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SIR DENYS WILKINSON TAKES UP POST
AS NEW VICE-CHANCELLOR

The Vice-Chancellor of the University, Sir Denys Wilkinson took up office on September 1st. In this article written specially for the first Bulletin of 1976-77, Sir Denys reflects on his new role at Sussex.

My last day in Oxford before leaving for Sussex was August 21. I had to drive into town that afternoon to do some final clearing up in my office in the laboratory. As I came around the round-about at the outskirts of the city a tiny frail old lady launched herself from the pavement and tottered into the path of my car, both arms waving wildly at full stretch as though she were treading some invisible tight-rope. I managed to stop and, not a bit perturbed by the narrowness with which she had escaped flattening, the old lady rounded the bonnet and addressed me: "Kind sir...". The piece of my mind that had been about to become hers was softened by the archaic courtesies with which she begged her lift and I took her aboard. I was immediately rewarded in a most unexpected way when, after examining me narrowly as we drove off, she said: "Kind sir, are you a student?" The story is a true one although its impact is lessened somewhat when I reveal that she asked to be let off at the Eye Hospital and crossed the road among the busy Saturday afternoon traffic in a way that again demonstrated the

triumph of faith over reason. Nevertheless, this incident gave me great delight, and more, as I shall now tell you, and I took it as a splendid omen.

Here at Sussex I am going to have a lot more to do with students than I have had for a very long time, and to be mistaken for one, even by someone who seemed unable to make out large fast objects at quite short distances, gave me a sudden surge of fellow-feeling that triumphed over reason as surely as the blind faith of the old lady. My 19 years a-professing at Oxford have shown me plenty of undergraduates on the other side of the lecture bench but none in the much more revealing catch-as-catch-can of the tutorial because in Oxford professors are not allowed to tutor, or, more accurately, unlike lecturers and readers, are not paid for it if they do, which comes to the same thing. But the old lady had, in a flash, driven me clean back through Oxford to Cambridge where I did 14 years of tutoring with its delight in the scholastic triumph of the brilliant pupil and with its even greater delight in the skin-of-his-teeth pass of the man who when he first came to you could not tell up from sideways. And she had even driven me out the other side so that I felt myself again in my own first undergraduate year, waiting almost breathlessly for the great man to come in and reveal the sacerdotal mysteries, in my own second year, waiting tolerantly to see which line he was going to take today and, in my own third year, waiting with an inner smile to see just where the dear old boy would louse it up this time. I do not know which year was the most valuable to me; they were all most extraordinarily precious.

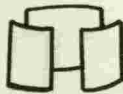
I suppose that, without ever having enumerated and articulated the elements that made it possible, I was prepared for the sudden throw-back that the old lady provoked. I had been telling myself for weeks and months that the most important

thing that I had to do as the new Vice-Chancellor was to see everything, my colleagues and myself included, through students' eyes because only that way could I feel their hopes and problems and needs and what, in a university, is more important than that? The old lady, by her simple question, had merely triggered off and swept together all the bits and pieces of the thoughts that had been coming to me on and off over the six months for which I had known that my job was to switch from trying to unravel the deepest secrets of the atomic nucleus to a certainly more difficult and, I hope, more rewarding one. I do not want to imply that my 36 Oxbridge years have been unrewarding; very far from it; personally and professionally I have been very lucky and I could not have asked for more but those years have also taught me, very clearly, that there are things that are important and that will be of increasing importance, particularly to students, that Oxbridge simply cannot do and that there are sorts of students, also important, that Oxbridge simply is not constituted to handle. Sussex has taken a lot of very good things from Oxbridge but it is not just Balliol-by-the-Sea and it is the degree to which it is not, not the degree to which it is, that gives it its power and that brings me here.

I must not say that the old lady had shewed unto me all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time because that would give a quite false impression of the qualities that I consider myself as bringing to the Vice-Chancellorship, and she was certainly no temptress, but in my own moment of time she had told me that I knew what I had to do and why I was doing it and what it was all about. I hope she was right.



Arts Centre



The Gardner Centre's autumn season provides something to suit all tastes. Stars appearing include Renee Asherson, Faith Brook, Constance Cummings and Vivien Merchant.

