

# The University of Sussex

# BULLETIN

Published by the Information Office



February 24, 1987

## VICE-CHANCELLOR AND CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL INTEND TO REFORM STUDENTS' UNION

The Vice-Chancellor and the Chairman of Council have taken the unprecedented step of writing to all students and staff about the future of the Students' Union following last month's occupation of Sussex House.

Their letter, circulated to a total of 7,000 people on campus, speaks of "destructive student militancy" and of the need for changes in the structure of governance of the Union to achieve a strong and effective Union which "provides effective services for its members, which nurtures its many clubs and societies, which represents its members properly on University bodies and in national arenas, and which is controlled by its members."

The Vice-Chancellor and the Chairman of Council give notice of their intention to recommend to the Senate and Council significant changes in the Ordinance on the Students' Union and the Union Constitution, but only after broad consultations within the University on the changes required. Their letter is intended to initiate those discussions. They stress that it is not the intention to seek to impose solutions which would be opposed by the majority of the University's students but rather to put the majority of students in control of a bigger and better Students' Union.

The direct and indirect costs of the occupation are now estimated at more than £60,000, a bill which has left the Students' Union effectively insolvent for the rest of the current year. However, the letter adds that in view of the Union's inability to finance its Arts, Music and Sports Federations for the remainder of the session, the basic activities of those Federations will be maintained as far as possible by direct funding through the University Finance Officer.

The letter says: "We are confident that the Senate and Council would not wish the activities of these Federations to cease on account of the irresponsible behaviour of their parent body." The University will also continue to pay the salaries of the Union's permanent staff.

The full text of the Vice-Chancellor

## SUSSEX DOES WELL IN UGC GRANT ALLOCATIONS

Sussex has again fared well - in relative terms - in grant allocations by the University Grants Committee (UGC).

The grants for the next three years were announced on February 10. The total UGC grant to the University is provisionally set to rise from £14.5 million in 1986-87 to £16.9 million in 1989-90, giving Sussex the sixth largest percentage rise of all 52 UK universities after Warwick, York, Bath, Southampton and Kent. These are cash figures and universities will have to provide for inflation from within them.

After that provision, Sussex will be roughly standing still in real terms, whilst many universities will be cut back severely. Worst hit are London and Manchester Business Schools (nine per cent and 23 per cent cuts, respectively) and Dundee, which faces a 6.7 per cent decrease in grant between 1986-87 and 1989-90 before inflation is taken into account. Four other institutions also face absolute cuts in cash as well as in real terms.

The UGC allocations are based on separate assessment of teaching costs and research standards and, according to the Finance Officer, the favourable Sussex grant reflects the UGC's high opinion of research here. Sussex's position has also been helped by the targeting of resources towards key areas such as engineering, computer science and science policy

and Chairman of Council's letter is not reproduced here as readers will have received a copy. However, if anyone has not seen the letter, they can obtain a copy from the Information Office.

The School Joint Committee in Mathematical & Physical Sciences has organised and circulated a petition on campus and elsewhere calling on the Government "to make adequate resources available so that the educational and research obligations of our institutions might be properly fulfilled".

A motion calling on the University to sponsor and support the petition was passed unanimously at the University Discussion on January 28. The Chairman of Council, the Senior Pro-Vice-Chancellor, the Pro-Vice-Chancellors (Arts) and (Science), the Finance Officer and several Deans signed the petition at the meeting.

research.

In a letter to all Vice-Chancellors detailing the grant allocations, the UGC says that future funding will depend on changes occurring in the universities relating to "selectivity in research support, the rationalisation of small departments, better financial management and improved standard of teaching."

According to Finance Office calculations, the latest grant figures suggest that spending at Sussex will have to be cut by about two per cent in real terms by 1989-90 rather than the figure of four per cent projected in the green paper, Planning for 1990.

This improvement in the situation means that projections of teaching staff numbers can be updated. John Farrant, Planning Officer, said: "We would expect there to be an overall reduction in staff and some redistribution of staff between subjects, but the need is likely to be less than envisaged in the green paper." Tentative calculations for 1989-90 suggest a net reduction of 25 posts on 1986-87 will be needed.

All figures exclude any additional funding for the proposed salary settlement for academic and academic related staff from December 1, 1986, and likewise exclude any expenditure consequences of the settlement.

Disciplinary proceedings are now being taken against 46 students involved in the occupation.

The hearing of charges against the first group of students was due to take place on Friday, February 20, but was postponed by the Chairman of the Disciplinary Panel in the light of advice received on the previous day from the University's solicitors who have been informed by the police that their enquiries into criminal offences arising from the occupation of Sussex House are proceeding and that the hearing of charges under the University's Ordinance on Student Discipline at this time could turn out to have been prejudicial to the interests of the students involved, should criminal charges be brought.

