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W.H.O.'S DOING TROPICAL RESEARCH IN LEWES?

A Sussex biologist working on the control of snails carrying a deadly tropical disease has received funding from the World Health Organisation (WHO) for a new project, the fieldwork for which will be carried out not in the tropics, but at a site near Lewes.

Dr Don Thomas and his Unit of Environmental Control of Snail Hosts of Schistosomiasis have been working for a number of years on methods of controlling the spread of the debilitating disease Schistosomiasis (also known as bilharzia) which affects 250 million people worldwide, and can cause death particularly among children.

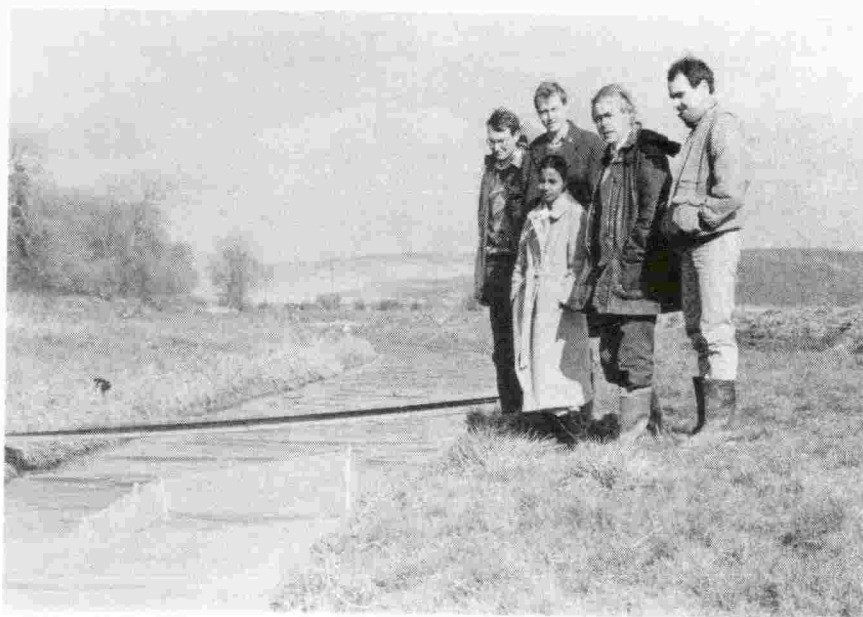
The three year grant from the WHO, worth \$20,000 a year will support work on the development of methodologies for controlling carriers of the disease in natural freshwater drainage areas. Experimental work will be done in the Lewes Brooks area between Newhaven and Lewes, and Dr Thomas is also receiving grants from the Southern Water Authority to support work in the same area on the effects on water bodies of phosphates and nitrates from chemical fertilizers.

Although Schistosomiasis is predominantly a problem in tropical areas, Dr Thomas believes that the Lewes Brooks site will be ideal for experimental work on bioengineering strategies for the control of the main factors affecting the spread of the disease - water plants, disease carrying snails and mosquito larvae.

"Very little experimental work of the kind we envisage has been done in natural water bodies anywhere," he told Bulletin, "so it is important that we develop methodologies which can then be used to show people in developing countries how the disease can be controlled."

The first stage of the project will be to evaluate strategies for excluding macrophytes (water plants) from the water body. Such plants are important as a habitat for snails and mosquitos which act as carriers of bilharzia and malaria respectively. The Lewes Brooks site contains some plant species also found in tropical areas, and sites such as these were implicated in the past in the transmission of malaria in Britain.

The study on macrophytes will help to shed light on the question of why freshwater plants have disappeared from other parts of this country, such as



Don Thomas (second from right) with his research students at Lewes Brooks.

the Norfolk Broads. The Southern Water Authority is interested in the effects of phosphates and nitrates permeating through the soil, and is providing the Unit with extra funds in addition to dredging the site before work begins.

The second part of the WHO-funded study will evaluate the effects of introducing animal species that will compete with the disease carrying snails for food and space and may act as predators. Work has already been done on the introduction of competing snail species which do not carry the disease, and Dr Thomas hopes to evaluate the possibility of introducing varieties of freshwater shell fish. "This would lead to spin-offs in the developing countries because they could serve as a food resource for local people," he says.

Once a methodology for controlling the macrophytes and disease vectors has been constructed, Dr Thomas aims to apply it to developing countries where Schistosomiasis is a serious problem. Previous fieldwork has been done in West Africa, Ethiopia, Egypt and North-East Brazil.

According to Dr Thomas, the level of resources devoted to work on the control

of the Schistosomiasis vectors has been cut back in recent years with the emphasis shifting to vaccine development, and the use of drugs and chemotherapy to treat the disease. However, he questions the long-term use of drugs as an effective control measure.