There will be concerts by Staverton Bridge, Colin Tilney and Ram Narayan as well as the world famous English Chamber Orchestra.

The English Music Theatre company, which recently enjoyed a triumph at the Brighton Festival, will be appearing in December.

Three of the most respected national touring companies - the Oxford Playhouse Company, The Prospect Theatre Company and the Cambridge Theatre Company - are all bringing their current productions to the Centre.

Fringe theatre will be represented by two of the best groups around - Pip Simmons and Sal's Meat Market.

At Christmas there is to be a full-scale revival of the classic "Where the Rainbow Ends".

* Music

First concert of the season will be a harpsichord recital on October 11 by Colin Tilney, one of England's leading harpsichordists. His last visit to the Gardner Centre was sold out on the day booking opened.

On October 13 there will be a chance to hear the folk group, Staverton Bridge. Each member of the group - Tish Stubbs, Paul Wilson and Sam Richards - is a soloist and many of their songs are presented in this fashion, with three voice parts, often accompanied with a range of instruments. Since they joined up as a group in 1970 their repertoire has consisted entirely of songs from the British Isles.

* Theatre

Enid Bagnold's splendid comedy "The Chalk Garden" continues at the Gardner Centre for the rest of this week. One of the best British plays since the war, it stars Renee Asherson as Miss Madrigal.

Edward Albee's play "All Over" comes to the Gardner Centre from October 18 to 30. (excluding October 27). It stars Constance Cummings, Vivien Merchant and Faith Brook in what is considered by many to be the best play from America's leading contemporary dramatist. Albee presents a ruthless observation of the fragile relationships existing between a small family group who, gathered about his bedside, await the death of the man who links them all together.

* Exhibitions

The Human Clay, an Arts Council exhibition of works representing the human figure selected by R.B. Kitaj, will be on view in the Gallery until October 28.

There will be an exhibition of prints by Anne Marie LeQesne on the stairs until October 29.



RICHARD HAMILTON SELF PORTRAIT, 1938

Full details of the autumn programme are available in Gardner Centre News.

Silk screen prints of the University

A silk screen print of the University by Bob Chaplin has been commissioned by the Gardner Centre, and is currently on display there.

Bob Chaplin lives and works in Lewes. Exhibitions at the Gardner Centre have made his work well-known about the University and he has contributed to many exhibitions in this country and abroad. The British Council and Victoria and Albert Museum have purchased works and Bob Chaplin prints are in both public and private collections in Europe and the USA.

The print of the University has been produced in an edition of 100, and costs £12.

ART LOAN SCHEME

Under the Gardner Centre's Art Loan Scheme, prints and drawings may be borrowed by members of the University and Friends of the Gardner Centre.

Works may be viewed in the Group Practice Room (off the Gallery) in the Arts Centre from Monday to Friday 12.30 - 2.30 and 5.30 - 6.00 p.m. until October 16.

Senior Common Room

The Senior Common Room moved to its new premises on the mezzanine floor of the Refectory during the vacation. Facilities include a lounge, dining room and bar, a games room and two committee rooms.

An expanded programme of social events has been arranged for the coming year. A wine and cheese party will be held this Friday, October 8, to welcome new members of the University faculty and staff, and a formal dinner has been arranged for October 22 to welcome the new Vice-Chancellor and to mark the opening of the new SCR premises.

Other events planned include a formal dance in December, a concert by a section of the Brighton Youth Orchestra, a lecture and wine tasting, and a strawberry supper and barn dance next summer.

The SCR bar is open for a sociable hour each Wednesday during term from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Membership of the SCR is open to anyone permanently employed at the University, and to academic and administrative visitors. The subscription of £5 a year (£2.50 for first year) is expected to remain the same this year.

The SCR is also able to offer a wide range of daily papers and magazines available for reading in the lounge. It holds membership of the National Trust and the Royal Horticultural Society in the name of the President and tickets for admittance to Trust properties and RHS shows and gardens may be obtained on loan from the SCR bar.

UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S GROUP

The Sussex University Women's Group provides opportunities for women associated with the University to meet and discuss matters of interest and pursue various leisure activities.

For more information about the Group contact Mrs. Verena Smith, tel. Ringmer 812335, or Mrs Adrienne Hirschfeld, Brighton 687529. They can also put newcomers and visitors in touch with people with local knowledge of schools and other facilities. The Group also has a list of items such as children's furniture and toys that can be borrowed long or short term.