The Chairman was also influenced in his decision by representations by and on behalf of students against whom charges were due to be heard on February 20 that there had been insufficient time for them to prepare their responses to the charges.

## PATENTS EXHIBITION

'Copyright', 'patent', 'design registration' and 'trademark' are well-known terms to all of us, but how much do we know about them? How does an inventor protect his invention? What is the cost? What are the implications? How do you find out whether an idea has already been patented?

These and many other questions will be answered at a two-week campus exhibition organised by the University's Industrial Liaison Office in conjunction with the Patent Office.

The exhibition will open on Monday, April 27 and for at least two days over the following fortnight professional staff will be available to answer questions. The exhibition will be staged in the Library, by courtesy of the Librarian.

In parallel with the exhibition a video on the work of the Patent Office will be shown, though the venue has yet to be announced.

John Golds, the Industrial Liaison Officer, urges everyone on campus to see the exhibition. "Irrespective of whether you are a student or a member of staff the law relating to patents and copyright affects us all. So please do come along."

Further information about the exhibition will be published in the next issue of the Bulletin.

## HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF BECOMING A RESIDENTIAL ADVISER?

Residential Advisers (RAs) are second and third year undergraduates and some postgraduates, both home and overseas, who live on campus to assist the new intake of students for their first year at Sussex.

This involves assisting about 25 new students at the beginning of the Autumn Term with practical help and information to enable them to settle into campus life. The busiest days of the year are just before term starts when overseas and home students arrive and RAs are busy directing traffic, driving mini-buses, carrying luggage, dispensing coffee and generally helping the students in their area to feel at home and get to know each other.

RAs are available throughout the year to assist with, or refer on, individual student's problems and also help with the needs of communal living. However, they are not prefects, still less any sort of warden. Responsibility for decisions affecting day-to-day living is held collectively by the tenants, within a framework laid down by the Accommodation Manager, and RAs act in an advisory capacity and, with USTA, provide liaison between individuals and the Accommodation Manager.

All prospective RAs are interviewed and selected, either during the Easter vacation or at the beginning of the Summer Term, by a panel made up of current RAs, the RA Co-ordinator and the Student Union Welfare Officer. Those selected attend a series of training sessions, once a week for five weeks,

## MORE PAY AT LAST

University academic and academic related staff look set to receive pay increases worth 24 per cent for the three-year period from April 1986.

The deal was finalised on February 6 following protracted negotiations involving the Government, university employers (represented by the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals) and the Association of University Teachers (AUT). If it is accepted by all parties it will mean the first pay rise for academics and academic related faculty since April 1985.

The 24 per cent package includes a 16 per cent increase from December 1986 and a further increase in March 1988, along with a restructuring of scales with promotion depending on appraisal. Universities will have greater scope for rewarding high fliers and improving promotion prospects.

The AUT Executive has voted to accept the deal and a special Council meeting on February 21 was due to consider the offer. Government approval is then needed before an award can be made, although no more money is being sought above the £71 million already announced by the Education Secretary for the next three years. However, the CVCP says that the cost of the package will rise to £168 million in 1988-89 leaving the universities to find the rest of the money from their budgets.

## UNIVERSITY GRANTS COUNCIL?

The replacement of the University Grants Committee (UGC) by a new and smaller University Grants Council with no more than 15 members, is recommended by the Croham Committee which published the results of its 18-month enquiry into the role and functions of the UGC on February 10.

It also recommends that the new Council should be composed of broadly equal numbers of academic and non-academic members and chaired by an eminent person from outside the academic world and led by a full-time Director General.

Other key recommendations of the committee headed by Lord Croham, Chairman of the Guinness Peat Group and former Head of the Home Civil Service, include:

- \* the establishment of an Education Commission to advise the Government and educational institutions on national needs in relation to education throughout the UK;
- \* provided inflation remains below five per cent, triennial funding for universities with recurrent grants set out in cash terms for three years;
- \* measures to improve financial management and accountability;
- \* an urgent re-examination of funding policy for medical education; and
- \* a re-examination of the present arrangements for academic salary negotiations.

Education Secretary Kenneth Baker has invited interested bodies to let him have detailed comments on the report's recommendations by June 30. "In order to inform this consultative process the Government intends to announce fairly quickly its own broad conclusions on the principal recommendations. I am therefore asking for any comments on the general approach proposed in the report to be submitted within the next month," Mr. Baker added.

## INDEX-LINKED RISE IN STUDENT GRANTS

Student grants are to increase by 3.75 per cent for the academic year 1987-88 Education Secretary Kenneth Baker announced last month. The rise is in line with the forecast rise in inflation.

For undergraduates living outside London, the grant will go up from £1,901 to £1,972, and for postgraduates from £2,756 to £2,859. For students living at the parental home the increase is from £1,510 to £1,567 for undergraduates and from £2,000 to £2,075 for postgraduates.

