Wednesday, September 1, to Wednesday, September 8.

A preliminary programme has recently been released. Dr. P.C. Lloyd, Reader in Social Anthropology at Sussex University, is scheduled to address the meeting on "Society as seen by its underprivileged: Can we understand this view and is it relevant to us?"

Further details are available from BAAS, 23 Savile Row, London W1X 1AB, or British Association Office, Fylde College, University of Lancaster, Lancaster LA1 4YF, or Mr. L.A. Suss, Science Office, Sussex House.