A programme of events for the autumn term is published this month and details are also published in the Diary of Events.

Institute of Development Studies

The Institute of Development Studies was set up in 1966 on the initiative of the Ministry of Overseas Development, to teach and research on an inter-disciplinary basis, the development problems - which the Institute was to identify - of overseas countries. Now, ten years later, these problems are much clearer to all, but more formidable, and the answers more elusive.

IDS was established under the provisions of the 1948 Companies Act, as a company limited by guarantee but not having a share capital, and was incorporated on April 20, 1966, there being no other way of starting an independent educational institution of this sort except by royal charter. Its revenue was to be derived from a grant-in-aid from the Ministry of Overseas Development and from tuition fees and research grants.

This year the Institute completes its first decade as a national institute of development studies. Now a sizable establishment of some 75 research workers and about the same number of administrative, secretarial and library staff, the Institute is housed in its own buildings with a link to the University Library.

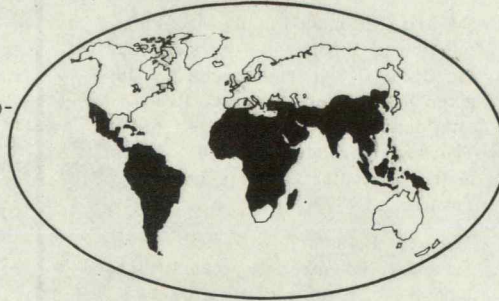
Newcomers to the Institute invariably ask two questions: (a) what is the relationship of IDS with the University? and (b) what is its relationship with the Government?

The over-arching link between IDS and the University is the Vice-Chancellor, who is Chairman of the Institute's Governing Body; Senate appoints another three members of the Governing Body, two of whom also sit on the Board of Studies. In practice there is a variety of less formal working relationships: IDS academic staff are treated as associated faculty of the University and undertake teaching responsibilities in the University, particularly in the supervision of postgraduate students, and correspondingly, University faculty are involved in the Institute's own teaching programme.

As far as the relationship with the British Government is concerned, the quinquennial grant arrangement, which parallels the UGC system of university financing, is the main device for ensuring the academic integrity and autonomy of the Institute, since a five-year period of assured finance makes it unnecessary continuously to justify day-to-day activities.

The Ministry of Overseas Development is, however, represented both on the Board of Studies and on the Governing Body of the Institute and is able to contribute to the formulation of programmes and policies.

The Institute's first prospectus was published in July 1966 and the teaching programme began early in the following year with a seminar



on aid and trade. Although the Treasury rules at that time did not provide for courses in the United Kingdom of less than three months' duration, this type of seminar, lasting for some four to six weeks, became the model. In the beginning, Study Fellows, as they were called, were housed in Brighton hotels, but later the Institute established a 'hotel' in its own building and this residential/social base thrives as a meeting place for the international community which is a feature of life at the University.

Over the past ten years the Studies programme has included 56 Study Seminars, bringing together more than 1,200 participants from more than 100 countries, mainly in the Third World but including some from industrialized countries and international agencies. The programme is designed to serve senior administrators and university teachers from developing countries, government officials from 'rich' countries working on developing countries' problems, and graduates specializing in problems of development.

A major development which has brought IDS into a close collaborative relationship with the University was the establishment in 1973 of a Graduate Division of Development Studies which runs a two-year interdisciplinary course, taught mainly by IDS Fellows, leading to the degree of Master of Philosophy in Development Studies.

More recently the emphasis has been shifting away from the 'training' approach towards a role as a research institute, disseminating results not only by the Institute's public-relations, but also by teaching and consultancy activities. A great variety of work is undertaken but the main research thrust concerns poverty employment and income distribution within developing countries, and the unequal relationships (economic, political and cultural) between Third World countries and the rest of the world economy.

Research is organised within one of the four problem area groups: Human Resources, International, Planning and Government, and Rural Development. Smaller research clusters are also playing an increasing part. At present research falls into ten main clusters: access to public services

(particularly housing); crop storage (field work conducted in Andhra Pradesh, India); international dependence; education; health, population (particularly population growth and rural poverty); the role of women in rural development; technology; trade and commodities; and village studies.