Undergraduates in London will receive £2,330 instead of £2,246, and postgraduates £3,492 instead of £3,366.

The threshold for parental contribution will rise, on average, by 6.75 per cent. Parents earning a residual income of less than £9,300 will no longer be assessed for a contribution. The minimum parental contribution will rise from £20 to £40 and the maximum, for parents with more than one child in receipt of grant, from £4,300 to £4,600.



and during the year they attend regular small group meetings.

The advantage of being an RA is that RAs live on campus and are able to help make it a more caring community. Also such a role on campus would count as useful experience when applying for further training or a job, and be a relevant addition to a c.v. Apart from that, it can actually be enjoyable!

The application period for the RA scheme continues until March 6. Application forms are available from Ann Eyles or Reception, Welfare Office, Students' Union, Falmer House; or the Accommodation Office, Refectory Building. All completed applications to be returned to the Welfare Office by March 6.

Family RAs, resident in the family flats on East Slope or Park Village, will also be required. Anyone interested should talk to Ann Eyles in the Welfare Office.

## PEOPLE

## LORD TRAFFORD

Chairman of the Council, Sir Anthony Trafford, is one of 11 new peers announced by Downing Street on February 12. Lord Trafford was knighted in 1985 and has been Chairman of the Council since the beginning of the 1985-86 academic year.

OXFORD TO HONOUR  
PROFESSOR MAYNARD SMITH

Oxford University is to award an honorary doctorate to Professor John Maynard Smith, Emeritus Professor of Biology, on June 24.

WADHAM HONOURS  
PROF. BLIN-STOYLE

Roger Blin-Stoyle, Professor of Theoretical Physics, has been elected to an Honorary Fellowship by his old Oxford College - Wadham. Professor Blin-Stoyle was an undergraduate there (Senior Scholar) and then a Fellow and Lecturer in Physics from 1956 to 1962. His election has given him "immense pleasure".

TO PRINCETON ...  
AND AUSTRALIA

John Burrow, Professor of Intellectual History, has been invited to deliver the Gauss Lectures at Princeton University in the United States. Another colleague in the School of English & American Studies, Dr. Jonathan Dollimore, Lecturer in English, has been awarded a Fellowship by the Humanities Research Centre at the Australian National University.

## LITERARY PRIZE FOR VISITING FELLOW

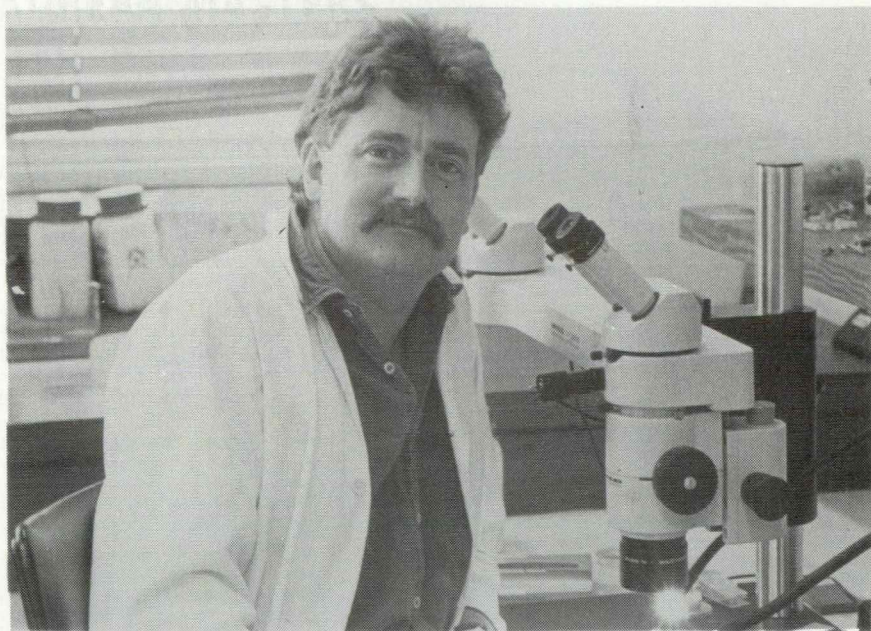
Stuart Hood, a Visiting Fellow in the Continuing and Professional Education Area, has won the 1986 Saltire Prize for his novel "A Storm from Paradise". The prize is funded by the Royal Bank of Scotland and has been described as "Scotland's most prestigious literary award". Stuart Hood was Controller of Programmes at the BBC and Professor of Film and Television at the Royal College of Art. He now lives in Brighton and contributes to the University's MA (Language, The Arts and Education).

## PRESIDENT OF CARLETON COLLEGE

Professor Stephen R. Lewis, Visiting Fellow at the Institute of Development Studies, has been selected as the next President of Carleton College, Minnesota. Carleton is one of the most highly selective of US undergraduate institutions. Professor Lewis, who is an economist specialising in the economics of development, will take up office next autumn. He is currently on leave from Williams College, Massachusetts.

