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STUDENT GRANTS— V-C SPEAKS OUT

The Vice-Chancellor this week issued a strongly worded Personal Statement calling on the Prime Minister to face and deal with the "gross inadequacy" of the present student support arrangements.

He urged students and members of the University to write to their MPs and asked students to send a copy of his Statement to their parents urging them to make similar representations.

Branding the present system a "rococo mishmash" and "a disgraceful muddle", the Vice-Chancellor called on the Government to abandon its "make-do-and-mend" attitude to student support. He urged it to:

- cancel its proposed changes in social security legislation,
- make a realistic adjustment to the maintenance grant proper for 1986-87 and
- commit itself to specify, debate and implement a new system for 1987-88.

The Statement, which is printed in full on page 3 inside, has also been sent to the 16 Sussex MPs who have a dual responsibility in respect of their constituencies and as members of the University Court.

MORE HONORARY GRADUANDS

Three more people are to be awarded honorary degrees by the University at a special ceremony on July 15 incorporating the Silver Jubilee Graduation Ceremony and the installation of the new Chancellor, the Earl of March and Kinrara.

The new honorary graduands are:

Doctor of Laws

Dr. Quett Masire, President of Botswana.

Doctor of Letters

Professor S.H. Beer, Eaton Professor of the Science of Government, University of Harvard.

Doctor of Science

Sir Michael Atiyah, FRS, Royal Society Research Professor at the Mathematical Institute, Oxford.

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DEATH OF FIRST VICE-CHANCELLOR



Lord Fulton

We report with great regret the death of Lord Fulton, the University's first Vice-Chancellor. Lord Fulton, who was 83, died peacefully at his home in Yorkshire on the evening of Friday, March 14.

John Fulton was appointed Vice-Chancellor in 1959, two years before the grant of the Royal Charter. So rapid - and unprecedented - was the growth, of which he was the architect, that by the time of his retirement in 1967 Sussex already had 3,000 students and had firmly established its academic reputation.

Before coming to Sussex, John Fulton had been Principal of University College, Swansea (1947-59), including two terms as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Wales in 1952-54 and 1958-59, and Fellow of Balliol College, Oxford (1928-47).

He will also be remembered as Chairman of the Committee on the Civil Service (1966-68), for chairing the Commission which established the Chinese University of Hong Kong (1963) and for many other public offices.

He was knighted in 1964 and created a Life Peer in 1966.

Lord Fulton leaves a widow, three sons and a daughter.

Registrar and Secretary, Geoff Lockwood, who was one of Lord Fulton's earliest

colleagues at Sussex, has contributed the personal tribute which appears below.

A memorial service for Lord Fulton will be held in the Autumn, and a fuller appreciation of his life and work will appear in the 1987 Annual Report.

It is ironic that in order to pay tribute to Lord Fulton, who was always a man for the future, one has to use terms which sound dated. He was an inspiring leader. A man whose drive, industry and morality created permanent institutions and affected everyone who worked with him. His aims were selfless, in the best traditions of British public service, and his enthusiasm was infectious. He never looked backwards, his attention was always focussed on the young and the future. His often repeated statement in the 1960s that this University was educating students for life in the twenty-first century and he was there to see that they got an appropriate education, was a far better and more direct method of motivating academic faculty than any attempt at a formal statement of the University's mission.

His career was full of achievement. Leaving aside his work in and on the Civil Service and his work with national and international bodies, he revived the University of Wales and created, or resurrected, universities worldwide, like the University of Malta and the Chinese University in Hong Kong.

But his most lasting memorial is the University of Sussex. In a matter of months in 1959 he transformed the idea of a University College in Sussex to the reality of the first fully-fledged new university in England since the 1830s. In the following two years he persuasively recruited the talent (including several months of a 'full-Nelson hold' on Asa Briggs) on which the success of the University has been based. He then led the University from nothing to the major institution it was by 1967; a speed of expansion unprecedented in the whole history of British higher education, and to which he added, by his personal initiative, institutions like the Institute of Development Studies.

The University itself is his memorial and we will over the remaining months of our Silver Jubilee year find ways of expressing our gratitude.

NEWS IN BRIEF

KULUKUNDIS GROUP AGM

The annual general meeting of the Kulukundis Group will be held tomorrow, April 23, at 6 p.m. in Kulukundis House. The formal business of the meeting will be followed by a talk by Frances Hasler, a former Sussex student (EngAm, 1974-77) currently employed by the Islington Disablement Association and former Education and Welfare Officer of the Spinal Injuries Association. There will be a small party to round-off the evening.

WINE SOCIETY

The Wine Society will be holding three wine tastings during the summer term. Membership of the Society is open to all faculty, staff and students. Details from P. Nadin, SocSci u/g p/h, or Y. Smith, Biols u/g p/h.

UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX 'AT A GLANCE'

A new edition of the full-colour general purpose leaflet on the University of Sussex 'At a glance' has recently been published. Copies are available from the Information Office, Sussex House.

WARMAID

WARMAID, a registered charity set up to help the elderly and disabled pay their heating bills, has appealed for workers to give one hour's pay to this cause. Donations may be made through any local branch of Lloyds Bank or to Hove Voluntary Services, 34 Third Avenue, Hove, BN3 2PD.

CALLING UEA GRADUATES

Last year the University of East Anglia set up the UEA Society for its former students. If you are a UEA graduate and would be interested in joining the Society, please contact: Mrs. Gillian Coates, UEA Society, Vice-Chancellor's Office, University of East Anglia, Norwich, NR4 7TJ.