A main concern is that IDS research results should be communicated in ways that have an impact on policy making. At least a dozen of the Institute's research staff at any one time are working in the Third World, and most others spend some period each year on operational activities.

It is hoped that several new areas of research will be developed in the next five years. These include more work on international aspects of development; development experience in socialist countries (particularly China); the role of the State and the dynamics of social change; urbanization and industrialization; and the role of women in development. The level of staffing has more or less steadied, and there is no plan at present to increase the number of core Fellows from 25. Additional work will be accommodated by Visiting Fellowships, by vacancies as old work is completed, and by new research grants.

An outstanding feature of IDS is its Library. Substantial resources have been invested in it and it is both well stocked and staffed, attracting to the Institute scholars from throughout the world, and enabling it to maintain a programme for distinguished visiting staff. Planned as a national centre of documentation on development, it contains official and non-official publications from most Third World countries and is an official depository for UN publications. It is open to individual researchers.

During this tenth year of its existence, IDS will be involved in a number of activities of national and international significance in the development studies field. A member of the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes, it hosted an inter-regional meeting on development research and education in September. It also organized the third National Development Research Conference (held in Manchester in September) where researchers gave brief accounts of their work on development problems, and where there were plenary sessions on the relevance of China to development planning and on research into alternative sources of energy and their social impact. In collaboration with other European countries, IDS has also this year produced the 1976 national Register for the UK of on-going research in development studies. This Register, the Annual Report and list of writings, Quarterly Bulletin and other IDS publications, are available from the IDS Communications Office (Room 127).

UNIVERSITY FLATS POPULAR WITH HOLIDAYMAKERS

The holiday flat lettings scheme which got under way in earnest in the summer vacation, after a successful pilot scheme in 1975, has proved popular with holidaymakers.

Thirty-four East Slope flats and 11 flats in properties in Brighton and Hove were offered for self-catering holidays from July to mid-September.

The success of the scheme means that, disregarding VAT, the amount collected in rents totalled approximately £15,000. It is likely that the Accommodation Account will have benefited to the tune of about £11,000 after expenses.

The flats were advertised in the national press and professional journals from last January and brought in a steady flow of bookings. The flats are best suited for families with young children and, not surprisingly, the greatest demand was in the school holidays in the second half of July and during August, with a reduced demand in September.

Prices charged were £55 a week plus VAT for a six person flat and £60 for a seven and eight person flat. A discount of about ten per cent was offered in September. Each flat was equipped with crockery, cutlery and cooking utensils and visitors were asked to bring their own linen and towels.

Visitors came from all over the country and a few from abroad. There were a lot of satisfied customers and a few complaints. One family enjoyed their holiday so much that they wrote a glowing letter to the Daily Mail.

NEW BUS TIMES

The last bus from the University into Brighton will now leave at 23.35. This is just one of a number of changes to the timetable announced last week.



You may have enjoyed the hot, dry summer but the grass in the University park has had a pretty hard time. Now, with the recent rain, it is at last beginning to look green again, so please do your bit to help by keeping off the grass for a while.

Special Lectures

Edward Gibbon's "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire" is the subject of the Great Centenaries Lecture to be given by Dr. John Burrow, Reader in Intellectual History at Sussex, on Thursday November 4, at 6.30 p.m. in the Molecular Sciences Lecture Theatre.

The 11th Pelham Lecture will be on Tuesday, November 16 when Professor John Steer, Professor of Fine Arts at the University of St. Andrews, will speak on "Constable and the Language of Art". The Lecture will be given in the Banqueting Room at the Pavilion at 8 p.m. and admission is by ticket only, available from the Centre for Continuing Education.

Other lectures open to the public will be by Sir Alan Cottrell on "Science and Government" on November 25 and a Professorial Inaugural Lecture by Professor Leon Mestel on December 2.

GÖTZ FRIEDRICH AT SUSSEX

Wagner producer Götz Friedrich and his production team will visit the University this Wednesday, October 6, to take part in an open discussion of his interpretation of "The Ring" which is being produced at Covent Garden.

The meeting, in IDS 221 at 11.30 a.m., is open to all who are interested. Music students at Sussex have attended the four final dress rehearsals at Covent Garden.