## JIM HATLEY

Jim Hatley, one of the University's groundstaff, died on February 5. We will all remember Jim who worked on the grounds since he joined the University in 1967. Despite the serious ailment that he suffered for 36 years of his life he was always cheerful. We will miss him and should set our standards by his level of courage and fortitude that he always showed. He leaves a wife and daughter to whom we offer our condolences.



Dr Jonathan Bacon

## MEDAL FOR NEW BLOOD LECTURER

Dr. Jonathan Bacon of the School of Biological Sciences has been awarded one of the 1987 President's medals of the Society for Experimental Biology for his work on the study of the development of neurons in insects.

Dr. Bacon came to Sussex as one of the 19 New Blood lecturers who arrived between 1983 and 1985. The award he is being given is for "an outstanding contribution to experimental biology by a young scientist", and will be presented at a ceremony in York in April.

The project Dr. Bacon is currently working on concerns the way the nervous system develops. He is interested in when the neurons are born in the insect embryo, how they become identified as individual neurons and how they develop synaptic connections with other cells.

The nervous systems of insects are much simpler than those of humans but they develop in a similar way and almost all the features of vertebrate cells are shown in insect embryos. Dr. Bacon works by dissecting out single neurons from the insect embryo's brain and growing them in a culture medium to observe how they develop and how the correct linkages with other cells (synaptic

connections) are made.

Dr. Bacon is interested in moving towards the study of neurons at the molecular rather than the cellular level, and feels that the field of neurobiology is moving in this direction.

Dr. Bacon was attracted to Sussex because of the reputation of the School of Biological Sciences and in particular its strength in Neurobiology, a subject in which Sussex is one of only two UK universities to offer an undergraduate degree course.

Before coming to Sussex in 1984 Dr. Bacon spent a number of years working abroad, notably in West Germany and Switzerland, where he says there is a tradition of work in insect neurobiology. He was at the Max Planck Institute for Behavioural Physiology in Seewiesen, Bavaria and later worked at the Zoology Institute of Basel University, Switzerland.

Dr. Bacon's work is supported by a grant from the Science and Engineering Research Council (SERC). According to Dr. Bacon, the SERC considers research into invertebrate science to be a "hot area", and has a long-running programme to support such research which also involves other researchers in Biological Sciences.

## SMALL ADS

CREW WANTED - catamaran cruising Med from Marseilles to Turkey this summer. Windsurfing and diving equipment on board. For more details, tel. 8060/8094 or Brighton 771699.

ACCOMMODATION for two (non-smokers) required by Austrian librarian from July 25 to August 23. Requires quietly-situated flat or house within easy reach of central Brighton. Contact: Prof. Dr. Peter Vodosek, Seestrasse 89, D-7000 Stuttgart 1.

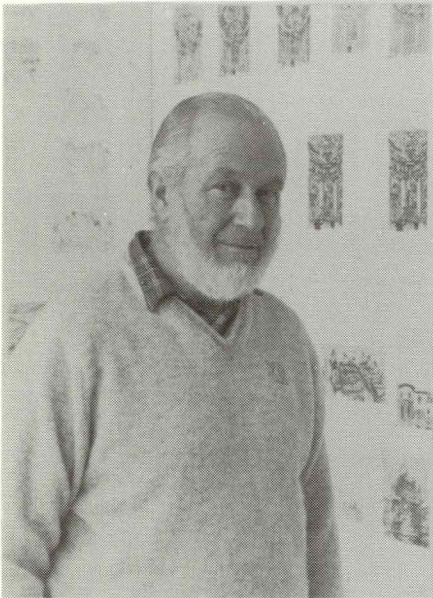
CHILD'S SKI SUIT (jacket & trousers) v.g.c. Suitable age 8-11. £10.00. Sally Barnes, tel. 8199.

## NEW INFORMATION OFFICER

Mark Sudbury has recently taken up his post as Information Officer at the University. He succeeds Andrew Panting who has moved to the Southern Water Authority.

Mark will act as press spokesman as well as helping to produce internal publications, notably Bulletin and some prospectuses. He can be contacted on Ext. 4215 or through the Information Office.

Mark takes up his post having graduated recently from the University of Birmingham where he studied Geography.



*Neville Symonds*

## THE SKETCHES OF NEVILLE SYMONDS

A current exhibition at the Gardner Centre highlights a hitherto unsuspected side of a well-known campus figure. For Neville Symonds is not just Professor of Microbial Genetics, but also an accomplished artist, some of whose sketches will be on show at the Gardner until March 18.

Professor Symonds joined the University in 1965 and has been sketching ever since he came to Sussex. He works mainly in biro and water soluble felt tip pens and his sketches cover a range of subjects from live portraits to detailed sketches of buildings.