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These new honorary graduands join those chosen by the Chancellor earlier; they are:

Doctor of Laws

The Marquis of Abergavenny, Lord Lieutenant of E. Sussex

Mr. T.H.B. Mynors, Former Chairman of the University Council and Senior Pro-Chancellor (1980-85)

Mr. A.E. Shields, Founding Registrar of the University

Doctor of Letters

The Rt. Rev. Eric Kemp, Bishop of Chichester

Doctor of Science

Sir Norman Longley, Deputy Lieutenant of W. Sussex and retired Chairman of James Longley (Holdings) Ltd

PEOPLE

PRO-VICE-CHANCELLOR (ARTS & SOCIAL STUDIES)

Professor Donald Winch is to succeed Professor Margaret McGowan as Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Arts & Social Studies) for a three-year period from August 1, 1986.

DEANSHIPS

Dr. Stuart Laing is to be the next Dean of the School of Cultural and Community Studies. He will take up his three-year appointment on August 1, in succession to Professor Willie Lamont.

Mr. Des Cohen will succeed Dr. Bob Benewick as Dean of the Graduate School in Arts and Social Studies. His three-year term of office will begin on July 1.

ENGINEERING PRIZE

Dr. J.B. Roberts, Reader in the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, has been awarded the Institution of Mechanical Engineers' Clayton Prize.

MARRIED IN THE MEETING HOUSE

The sun shone for Michael Brown, Reader in Science Studies, and Lynne Brown, a former Sussex PGCE student, when they married at the Meeting House on March 15. The service was conducted by the Rev. Patrick Brain.

SIR PETER PEARS

Sir Peter Pears, CBE, an honorary graduate of the University of Sussex, died on April 3, aged 75. The celebrated tenor received an Hon. D.Litt. from Sussex in 1971, the conferment being marked by a recital by Peter Pears and Benjamin Britten in the Meeting House on Graduation Day.



Sir John Burgh, Director-General of the British Council, gave a talk at the University last term as part of the University's Silver Jubilee Celebrations. He took as his subject "Government from Inside and Outside: Reflections of a Public Servant". He is pictured here with some of the British Council scholars at a reception beforehand in the Refectory.

THE RESCUE TEAM NEEDS YOU

The University Rescue Team has issued an appeal for volunteers to swell its depleted ranks. The number of operational team members has dropped during the past few months from an ideal number of 18 people to ten.

If there is a fire at the University, it can take the local Fire Brigade from eight to ten minutes to arrive on campus, depending on traffic conditions. Within the first three minutes of an alarm sounding the University's own Rescue Team, equipped with breathing apparatus, can set up an "Entry Control" point and begin the rescue of anyone trapped in smoke-logged parts of a building. It is in these first crucial minutes of a fire that a life can be saved or lost.

The Team is trained to deal with many potential hazards that could occur on campus, such as clearing up chemical spills, making safe any leaks of toxic gas or vapour, and coping with the occa-

sional chip-pan or oven fire in the residential area.

The initial training course for new Team members in the use of breathing apparatus and rescue techniques is given by the East Sussex Fire Brigade to Fire Brigade standards at their training centre at Maresfield. The course lasts for two days.

Any male or female member of Technical or Ancillary staff, faculty or first year postgraduate student, who is physically fit, is eligible to join the Team. The time requirement after the initial training course is about one and a half hours, once a month, for an exercise/meeting.

Anyone who is interested in joining the Rescue Team, or finding out more about its activities, is asked to contact Chris Leech, Rescue Team Leader, in Biology (tel. 2692) or Dr. Peter Ballance, University Safety Officer (tel. 3297).

STUDENT FINANCIAL SUPPORT - A PERSONAL STATEMENT BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

Members of the University will have read reports in the press about the Government's plans for changes in student maintenance grants and about its proposed changes in student benefit entitlements. The overall effect of these plans and changes, if implemented, will be a serious erosion, in real terms, of the already inadequate funding for student maintenance. I am making this personal statement to ensure that the University appreciates the seriousness of the situation.

Specifically the Government's intentions are:

- (i) that the basic student maintenance grant for 1986-87 be increased in nominal pounds, by two per cent above that for 1985-86; this increase is 2.5 per cent below the Government's own estimate of inflation;
- (ii) that the social security system be altered so that in the long run students will no longer be able to claim benefit, with the first changes being:
 - (a) removing student entitlement to supplementary benefit and unemployment benefit in the Christmas and Easter vacations;
 - (b) excluding students in halls of residence from entitlement to housing benefit;
 - (c) limiting entitlement to housing benefit when a student is absent from his or her accommodation in the Summer vacation.

(Twenty years ago very few students claimed housing and supplementary benefits: the fact that probably more than 50 per cent do so today is chiefly a measure of the decline of the real value of the maintenance grant.)

The precise effect that these presently proposed changes would have on students would vary according to individual circumstances but it is estimated that in some cases there would be a loss of income in excess of £200 per annum, perhaps even as much as £800 or more. As compensation for the changes in social security payments the Government is planning an annual flat rate payment of £36. Apart from being a considerable underestimate of the real effect of the changes this would be means tested. These changes would, at best, produce widespread hardship and privation to the degree that academic study would be seriously impaired. This is not the right way to care for the youth on which the country depends.

The historical perspective is that at about the same time as the founding of this University the Government of the day (a Conservative one) introduced - rightly or wrongly, that I do not judge - the concept of the global student maintenance grant which was supposed to provide for all material needs of a student's life including books for study and even items lumped together as "common elements" such as entertainment, drink and tobacco. There were also additional, separately and individually costed, payments for travel both between home and university and, as necessary, on a daily basis at the university. It was generally agreed that the original maintenance grant was adequate for these clearly defined purposes. Over the intervening quarter century the real value of the grant has, however, declined to date by about 20 per cent, by 15 per cent or so since 1978-79. Precise comparisons over the years are difficult to make because of recent changes for example in the basis of the (now notional and assimilated) travel payment but the effect of those changes has chiefly been such as to make the real decline steeper than I have indicated.