Friedrich is Professor of Music at the University of Hamburg and Director of the Hamburg Opera, and he has produced Wagner at Bayreuth. He left East Germany a few years ago.

The Physics Centre

The Physics Centre, which exists for the benefit of physics teachers in Sussex is holding three meetings this term.

The first is this Wednesday, October 6, when Dr. P.D. Townsend will speak on "Integrated optics - the communications system of the future?" in the Physics Building PBA6, at 7.30 p.m. On November 3 there will be a meeting at Brighton Polytechnic on "Modern uses of X-ray Diffraction" with a lecture and laboratory tour and on December 1 there will be a lecture by Dr. M.E. Ertl at the University on "Energy from the sun and wind".

Coffee and biscuits are served and the meetings provide an opportunity for physics teachers in schools, the Polytechnic and the University to meet.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF FACULTY

The Department of Prices and Consumer Protection has written to the University to say that it makes a large number of appointments to a wide range of voluntary bodies in the consumer protection field, in particular to the Nationalised Industry Consumer Councils. These independent statutory bodies are financed by the Government and are set up to represent the interests of the consumer of specific groups of goods and services.

The Department is building up a store of information on which it can draw when appointments are to be made, and it is anxious to broaden the range of possible candidates for service on all consumer bodies, in order to cover as many interests and fields of expertise as possible. It feels that there may be many people working in higher education who would be willing to contribute to this area of public service, and has written to universities and colleges in the United Kingdom asking for help in finding these people. A simple form is provided for completion by anyone who may be interested in this work, together with an information note which gives an outline of the type of work and the amount of time it involves. Naturally the contents of all forms will be treated as strictly confidential.

A copy of this form may be obtained from Mrs. P. Ginn, in the Secretary's Office, Sussex House (Internal tel. no: 05-168).

Olympic medals

Sussex graduate Ardian Parker was a member of the three-man team which won Britain a gold medal in the Modern Pentathlon at the Montreal Olympics. He clinched the victory by taking first place in the cross-country event.

Brendan Foster, also a Sussex Graduate, won a bronze medal in the 10,000 metres.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES

The University Language Laboratory proposes to organise a course in English Language for overseas and other students.

Those interested are asked to contact the Language Laboratory (04-670), or write stating their own language, their previous English learning experience, and their status at the University (i.e. undergraduate, Research Fellow and Centre, Institute, etc.), or call in person at the Laboratory in the Arts Building any day between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

TRAVEL AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES

Travel and subsistence allowances, approved by Council in June, are as follows:

Car allowances

- * Car mileage 12.5p
- * Lump sum per annum £159 + per mile 7.5p
- * Motor cycle 2.25p

Subsistence allowances

Actual expenses up to a maximum subsistence of:

* For an absence not involving a night away from home:

- 4 - 8 hours £1.75
- 8 - 12 hours £3.00
- 12 - 16 hours £4.00
- over 16 hours £4.50

* For an absence from home overnight (up to 24 hours):

London £12.00

Elsewhere £11.00

* For travel overseas (up to 24 hours):

Europe £20.00

North America £22.50

Elsewhere - British Council rates



Tenth anniversary of the Meeting House

The Meeting House celebrates its tenth anniversary festival from October 31 to November 7. There is a full programme of music, theatre and exhibitions, together with a number of special services, and a dinner will be held in the Refectory on November 6.

A festival leaflet giving full details has been printed and an article will be published in the next issue of The Bulletin.

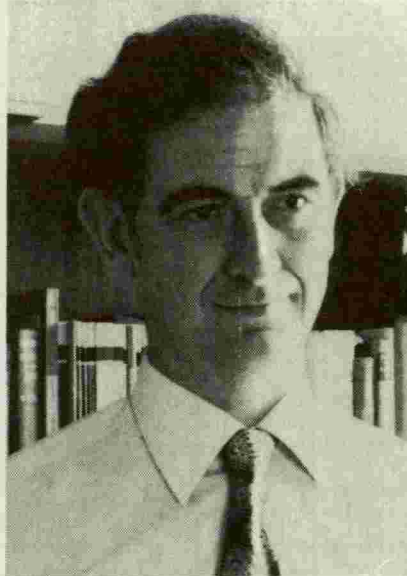
Seminars in Counselling

Seminars in Counselling will be held this term on a fortnightly basis on Thursday evenings. Weekend workshops on Psychodrama, Bio-Energetics and Transactional Analysis will also be held. Further details can be obtained from Geoffrey Whitfield, Room 2, The Meeting House.