Most of the sketches on show were done on Professor Symonds' many trips abroad. He recently spent a year on sabbatical in Rome where he was able to indulge in a passion for sketching baroque churches. Many of the best sketches in the Gardner Centre show the extravagant interiors and exteriors of these churches in great detail.

Professor Symonds has developed a simple and direct style of sketching. He tries to avoid comparing his work to that of established artists and is interested in further developing his own technique.

Many of the sketches were done on trains or buses, and Professor Symonds also has a boat on which he likes to draw subjects as they pass. When he retires in a few years' time, he hopes to be able to devote more time to his art.

### CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Brighton Citizens Advice Bureau seeks new volunteers to advise clients and become involved in all aspects of the bureau's activities. No formal qualifications are required, and training is given.

Assistance can be provided with travel and childminding expenses. The bureau will be holding informal talks before Easter for everyone interested in finding out more. Please contact the Bureau at 17 Ditchling Rise (nr. Preston Circus) or telephone 601664.

## KOREAN MASTERS

The stunning talents of Samul Nori, the Korean Master Drummers, have received critical and public acclaim throughout the world. Tonight (Tuesday, February 24) the drummers are at the Gardner Centre for a concert which forms part of their current British tour. They also give a special children's concert at 3 p.m. this afternoon.

Samul Nori are virtuoso percussionists who create a festive atmosphere through the combination of music, dance and spectacular costumes. Their distinctive percussion instruments include the changgo - a large hourglass-shaped drum - and the ching, a large and resonant gong which can be heard over great distances.

Music and dance are combined to different effect on Wednesday and Thursday (Feb. 25 and 26) when Mantis Dance Theatre present *Scenes From The Life Of Beethoven* in a new and exciting triple bill. Mantis' Artistic Director Micha Bergese dances the role of Beethoven and has also choreographed the piece, which illustrates different episodes of the great composer's life including his tempestuous love affairs, his stormy life at court and his relationship with other musicians such as Haydn. Works choreographed by Mantis dancer Jacob Marley and American Risa Jaroslow, complete the triple bill. Besides two evening performances, Mantis will also give a special matinee performance and lecture/demonstration on Thursday (Feb. 26) at 2.30 p.m.

The infectious African rhythms of *Taxi Pata Pata* fill the Gardner on Saturday, February 28. The nine-piece band base their music on the Soukous sounds of Zaire and the Congo, and the musicians come from Zimbabwe, South Africa, Kenya, Guadeloupe, Germany, England and Zaire. Their first single has just been released, and their concerts have already ranged from the Festival Hall to Notting Hill Carnival. The band has been praised by arts bodies and the record industry alike, and with the continuing rise in popularity of African music they clearly have a big future.

Also maintaining the international flavour of the Gardner's current programme

are the Academy of Indian Dance, who perform a show with a highly topical title, *Return of Spring*, on Wednesday, March 11. The 18-strong company is drawn from some of the finest Indian dancers now based in Britain together with others brought specially from India. *Return of Spring* is an entertaining blend of the delicate skills of Indian classical dance, haunting music, beautiful costumes and an exciting story. The Himalayan gods combine to defeat the powerful demon Taraka, who is threatening the world, and the audience meets a host of dramatic and exotic characters along the way.

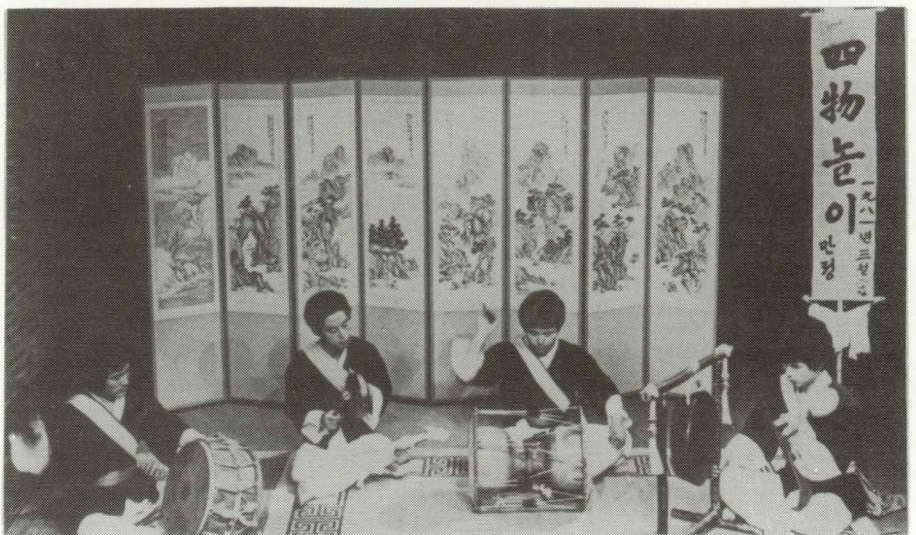
Legendary blues singer and guitarist Lowell Fulson appears in concert on Friday, March 13. Fulson has been making records for more than 40 years, and has written a number of blues standards such as *Reconsider Baby*. Now 66, he is still a powerful and compelling live performer.