After the introduction of the global grant subsequent Governments of both complexions retained the original concept with little change. Governments were advised as to true board and lodging costs on an annual basis by the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals following detailed returns from all universities and, by and large, until a few years ago, took this adequately into account in the annual revision of grant even during times of high inflation. But now all that has changed: the present arrangements, let alone those that the Government is intending to impose for next year, fall far short of being adequate to keep body and soul together, let alone to buy books,

the costs of which have far outstripped inflation itself while the "common elements" have become only a derisory historical recollection; the system has broken down and the consequences can only be severely to the detriment of the education and future prospects of many of our students and therefore to the detriment of our essential university purposes.

But despite the gross inadequacy of the present arrangements to fulfill the original purpose of overall student support, and the manifest breakdown of the system, the Government has failed to acknowledge this and to articulate new principles: we no longer know where we stand nor where we are supposed to be standing. As I stressed in my remarks to the Court on March 14 this uncertainty and lack of definition of intention and purpose is intolerable; Government must be required to state a coherent philosophy of, and to define a coherent mechanism for, student support in respect of clear headings and categories that that support is supposed to cover so that students and their parents and universities should indeed know what is intended and so that the issue may be properly debated and determined. The present rococo mishmash of grant, parental contribution, earnings, borrowings, social security and overdraft is a disgraceful muddle as was made abundantly clear in the three-hour-long dreadful and muddled debate on the subject in the House of Commons on March 12.

To know where we stand is the most important thing of all: I do not believe that the right solution is one of a kind of nagging make-do-and-mend of pressing Government, year by year, to increase the grant and liberally to revise its rules of entitlement to social security benefits. It is in any case manifestly absurd that a nominally full-time student should have to claim to be unemployed for three months every year; that is a contemptuous disregard for the most precious years of life. We must press for a new beginning and a new definition.

But, in the meantime, 1986-87 is almost upon us and the Government's present intentions, if implemented, would mean very real privation and hardship for our students in the coming year perhaps more so in this University than elsewhere because there is a growing shortage of student accommodation in the Brighton area and rents for off-campus housing are extremely high.

We should therefore require Government to specify, debate and implement a new beginning for 1987-88 and, for 1986-87, as an interim measure only, to cancel its proposed changes in social security legislation and to make a realistic adjustment of the maintenance grant proper.

I do not want here to go into the alternative philosophies of grants and/or loans and related matters because, in my view, the nature of the support system is not as important as that it should be clearly specified and quantified after proper public debate. But I should make a firm point from the University side which is that the present arrangements, now in disarray, have meant that for some years universities have had to subsidise catering for students and have not been able to raise rent for student accommodation enough to permit of proper long-term maintenance which has stored up trouble for a future which is now almost upon us; this constitutes a highly undesirable strain on a UGC grant which is now also grossly inadequate for its proper purposes of teaching and research.

Governments respond only to political pressures. It is essential, if this extremely important question of student support is to be rationally and satisfactorily resolved, that Government and Members of Parliament should be forced to face the facts and should understand the consequences of not facing those facts. I shall be sending this note to Government and to all our 16 Sussex MPs who have a dual responsibility in respect of their constituencies and as members of the University Court. I would urge other members of the University to take similar action as appropriate and I would urge students to do the same themselves and also to bring this to the notice of their parents and to urge them, in their turn, to make similar representations.

Denys Wilkinson

MY PERFECT UNIVERSITY

Ted Shields was the University's first Registrar from 1960 to 1973. Recently retired as Registrar of the University of Adelaide, South Australia, he is to receive an Hon.LLD from Sussex at this year's Graduation Ceremony on July 15.

In Silver Jubilee Year he reflects in the first of a three-part series on what it was like at Sussex in the very earliest days.



Ted Shields at his home in Australia.

New Year's Day 1960 was the day on which I took up my duties as Registrar of the new University College of Sussex and was shown the site on which the College buildings were to be erected. It was then a lovely open stretch of country in a fold of the Sussex Downs; it was entirely grassland except for clumps of stately old elm trees, and the only buildings on it were two farm cottages near the main road, and a large barn. It seemed almost sacrilegious to cover it with large modern buildings, and I took several colour slides of the area (which are now in the University archives) to record how it looked before its character was changed for ever.

The two cottages have been retained, and fortunately most of the trees, but the barn was soon demolished. Later, when excavations for the future Falmer House (initially designated College House) were undertaken, we discovered a large underground tank of pure water which, we were told by some of the older locals, had been constructed to relieve a severe drought round about 1910, but it had never been used since and all traces of it had been lost. If we had known about it before the bulldozers ripped into it, the University might have had its own swimming pool!

Some preliminary work had been done before I took up my appointment, the moving spirit behind the whole enterprise having been Bill Stone, Director of Education for Brighton. An Interim Council had been set up, consisting mainly of representatives of the five

local education authorities in the county of Sussex under the chairmanship of Alderman Sydney Caffyn, another enthusiastic and hard-working supporter of the proposed College.

There was also an Academic Planning Committee, appointed by the University Grants Committee, under the chairmanship of Sir James Duff, Vice-Chancellor of Durham University, which had been set up to supervise the academic development of the new College and ensure that its academic standards were in line with those of the existing universities.