The process of interpersonal communication

A residential weekend school on "The process of interpersonal communication" will be held at Nash, Steyning on October 30 and 31.

The cost of the weekend is £8.50, including full board and tuition. Further information is available from the Centre for Continuing Education, which is organising the course. Applications should be submitted by October 22.



Professor John Scott to be V-C of Australian university

Professor John Scott, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Science) and Professor of Applied Statistics, has been appointed Vice-Chancellor of La Trobe University, Melbourne, from July 1977.

Professor Scott came to the University of Sussex in 1965 as a Reader in Mathematics. He became a Professor in 1967 and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Science) in 1972.

He was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge, and his academic career has included posts at Oxford, Aberdeen and Sheffield universities.



Commonwealth universities

A List of University Institutions in the Commonwealth (20th edition) is available from the Association of Commonwealth Universities, 30 Gordon Square, London, WC1H 0PF. Single copies are available free.

The List gives full postal addresses, the personal names of the executive heads and of the officer to whom general enquiries should be addressed. The List is of particular use to those keeping international mailing lists and others interested in new universities.

What's your address?

Students are reminded that they should submit their local address to the University, even if they have not moved since last year.

Failure to do so could mean the non-arrival of a vacation grant or being excluded from the Register of Electors.

IN BRIEF

* Professor Lord Briggs, who retired as Vice-Chancellor this summer, has taken the title of Baron Briggs, of Lewes, in the county of East Sussex. He was awarded a life barony in the Queen's Birthday Honours in June and took up his appointment as Provost of Worcester College, Oxford, last month.

* Mr. D.E. Oldfield has taken over as Dean of the School of Cultural and Community Studies in succession to Mr. J.E. Simmonds.

* Professor R.J. Tayler's appointment as Dean of the School of Mathematical and Physical Sciences has been extended for a further two years from January 1977.

* Professor Mestel's son, Jonathan, 19, became the youngest ever winner of the British Chess Championships this summer. He also won more games in succession than anybody else in the history of the competition. Professor Mestel is Professor of Astronomy at Sussex and the family lives in Lewes.

* Professor Leslie Holland of the Unit for Plasma Materials Processing in the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, received the seventh annual Medard W. Welch Award of the American Vacuum Society in Chicago last month. The award, consisting of a solid gold medal and a prize of \$1,000, was presented to Professor Holland in recognition of his contributions to vacuum technology and thin and surface sciences.

* Professor John Cornforth, FRS, Royal Society Research Professor in the School of Molecular Sciences and joint winner of the 1975 Nobel Prize for Chemistry, was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Science by Dublin, Liverpool, Oxford and Warwick universities this summer.



Man of the Match

Brian Moyle, captain of cricket in 1975, won the Man of the Match award in the final at Lords of the Haig Village Cricket Championship. Playing for Troon, Cornwall, he ripped the middle out of the Sessay, Yorks, batting to take Troon to victory. A graduate of the School of Molecular Sciences, he returns as a postgraduate this year.



The additional squash court at the Sports Pavilion was officially opened last month. A report on the progress of other building projects will be given in the next issue.

OVERSEAS RELATIONS OFFICE

*British Council Younger Research Workers Interchange

This scheme enables postgraduate students of at least two years' standing, faculty research staff, and faculty of lecturer grade aged under 40, to visit institutions in Scandinavia, Western Europe (not France, Luxemburg, Portugal) and Poland where work is in progress which is of interest to them in their research (science or social science subjects, some science only for Italy).

Support consists in most cases of a maximum of 14 days subsistence allowance and surface travel. Visits are to be made within the calendar year 1977. Application forms are available from the Overseas Relations Office, returnable to Deans of Schools by November 5.

Further information is available in a leaflet from the Overseas Relations Office (please quote file 305).