Brilliant young pianist Ronan O'Hora is back in Brighton after his performance with the Brighton Philharmonic Orchestra at the Dome last month. His Gardner Centre recital on Saturday, March 14, features works by Mozart, Schubert, Britten, Debussy and Chopin. A finalist of the 1980 Musician of the Year competition, O'Hora is a particularly fine exponent of the works of Chopin.

This term, SUDS give way to the Alternative Drama Group, who present an original comedy *Should Old Accountants Be Forgotten* from Wednesday to Saturday, March 4 - 7. The play is written by Craig Vaughan, a postgraduate mathematical engineer at the University.

On Tuesday, March 10, the University Chamber Orchestra's programme will consist of works by Mozart and David Lumsdaine.

The Gardner Centre's current exhibitions continue until March 18. Richard Ross's colour photographs take a witty and surreal look inside museums, showing exhibits sometimes piled together to grotesque but humorous effect. Neville Symonds' sketches are also in the Gallery, while the beautiful and decorative ceramics and textiles of Quentin and Cressida Bell are in the foyer. The Bells' delightful work is available for sale.



*Korean Master Drummers - Samul Nori*

## HUNNISETT FELLOWSHIP TO SUPPORT CARDIAC RESEARCH

Computer experts at the University working on the development of a computer system which aims to help doctors interpret cardiac X-ray images have received backing from funds provided by a local benefactor.

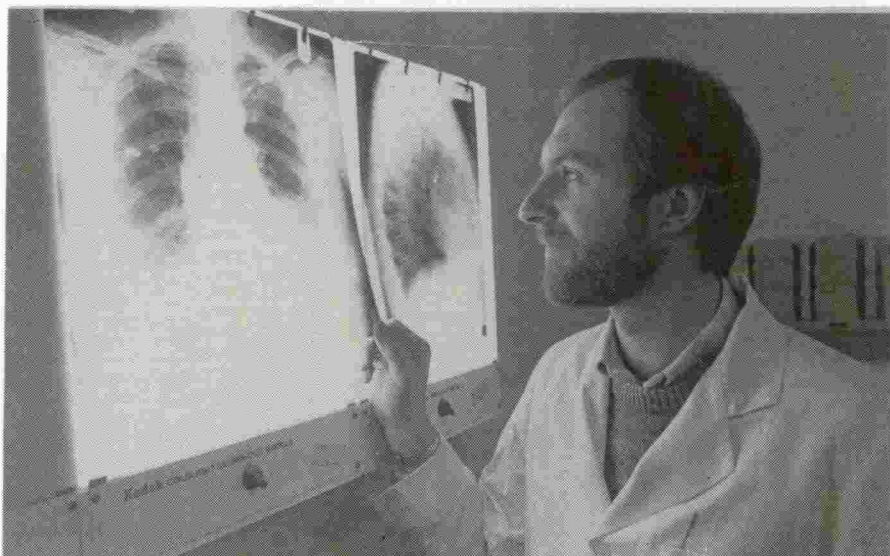
Dr. Mike Sharples, a member of the Cognitive Studies Programme, has been awarded a one-year Charles Hunnisett Fellowship enabling him to complete a pilot project in conjunction with consultants at the Royal Sussex County Hospital and other Sussex scientists.

Dr. Sharples has also received an equipment grant of £25,000 from the Renaissance Trust, a private funding body, which has been used to purchase the computer hardware needed for the project.

Dr. Sharples is applying his knowledge of sophisticated computer-based teaching methods to the problem of devising a computer system to help qualified doctors develop skills in the interpretation of X-rays taken of cardiac cases. They will be able to browse through case studies as well as having computer access to particular symptoms of cardiac diseases.

The system will use a computer data base consisting of X-ray images transformed into computer visuals (digitised) alongside knowledge of the clinical symptoms associated with each image. Dr. Sharples hopes that the system will test and extend the doctors' existing knowledge, pointing out incorrect assumptions and leading towards a correct interpretation of the information provided on each case study by the computer system.

The Fellowship award will support work on a pilot project which involves the study of expertise in interpreting



*Dr. Mike Sharples studying some cardiac X-rays at the Royal Sussex County Hospital*

X-ray images and of the methods of teaching X-ray interpretation. Dr. Sharples hopes to attract further funds to finance a three-year project to produce an operational system to be used in colleges of radiology and hospitals, enabling doctors to take "refresher courses" in interpreting cardiac X-rays.