John Fulton had been persuaded to leave Swansea University College to become Principal of the new College and had taken up his duties some four months earlier. And Basil Spence, then at the height of his fame as the architect of Coventry Cathedral, had been commissioned as College architect to plan the site and the first few buildings to be erected on it. He had already produced a model to show how he envisaged the development of the site and in particular the location and shape of College House, which he saw as the hub and focal point of the new institution.

John Fulton and I, along with my secretary Marion Ward, were the only full-time members of staff of the College until about the middle of 1960, when Trevor Green joined us as Buildings Officer. In 1961 came Ray Howard and Geoff Lockwood as Accountant and Assistant Registrar respectively, the Librarian (Dennis Cox), and a few administrative assistants, clerks and secretaries, but there were no academic staff until the first students registered in October 1961. So for nearly two years, we had what some of us thought of as a perfect university - one with no academic staff or students to trouble the administrators!

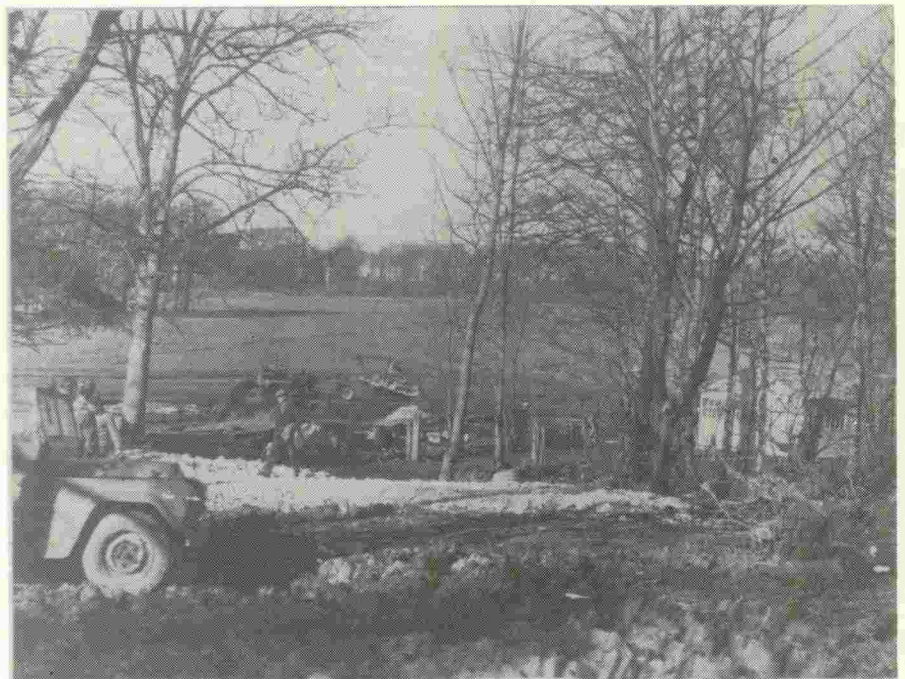
As the first of a new generation of

university institutions to be founded from scratch, Sussex of course had no previous experience to build on. It was assumed that development would necessarily be slow, and the initial plan drawn up by the Interim Council provided for students to enrol for the first time in 1963 and for an eventual student population of 1500.

John Fulton soon made it clear that he regarded this as an insignificant response to the heavy demand for university places expected in the next few years, and he persuaded the Council to speed up the plan and aim to open the College in October 1961 with a target of 3000 students by the end of the decade. It is interesting to note that even this plan was considered in many academic circles, and not least in the most recent foundation, the University College of North Staffordshire, to be wildly optimistic and impossible to fulfil.

There followed a whirlwind of action to put this revised plan into effect. As administrative headquarters Stanmer House was placed at the disposal of the College by Brighton Corporation, and had to be renovated and adapted for the purpose. It was an old historic mansion which had been allowed to fall into serious disrepair, and it took over a year to complete the renovations. During this time I and my secretary 'camped' in the large ground-floor drawing room while the builders worked round and above us; John Fulton in the meantime worked from his home in Hove where I frequently went for consultations with him. The condition of Stanmer House at that time was so bad that on one occasion, the whole ceiling of the drawing room where I had my office collapsed; fortunately I was not there at the time.

It was clear that none of the new buildings



The University site as building started and "its character was changed for ever".



Ted Shields (right) with Sir Basil Spence (left) and Lord Shawcross during a visit to Falmer House in the early 1960s.

planned for the main site could be completed by October 1961; indeed it was going to need a major effort to complete the essential ones by October 1962. This meant that temporary teaching premises would have to be provided for the first students. One suggestion (possibly tongue-in-cheek) was that we should hire a cruise ship and moor it in Shoreham Harbour for the year!

However the Brighton Corporation again came to our rescue by making available two old houses in Preston Road, and we then set about renovating and converting these for academic use. It was decided that only about 50 students could be taught in these premises, and this number was set as our enrolment target for the first year. They would necessarily have to be Arts students, since there would certainly be no science laboratories.

A 'Preliminary Prospectus' was drawn up, setting out in broad outline the background to the formation of the new College and its academic objectives, and copies were circulated to all schools in the country inviting applications from prospective students. In view of the paucity of information that could be provided at that stage about the College and the degrees it proposed to offer, it was very gratifying to us that about 500 applications were received for those first 50 places, and many of these were from students with excellent academic backgrounds.

John Fulton and I made it our business to interview every serious applicant, and we made provisional or conditional offers of places to those who appeared to us to be good material for the new College. In the end we were gratified to find that just 52 of the applicants who were qualified to enter the College on our terms accepted the offer of a place. In October 1961 these pioneer students were formally registered as candidates for the BA degree of the University of Sussex (as it was by then) in St. John's Hall in Preston Road, a few hundred yards from the University's temporary teaching premises.