*Conflict in International Relations

The Rockefeller Foundation offers fellowships for periods of from 6-12 months, worth up to \$30,000 (£17,650) but normally well below that figure, for maintenance, travel and other approved expenses. Applicants must have demonstrated research ability, normally D.Phil. plus published work, or relevant practical work experience in the conduct of international relations. Programmes concerned with historical research or domestic conflict are not normally supported.

The programme is focussed on a number of topics, particularly economic instability as a source of conflict; arms control; food, population and climatic differences as sources of conflict; reductions of tension in specific quarrels; relationships be-

tween domestic and foreign policies; international institutions in the avoidance of conflict; and the promotion of peaceful change.

Closing dates are December 1 and May 1 for awards made in January and June. Copies of the announcement are available from the Overseas Relations Office (quoting file 706).

*M.A. programme in English and American Studies

Final year undergraduates may wish to know that scholarships and fellowships for M.A. study in English and American Studies are available at Clark University, Worcester, Ma. for 1977-78, and that the University is particularly keen to attract graduates from Sussex.

Application forms are available from the Overseas Relations Office (quoting file 180), or from the Occupational Advisory Service, Refectory Terrapin, where a prospectus is available for consultation. Closing date is February 15, but early application is advised.

*Faculty Exchange with the U.S.A.

Washington University at St. Louis, Mo., is willing to consider offering temporary posts to Sussex faculty on sabbatical leave. No guarantees are given that such appointments will be made, but the relationship between the two universities is good and there is every chance that any such requests would be considered favourably. Approaches to Washington University should be made through the Overseas Relations Office and a complete c.v. would be required. At least six, and preferably nine months' notice should be given.

Overseas Relations Office, Sussex House. (Int. tel. 05-124)

HONORARY DEGREES NOMINATIONS

Nominations are now invited for the award of Honorary Degrees at the Summer Graduation Ceremony 1977.

Nominations, giving as much information as possible in justification of each proposal, should be submitted in confidence to the Vice-Chancellor, who is Chairman of the Honorary Degrees Committee, by November 30, 1976.

Any member of the University may submit nominations at any time of the year for consideration by the Committee, which submits its recommendations to the Senate and Council for approval.



The Colleges Advisory Board (CAB) has arranged a meeting for members of University Subject Groups to express their views of proposed new organisational machinery for the validation of academic awards in the affiliated institutions. The new machinery would combine the work of the School of Education and of the CAB in a single organisational unit.

The meeting, which will be chaired by Dr. Angus Ross, Chairman of the CAB, will be at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday, October 14, in the Molecular Sciences Lecture Theatre. It is open to all members of University Subject Groups.

Copies of a paper describing the proposed changes are available from the Secretary of Education (EDB 301 - int. tel. 03-113). A supply will also be available at the meeting.

SIR SYDNEY CAFFYN

Sir Sydney Caffyn, Senior Pro-Chancellor of the University and Chairman of Council since 1961 died at his home in Eastbourne on Sunday, September 26.

Sir Sydney, 75, had always played a leading role in the life of the University. His death came 20 years after his election as Chairman of the Joint Committee formed to promote a University College of Sussex in 1956.

In 1963 when he was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Science, Professor Asa Briggs, then Pro-Vice-Chancellor, said: "To those who know him he is a man all of one piece of simplicity of purpose and breadth of experience, supremely honest and fair, the kind of counsellor universities need whether they are new or old."

A Service of Thanksgiving for his life and his many contributions to the University will be held in the Chapel of the Meeting House on Sunday, October 31, at 8.00 p.m.

DIARY OF EVENTS

TUESDAY OCTOBER 5

Sussex University Women Rambling Group: Friendly not arduous walks - back in time to meet children from school. Details from Verena Smith. (tel: Ringmer 812335)

Centre for Contemporary European Studies Graduate Course: Professor Francois Duchene "Introduction" 2.00 p.m. 2B3 Mantell Building.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 6

Music Subject Group Open Lecture: Götz Friedrich (Producer of "The Ring" by Wagner at Covent Garden) Open Discussion of his interpretation of "The Ring". 11.30 a.m. Room 221 IDS. All welcome.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 7

Opening of Session Service: Preacher: The Rev. Harry Morton (General Secretary of the British Council of Churches) Organist John Birch. 6.00 p.m. Meeting House Chapel. Followed by a wine and cheese party in the lower floor of the Meeting House.