Dr. Sharples' award follows the granting of a three-year Charles Hunnisett Fellowship to Dr. Mahvash Tavassoli of the Centre for Medical Research for her cancer research project. The late Charles Hunnisett, chairman of Hanningtons, the Brighton department store, donated £100,000 to the University in 1978 for

use in medical research and Dr. Sharples' project ties in with the original aim of the Fellowship awards of promoting research in the field of body imaging, which has since been broadened.

Dr. Sharples will be collaborating with three consultants at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Dr. Richard Burwood, Dr. Richard Vincent and Dr. John Lutkins, who will provide a medical view of strategies for interpreting X-ray images. Also involved will be Dr. Jim Hunter in EAPS, who is involved with medical expert systems and Dr. David Hogg in Cognitive Studies, an expert on computer vision.

## SUSSEX JOINS GROWING ESRC BLACKLIST

Sussex has joined a growing number of universities on the list of institutions which will not receive Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) research studentships, in the Council's drive to improve D Phil submission rates.

The ESRC will not fund any social science postgraduates at Sussex for two years as a penalty for the high number of students who have failed to finish their degrees within four years.

The blacklist was introduced last year when the threshold was fewer than 10 per cent of ESRC supported doctoral students submitting within four years. This year, with the threshold going up to 25 per cent, a total of 24 institutions are blacklisted. In 1988, the threshold will rise again to 40 per cent.

Around ten postgraduate places at Sussex will be affected according to Deputy Registrar, Ted Nakhle. Grants for current students will not be altered but there is concern that the reputation of social science research at Sussex will be adversely affected. The figures used by the ESRC are for students who enrolled between 1980 and 1982.

## NEW ESRC CENTRE AT SPRU

The Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) is to fund a centre at Sussex which will link into a UK network of researchers examining the economic and social consequences of new computer and information systems. The Programme on Information and Communication Technologies (PICT) centre will be located within the Science Policy Research Unit (SPRU) under Professor Christopher Freeman.

The initial contract for the centre covers the period up to March 1988 and will be worth a maximum of £50,000 a year at 1986-87 prices. However, it is expected that the PICT centre will attract further funds from other sources. The centre will support four members of staff, three part-time and one full-time, from 1987-88.

ESRC guidelines state that the centre's research objective is "to examine the multi-faceted role of information and communication in the UK economy and its relation to the global economy, with particular reference to the implications of the information and communication technologies for economic development and for changes in public and private

institutions."

The centre will examine the consequences of new technologies for British industry as well as for public policy where the issues of increased efficiency and of job losses resulting from the installation of new information systems are important. Research will be co-ordinated with other PICT centres around the country and the centre will contribute to public debates on information technology by running training programmes and providing information from which governmental and industrial policy decisions can be made.

The initial concern of the project will be to attempt a definition of information technology and then to produce a new statistical data base of the type of new technology involved. This first project is entitled "Mapping and Measuring the Information Economy" and will provide a base from which further studies in this field can proceed.

Subsequent projects will be more focussed dealing with the specific implications of using new technologies for the growth or decline of British industry, and the information technology industry in particular.

# NOTICEBOARD

## VACANCIES

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 February 17 and is subject to revision. All posts are for male or female applicants.

### Faculty

Temporary Lectureship in Artificial Intelligence, Cognitive Studies Programme. Contact Dr. du Boulay, Arts E.

### Technical

Electronics Technician, Computing Centre, Grade 3/4, or Grade 1 for applicants without qualifications.

### Clerical and Related

Bookshop Assistant/Receiving Clerk, Grade 1/2.

Research Grants Office, Clerk, Grade 1/2.  
Word Processing Operator/Copy Typist (part-time), Grade 1/2, SPRU.

Two Assistant Managers, Co-op Stores, Grade 2.

Superannuation Office, Clerk (part-time), Grade 3.

Senior Recruitment Clerk, Personnel Office, Grade 3.

Assistant Accommodation Manager - Business, Grade 5.

Secretary, School of African & Asian Studies, Grade 1/2.

Secretary, School of European Studies, Grade 2.

### Manual

Two Porters, student residences, Grade D.

## LUNCHTIME MUSIC

### Meeting House

1.15 p.m. in the Chapel. Admission free. Today (Feb. 24): John Birch (organ)

March 3: Bryan Almond (organ)

March 10: Meeting House Choir

### Music Subject Group

1.15 p.m. Room 120, Falmer House  
February 26: Satie, Sports et Divertissements; Handel, Adagio and Allegro (from Sonata in E); Henri Busser, Andante et Scherzo. Sian Howitt (trumpet) and Tim Steiner (piano).

March 5: works by Debussy, Berg, Henze and C.P.E. Bach. Irene Bowling (piano) and Sarah Walton (flute)

March 12: Student compositions and composition workshop concert

### Sussex Trugs

1 - 2 p.m. on Fridays in the Playing Fields Pavilion - mainstream/traditional jazz.