DIARY

SOCIAL WELFARE & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY Wednesday, April 30, 2 - 7 p.m.

Members of the University active in research into a wide variety of local social and community issues have organised this review of their current work. The Mayor of Brighton, representatives of the social services and voluntary organisations will be among those present. Anyone interested in attending is invited to contact Professor Peter Lloyd (SocSci). There is no charge for admission and tea will be provided.

BRIGHTON COUNCIL SCHEME TO ASSIST HANDICAPPED STUDENTS

Brighton Council is being recommended to mark the University's Silver Jubilee by setting up a scholarship scheme to assist handicapped students from the local area to attend the University.

A joint appeal for funds to support the scholarships will be launched by the Mayor of Brighton and the Vice-Chancellor at a reception in the Royal Pavilion in September.

Brighton's Policy and Resources Committee is proposing that the full Council, when it meets this Thursday, should approve a pump-priming donation of £10,000 to the appeal fund which is hoped to raise at least £100,000. The scholarship scheme was devised by the leaders of the three political groups on the Council and by University officers, and it will be run by a small joint committee of Brighton Borough Council and the University.

It is intended to give local handicapped students an incentive to think about attending the University and to assure them that they will have financial security in pursuing that intention. Potential scholars will be pre-selected at about 14 to 16 years old, in consultation with special schools in the Brighton area, and will be followed through their 'A' level studies at the specialist schools to which handicapped Sussex pupils go for their sixth-form education.

Brighton's Chief Executive, Reg Morgan, commented last week: "It is particularly appropriate for Brighton Council, which played so decisive a part in the founding of the University, to mark its 25th anniversary and also to acknowledge the significant role which the University fills in the town's economic and cultural life."

Registrar & Secretary, Dr. Geoff Lockwood, said: "We are delighted that Brighton is celebrating our Jubilee with an imaginative scheme which enables us to extend our role in the local community by helping handicapped students." The University was grateful to the Council not only for devising the scheme but also for its generous donation.

IN THIS MONTH

As it is the University's Silver Jubilee Year, we thought it might be interesting to look back at some of the earliest Bulletins

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24th April, 1964

SUMMER TRAVEL PARTIES

Greece this Summer

Parties to Greece from the University are being organised ... At the moment there are plans for departures from London on 28th June and 5th July, and from Athens on 30th July and 17th September ... The cost will be £10.10.0. single, £21.0.0. return ...

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30th April, 1965

A SOCIAL SUMMER AT SUSSEX

The Entertainments Committee is attempting to provide dances and hops with as much variety as possible this term. These will range from the Summer Dance on June 15th which has tickets costing 2½ gns., to Sunday Hops which are free and will be held in the open air. At the Summer Dance there will be a midnight supper and breakfast, and the bands will be Kenny Ball and Georgie Fame.

On May 1st we are holding a Federation May Pole Dance with tickets at 5/- and four groups (these will include The Sole Agents) folk-singing and a May Pole. On May 29th there will be the N.U. Fling with Memphis Slim - this will be for all delegates to the [New Universities] Festival and for members of the Federation.

We are also holding a Barbecue on June 13th. This is the Sunday in Arts Festival Week and it will be held to conclude the Summer Sports Field Day. The Socialist May Queen Dance was on the first Saturday of term and was organised jointly by the Socialist Club and the Entertainments Committee and it is hoped that any Society and Club wishing to hold a dance or hop of this kind will enlist the help of this Committee.

All in all, this Summer at Sussex should be great fun, and we hope it will provide something for everybody.

Catherine Jay
Entertainments Secretary

RAG MATERIAL

Permission has been received from the Brighton Watch Committee for us to hold our Rag from the 23rd October until the following Saturday ... At one of the dances this term the Rag Queen will be chosen. She is being chosen in the summer term so that we can print her photograph in the Rag Mag and instead of being just a Rag Week personality she can feature in advance press and social functions. By doing it in this way we are losing the chance of a beautiful fresher standing but it has been found in previous years that few freshers stand, they are still trying to find their feet at their college. The dress grants have not yet been settled but will of course be generous. I am looking forward to seeing any young ladies wishing to enter as soon as possible.

Howard Miners

NEWS

DATA PROTECTION ACT

By the time the next issue of the Bulletin appears, the University will have made its applications to register its computer-held personal data, in accordance with the Data Protection Act. There will be three sections - relating to the Library, the central Administration, and the rest of the University.

About 200 technicians, secretaries and faculty members have completed the forms, devised for use within the University, from which the official "Parts B" that comprise the third application have been constructed. All these people should have received an invitation to inspect the proposed "Parts B" that relate to their own data, but I give it again here: go to room PB2A3 in Physics 1 each lunchtime between 1.30 and 2.15 p.m., up to this Friday, April 25, or telephone me for an alternative time. To allow for typing and for checking

the final version, 5 p.m. on April 25 should be regarded as the last reasonable time for information you give to be acted upon.

Since research and consultancy are likely to be of a specialised nature, it is particularly important for those who process personal data, relating to those fields, on computer, to check the proposed applications. But the Act lays obligations on everyone who works with registerable data not to disclose or transfer the data outside the terms of the official registration. Changes to the registration can be made, but involve another piece of form-filling with associated delays.

Later this year, when a Code of Practice is adopted within the University, all employees and students will receive information on the way the Act will affect their work. Much of the Act

is based on common-sense principles of accuracy, confidentiality and security of personal data, and people taking reasonable care are unlikely to fall foul of it. The main new obligation, after May 11, 1986, will be for people to ensure that their activities relating to computer-held personal data are covered by, and comply with, the University's official registration. For the time being, you may contact me to clear up any doubts; over the summer, matters will be transferred to the office of the Deputy Secretary, in Sussex House.

The rights of data subjects to see computer-held personal data on themselves do not apply until November 11, 1987.

John Haigh
MAPS (Tel. 3008)

OPEN DAY

The community needs its universities; the University needs its community. Sussex is a national and an international university, but it is also a local one. It is appropriate that among the activities to mark our Silver Jubilee we should hold a second Open Day to which we invite our community to come to see what we do, learn more about us and, in particular, find out more about ways in which they could use what we have to offer - as well as having an entertaining day out.

I wrote in the Bulletin before our first Open Day in 1982 that "At this time of all times, universities need the support of a well-informed public". That is even more true now, when we need to show a general public, many of whom are themselves hard pressed, that we not only have problems too, but also have a whole range of activities which deserve their support.

The Open Day will be on Saturday, June 14. In 1982, it was estimated that 10,000 people came, and reactions were very favourable; publicity will be more extensive this time, and we hope that many more than that will come and find activities to interest them.

Not everything that we do can easily be shown, but as much as possible will be on display - from laboratories to kitchens, from the Library to the Safety and Rescue Van, from backstage at the Gardner Centre to the Nursery. Most buildings will be at least in part open to the public, often with special tours or displays, and with activities for children. There will be general campus tours, architectural tours and children's tours. The TV Studio will be open, and run a special programme all day.

AFRAS is organising an exhibition on the food crisis in Africa, and there will be an exhibition set up in conjunction with local amenity societies on change in the area over the last 25 years. There will be twentieth century music in the Recital Room, and hymn singing in the Meeting House. The German Group will perform sketches in German, and American Studies will give an American election barbecue with classic political speeches. Computers and lasers will be shown in action. All this, and much

much more

In addition, there will be an extensive programme of lectures on a wide range of topics: downland wildlife, modern art, jet engines, housing . . . etc. Finally, there will be a central exhibition in the Refectory on the general theme of the University and the community. It will give basic information on how the University is organised and financed (and the impact of the cuts), explain courses and the admissions system, point out opportunities for mature students and the courses run by the Centre for Continuing Education, show ways in which different parts of the University relate to the local community and report research relevant to the community.

With all this going on obviously a lot of work needs to be done, both in advance and on the day. Many people are already involved, but many more will be needed; can you help?

It is possible that there are activities

in your own section of the University where your help would be appreciated. Volunteers are, however, also needed centrally, both in advance and around the day itself. In advance the greatest need is for clerical work on publicity, and delivery of publicity materials, and for skills relevant to the preparation of exhibition material and signposting. Immediately before and after the day there will be physical preparations to be made and clearing up to do. On the day itself there will be information desks to staff, tours to guide, traffic to direct, enquiries to be answered and errands to be run. (Meetings will be held beforehand for briefing and allocation of tasks.)

If you can help, please return the slip below. It will be hard work, but it should also be quite rewarding. Whatever your position in the University, you could make a valuable contribution. Thank you very much!

Jennifer Platt

I SHOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH THE OPEN DAY ON SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 1986

Before the day, I could:

Do clerical work _____ Deliver publicity material _____

Help with exhibition material/signs _____ Other tasks _____

Around the day, I could:

Help with physical preparations, clearing up _____

Guide tours for adults or children _____ Staff a desk, answer enquiries _____

Other activities(specify) _____

My special interests/skills would be in the following areas _____

The times I am likely to be free are _____

NAME _____ Int. tel. _____

INTERNAL ADDRESS _____

Student/Faculty/Other (please specify) _____

Please return completed forms to Jennifer Platt, Arts E.

RESEARCH GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

The Royal Society - Guest Research Fellows

Applications are invited for the support of Guest Research Fellows. The object of this scheme is to assist outstanding leaders in scientific research in the UK to invite guest scientists of proven ability, normally resident overseas, to work with them for 4 - 12 months. Further details and application forms (to be returned by April 30, 1986) from: Executive Secretary (GRF/ADH), The Royal Society, 6 Carlton House Terrace, London, SW1Y 5AG.

Wolfson Foundation

Applications for grants of £250 to £1,500 are invited from scholars, aged 26 to 45, in the fields of history and classics, in order to initiate or complete a research project. Each university is invited to submit one nomination in each field, by September 30, 1986. Application should be made through the Vice-Chancellor's Office, Sussex House.

European Community Research Programme

Plan for the transnational development of the supporting infrastructure for innovation and technology transfer: the Commission welcomes proposals from bodies providing technology and innovation management services. Their main activities should include helping businesses (in particular small and medium-sized businesses) - to develop, to anticipate technological change and, above all, to introduce innovations. Closing date for applications: May 10, 1986. Further details from the Research Grants Office, Room 201, Sussex House.

GEC Research 'New Blood' Consultancies

GEC Research has introduced a scheme to help universities recruit the best people and to create supporting links into industry for 'New Blood' appointees. Successful candidates receive a topping up of their academic salary of between £1,000 and £1,500 per annum for three years, in return for performing agreed assignments for industry. Further details are held in the Information Office, Sussex House.

Corpus Christi College, Cambridge

This College offers 4-6 non-stipendiary Visiting Fellowships annually, and provides residential accommodation for 1-3 terms on its graduate campus to scholars of several years' standing who preferably have no previous experience of Cambridge University. Further details are held in the Information Office, Sussex House.

SMALL ADS

FULLY furnished house to let, with garage and garden, in Ringmer (nr. Lewes) from September 1986 for 6-9 months as agreed. Tel. Ringmer 812617.