## SEMINAR & DISCUSSION ON AIDS

A seminar and discussion on AIDS will be held tomorrow (Wed. Feb. 25) in the Meeting House Quiet Room, under the auspices of the University Chaplaincy.

The programme will run from 2.30 to 6.30 p.m. and will consider the medical facts about the disease and look at the pastoral, moral and theological problems it raises. Further details from the Barbara Barber, Chaplaincy Secretary, The Meeting House.

## CENTRE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

### Day Schools

Saturday, March 7, Education Development Building:

#### COMPUTERS AND LEARNING

Tutor: Celia Graebner. A study day for parents and others interested in the impact of new technologies on school education.

Saturday, April 4, Education Development Building:

#### OUR TOWNSCAPE

Tutor: Dr. Sue Farrant. This course examines the influences which worked in Sussex in the past and which affect what we see today, including style, social and economic changes and materials.

### Weekend School

May 8 - 10, Isle of Thorns, Chelwood Gate: THE CITY IN LITERATURE

Tutors: Chris Jude and Josie Alwyn.

Further details of these and other courses from the Centre for Continuing Education, Education Development Building.

### Open Lecture

Monday, April 27, 5.30 p.m. Molecular Sciences Lecture Theatre:

#### MARTIN WIGHT MEMORIAL LECTURE

"Armed Forces - For Peace or War?" by Field Marshal Lord Carver, GCB. Admission free - no tickets. Tea and biscuits available.

## LANGUAGE CENTRE COURSES

The Language Centre will be offering the following courses:

\* During the Easter holidays, on April 13 and 14, two-day intensive language courses for VIth form 'A' level candidates in German and French. Each course will provide five hours of tuition per day and the cost will be £23.00. All tutors are native German, or French, speakers with many years of language teaching experience at the University and elsewhere. The course should provide invaluable practice for the 'A' level oral examination.

\* During July, August and September, the Language Centre will be running a Pre-University English Language Course, divided into three modules. Module A, from July 6 to 30, and Module B, from August 3 to 28, will provide 20 hours tuition per week, and cost £325 per module. Module C will run from September 1 to 25 and will offer 25 hours tuition per week, at a cost of £525. All three modules together cost £1,100. The cost of accommodation on the University campus is included in Module C, but students taking modules A and B will be allocated accommodation with families in the Brighton area at a cost of £55 per week including bed, breakfast and evening meal.

Further details of all the above courses are available from the Language Centre in Arts A Building.

## VICE-CHANCELLOR'S MEETING WITH FACULTY

The Vice-Chancellor's termly meeting with faculty will take place on Thursday, March 12, at 1.30 p.m. in the Senior Common Room.

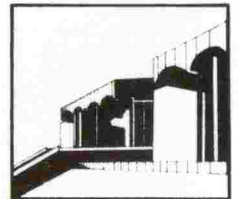
## UNIVERSITY ACCOMMODATION 1987-88

Any student who wishes to apply for University-owned accommodation for the 1987-88 academic year, should call at the Accommodation Office (level 1, north end of the Refectory) by April 18 to complete the appropriate forms. **No applications will be accepted after the end of the Spring Term.**

All applicants should be notified of the decision of the Accommodation Committee by the end of the Summer Term.

## OVERSEAS RESEARCH STUDENTS AWARDS SCHEME 1987

Awards to cover the difference between the 'home' and 'overseas' rates of tuition fees are offered on a competitive basis to research students required to pay fees at the higher rate. Applicants must be expecting to begin full-time research registration or to continue full-time research registration in 1987-88. Further details and application forms may be obtained from the Admissions Office, Sussex House. Applications must be submitted to the Admissions Office by **April 23, 1987.**



## LIBRARY NEWS

The "election" review of Library periodical subscriptions in Spring Term 1985 was emulated last year in at least two other institutions. A description of the procedure was published in *Aslib proceedings* v.39(1), January 1987 and nine enquiries for more details have since been received, including one from overseas. There will be another periodicals election at Sussex in Spring Term 1988.

The Library will be open on Monday, May 4, 1400-1930 with Sunday-type services.

## BULLETIN

This is the last Bulletin of the Spring Term. The Information Office would like to thank all those who have contributed in any way to the Bulletin in this term.

The first edition of the Summer Term will appear on Tuesday, April 28, and copy must be received in the Information Office, level 2, Sussex House by 9 a.m. on Tuesday, April 21. Publication dates for the remainder of the Summer Term are: May 19 (copy date May 11) and June 9 (copy date June 1).

Remember, we can only inform you, if you inform us - so please remember to let us know about news events - tel. 8208.

The Bulletin is for the information of staff and students of the University of Sussex. Published by the Information Office. Photographs by the Photographic and Design Unit. Printed by the University of Sussex Printing Unit.