ACCOMMODATION needed for visiting research fellow in the Education Area and his wife and 2 children (aged 7 & 3) from Purdue University, Indiana; from June 15 to December 15. Please contact Prof. Colin Lacey, ext. 2502 or Claire Dalton, ext. 2532.

SELF-CONTAINED flat wanted up to

MAX WALL BACK WITH BECKETT

Prior to an extensive tour of the USA, the Albion Theatre Company opens the summer season at the Gardner Centre with a new production of Shakespeare's classic history play, *Henry IV Part 1*, playing from tonight (April 22) until April 26. The cast includes experienced RSC and National Theatre members and actors whose TV credits range from *All Creatures Great and Small* to *Brookside* and *Grange Hill*.

April 13 was the 80th birthday of Samuel Beckett, one of the world's greatest playwrights. As part of his birthday celebrations, the Gardner Centre is premiering a new production of Krapp's Last Tape with the extraordinary Max Wall. Now recognised as one of Britain's greatest comics, Max Wall started his career at 14 when he ran away from home to go on the stage, and for 20 years he was a music hall star, acrobat, pantomime actor, and comic dancer.

Having disappeared from the theatrical scene in the mid-50s, he later emerged with an acclaimed one-man show and in a succession of serious acting roles and has not looked back since. He is recognised as a brilliant interpreter of Samuel Beckett's work, and is here recreating a role which he first performed for the Greenwich Theatre ten years ago, and which prompted Jack Tinker, critic of the Daily Mail, then to write: "I can think of no better artist to convey Samuel Beckett's brief one-man requiem to lost joys."

Krapp's Last Tape will be presented in a double bill with Beckett's *Endgame* from April 28 to May 3. This production starts its brief tour at the Gardner Centre, later finishing at the Riverside Studios.

Ivor Cutler, witty broadcaster and author, presents his highly amusing one-man show for one night only, Sunday, May 4, with poems, songs and stories. His latest book, 'Gruts', has been received with much acclaim.

Epigonenteater from Belgium, one of Europe's most original and radical theatre companies, is appearing in *Incident*, on May 9 and 10. This unnerving and exhilarating spectacle promises to disturb and surprise.

The Gardner Centre's dance programme continues with the Toronto Dance The-



Max Wall

atre's only South of England appearances on May 6 and 7. Internationally praised for its versatility, energy and originality, this contemporary dance company performs a varied and original programme to modern music from Carlos Chavez and Ann Southam and to classical music by Schubert and Mozart.

The Jazz programme includes another workshop in the successful and popular series, on May 3. On May 12 John Surman (saxophone, synthesiser) and singer Karen Krog appear in concert with solo pianist John Taylor in a programme of improvisation. May 13 sees the first performance of a piece, especially commissioned by the Brighton Jazz Festival from local composer Dudley Hyams, called *Fours*. The title indicates the innovative nature of this piece, in which two quartets, one classical, one jazz, play together. Dudley Hyams recently completed an MPhil in Music Composition at Sussex.

The Observer Magazine's 'Rudiments of Wisdom' cartoonist, Tim Hunkin, shows a selection of his witty and ingenious work in the Gallery from May 2. Titled *The Art Gallery*, this major exhibition gently satirises the gallery goer with a series of coin-operated automata.

On display in the Foyer is the first one-man show in this country by one of India's leading landscape photographers, Ashvin Mehta.

£30 a wk. in Brighton area for research student from May 1. Please contact Prof. C.Lacey ext. 2502 or Claire Dalton, 2532.

WANTED - house for 2 weeks end July - mid-August 1986. Must be within 6 miles of University. Details to: John Weafer, 663 River Forest, Leixlip, Co. Kildare, Ireland.

FRENCHMAN, 20, would like to polish up his English and spend July in England with family where there is a young man who would like to be with a French family in August. They have a house on the coast of Brittany. The young man is musical and plays several instru-

ments. Write to: M. G.M.Simonnot, Residence "Les Saules" A2, 26 Av. de Latre de Tassigny, 93800 Epinay sur Seine.

ASTHMA STUDY. If you suffer from asthma and would be willing to take part in a paid non-invasive (no needles!) study into asthma, Mike Mussell in the Centre for Medical Research, Biomedical Engineering, EAPS Stage 3 (tel. 2855) would be pleased to hear from you.

CRICKET: Brighton Cricket League team seeks Saturday players. Contact John Haigh, MAPS (tel. 3008).

NOTICEBOARD

VACANCIES Faculty and Non-Faculty

The Personnel Office has issued the following summary of posts to be filled. Advertisements for these vacancies have been placed in local and, where appropriate, national press as well as being circulated to the relevant Section Heads and union representatives for circulation to staff and noticeboards. Copies of these advertisements, and further particulars, if available, as well as application forms, are obtainable from the Personnel Office, Room 227, Sussex House. This list was compiled on April 10 and is subject to revision. All posts are full-time, full-year and for male or female applicants unless otherwise stated.

Faculty

The following are temporary vacancies for the period shown:

- Lecturers in Economics (SocSci) (2 posts, 1 year each)
- Lecturer in English (EngAm) (2 years)
- Lecturer in History of Art (EngAm) (1 year)
- Lecturer in International Relations (SocSci) (1 year)
- Lecturer in Italian (Euro) (3 years)
- Lecturer in Law (Euro) (2 years)
- Lecturer in Linguistics (SocSci) (1 year)
- Lecturer in Music (EngAm) (1 year)
- Lecturer in Computer Science (MAPS) (3 years)
- Lecturer in Biochemistry (Biols) (3 years)

Technical

Electronics Technician, Computing Centre

Clerical and Related

- Secretary, Grade 3, MAPS
- Switchboard Operator/Receptionist, 1/2, SPRU
- Recruitment Clerk (part-time), 1/2, Personnel Office
- Secretary, 1/2, Admissions Office
- Library Assistant/Typist (part-time) 1/2
- Control Assistant, Admin Computer Operations
- Manager, White House Conference Centre

Manual and Ancillary

- Carpenter/Joiner, Estates
- General Kitchen Assistant, Refectory
- General Catering Assistant, Catering Department (part-year, part-time)
- Commis Chef, Catering Department
- Senior Porter, Arts & Social Studies Buildings

CENTRE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

The following courses will be taking place over the next few months:

Discovering the Cuckmere Valley: a non-residential weekend school at Michelham Priory on May 10 and 11.

The Question of Sport: a Saturday school at the University on May 31.

Exploring Brighton and Hove - Georgian and Victorian Development: a non-residential weekend school on June 21 and 22.

Novel into Film: a residential weekend school at the White House, Isle of Thorns from June 20 to 22.

Further details of these and other courses are available from the Centre for Continuing Education in EDB.

GRADUATION CEREMONY

This summer's Graduation Ceremony will take place on Tuesday, July 15, at the Brighton Centre.

RECENT BOOKS

Recent publications by Sussex authors include:

THE ANTHROPIC COSMOLOGICAL PRINCIPLE by John Barrow and Frank Tipler. Oxford U.P. £25.00.

SOCIAL WORK AS ART: Making Sense for Good Practice, by Hugh England. Allen & Unwin. Paper, £5.95.

ALFRED TENNYSON by Alan Sinfield. In the Rereading Literature series. Blackwell. Paper, £4.95.

THERMAL PHYSICS by C.B.P. Finn. Routledge. Paper, £6.95.

TRINIDAD IN TRANSITION. The Years after Slavery, by Donald Wood. First published in 1968. Now reissued in paperback. Oxford U.P. £8.95.

STATISTICAL INFERENCE: a Commentary for the Social and Behavioural Sciences, by Michael Oakes. Wiley. £19.50.

INTERMEDIATE STATISTICS FOR GEOGRAPHERS AND EARTH SCIENTISTS by R.B.G. Williams. Macmillan. Paper, £10.50.

HISTORY OF ART: a Students' Handbook, by Marcia Pointon. 2nd edition, new and completely revised. Allen & Unwin. Paper, £4.95.

JONATHAN SWIFT: A TALE OF A TUB AND OTHER WORKS. Edited by Angus Ross and David Woolley. Oxford U.P. Paper, £2.50.

All available from SUSSEX UNIVERSITY BOOKSHOP

The Bookshop's special exhibition of books on mathematics and computing science continues until May 2.

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S MEETING WITH FACULTY

The Vice-Chancellor's termly meeting with faculty will take place on Thursday, May 15, at 1.30 p.m. in the Senior Common Room, Refectory building.

LANGUAGE CENTRE OPEN CLASSES

Classes open to all students, staff and members of the public will take place in the following languages this term: English as a Foreign Language (First Certificate and Proficiency), French and Spanish (post-beginners and intermediate). For details of times and fees, please contact Sue Temperton, Language Centre, Arts A (tel. 8006). Enrolment takes place in Week 1, and the six courses begin in Week 2.

APRICOT COMPUTER CONSUMABLES

Central Stores now stocks floppy disks, ribbons, listing paper and labels for use with Apricot computers. They can be requisitioned in the usual way, and details of stock numbers and descriptions, etc. may be obtained from whoever submits requisitions for your section, or by telephoning 3308.

LUNCHTIME MUSIC

Recitals in the Meeting House Chapel, Tuesdays, 1.15 p.m.:

April 29 - John Birch (organ); May 6 - Ian Clarke (recorder); May 13 - John Birch (organ).

From May 2, the Sussex Trugs will play mainstream/traditional jazz on Fridays from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Playing Fields Pavilion.

UNIVERSITY CLOSURES 1986-87

The University will be closed on the following dates next session:

Wednesday, December 24, 1986 to Thursday, January 1, 1987, inclusive.

Wednesday, April 15 to Monday, April 20, 1987, inclusive.

Monday, May 4 and 25, and August 31, 1987.

UNIVERSITY CLOSURES THIS SUMMER

The University will be closed for Bank Holidays on Monday, May 5 and 26, and August 25, 1986.

TERM DATES

This term ends on Friday, June 27. The 1986-87 term dates are:

Monday, October 6 - Friday, December 12, 1986.

Monday, January 5 - Friday, March 13, 1987.

Wednesday, April 22 - Friday, June 26, 1987 (Easter Sunday, April 19)

ACCOMMODATION FINANCE OFFICE

The Accommodation Finance Office, located in Room 112 of the Refectory building, deals with queries relating to student accommodation charges and has, until now, also accepted payments from tenants.

The office will continue to deal with queries but in future will no longer be able to accept payments. As from now all payments should be made either at registration or to the Cashier's Office in Room 235, Sussex House.

TRAVELLING ALLOWANCES

Increases in travelling allowances have been agreed. For casual users the rate is 27.5p per mile (was 25.5p), and for essential users the lump sum payment is £525 (£465) with a mileage allowance of 21.5p (20p). The new rates apply from January 1, 1986, but, except for lump sum car allowances, adjustments to payments already made will only be made on application from the claimant.

BULLETIN

The Bulletin will be published every three weeks this term. The next edition will appear on Tuesday, May 13, and copy must be received in the Information Office, level 2, Sussex House (tel. 8208) by no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, May 2. Other publication dates for the term are: June 3 (copy date Friday, May 23), and June 24 (June 16).

Please remember to let us know about news events - we can only inform you, if you inform us.

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