"Clearly, prevention is better than cure, and in the developing countries, one needs to consider the resources that are available. The approach we are advocating is more realistic in this context, as it should remove the need to rely on drugs indefinitely."

Dr Thomas also believes that other major benefits to the developing countries could develop from the new control strategies. Several other diseases may also be controlled, and the environmental improvement of bodies of water could lead to an increase in food production.

The Unit, which has been designated a WHO Collaborating Centre, is continuing work on other aspects of the control of Schistosomiasis. Mathematical models for evaluating the most effective type of control strategy are being developed, and work is being done to develop chemical strategies aimed at the selective removal of snails.

UGC GRANT ANNOUNCED

The Government has announced the basic distribution of grants from the University Grants Committee (UGC) for the next financial year (1988/89).

Sussex has once again fared well in relation to other institutions with the seventh highest grant increase of all UK universities, reflecting the high esteem in which research at Sussex is held by the UGC.

The University will receive £16.0 million in 1988-89 which represents an increase of just under five per cent on the current year. And the provisional distribution for 1989-90 is £16.77 million.

However, the figure for 1988-89 represents a reduction of around £120,000 on the provisional grant announced last year by the Government and incorporated in the University Plan for 1990.

Sussex is one of only twelve universities receiving an increase in real terms, and ten institutions face an absolute cut in the money they will receive from Government next year.

"UNTANGLING THE NERVOUS SYSTEM"

The intricacies of the nervous system will be the subject of the next meeting of the University's Town and Gown Club on Friday, 4 March.

The guest speaker will be Dr Jonathan Bacon of the School of Biological Sciences who will examine the important question of how the neurons of the nervous system form their complex interconnections as they develop.

"We are studying this process at Sussex by observing the growth of neurons of the insect brain as the animal grows from a tiny embryo within the egg to a fully formed adult," says Dr Bacon.

The results of this work should be applicable to all nervous tissue, including our own brain, which differs from the insect's in the quantity, rather than the quality, of its neurons.

The meeting will be held at 7.00 pm in the Senior Common Room, Refectory Building, with the usual wine reception and buffet supper at a cost of £7.50 per head.

Faculty wishing to get on the mailing list for details of future meetings should contact Charles Dudley, Commercial Manager in the Refectory.

MRS. AUDREY SOUTER

We regret to report the death on February 15 of Mrs. Audrey Souter. Mrs. Souter, who had been ill for some time, joined the University in 1975 as a machine operator/clerk in Sussex House and later worked in the Supplies and Purchasing Offices, moving to Estates and more recently to the Business Finance Office in the Refectory.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL RAISED MORE THAN £700

The 1987 Meeting House Christmas Appeal for the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless raised £718, the University Chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Colin Thompson, reports. "Thanks to everyone who organised raffles, carol singing on campus and in the town and those who contributed personally," he said.

ACADEMIC ENTERPRISE COMPETITION

The 1988 Academic Enterprise Competition, which in 1985 was won by Professor Fred Bayley and Dr. Mike Owen, has just been launched by the British Technology Group.

This year, the £130,000 competition is divided into three parts, each with a first prize of £25,000. The objective of Section 1 is to encourage academic researchers to consider setting up a new company as the means of exploiting their research results. Section 2 is to promote and encourage all other methods of transferring technology from UK academic institutions to British industry. Entries for Sections 1 and 2 may relate to any area of science, engineering, technology or medicine and may also apply for the Design prize. The objective of this is to encourage the application of good design to new technology and innovative products and processes.

Entry is open to university staff, postgraduates and postdoctoral students; to people who have left such positions since January 1983; and to staff of industrial liaison companies set up by higher education institutions.

The closing date for entries is August 12, 1988. Further details are available from the Research Grants Office, Room 201, Sussex House.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL GROUP FORMED ON CAMPUS

Torture is employed in almost half of the countries of the world today, while the death penalty remains in force in some 130. Forty years after the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights, its violation still occurs.

Amnesty International continues to campaign against state powers jailing people for their beliefs and subjecting their citizens to torture and execution. Seeking to penetrate the web of secrecy that virtually closes off some countries from the rest of the world, Amnesty organises publicity campaigns on behalf of all those persecuted for their politics, colour, or religion. However, Amnesty International is totally apolitical, with members from all political parties, religions and nationalities.

A University-based Amnesty group has now been formed with a view to becoming involved in the fight against the disregard for human rights and raising funds towards the cause of Amnesty International. Meetings will take place in the Meeting House every fortnight. New members are very welcome. For further information contact:

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Ian Dawson (MAPS)



Councillor Blackwood on campus last week.

MAYOR KEEPS CLOSE LINKS WITH CAMPUS

A regular visitor to the campus and keen supporter of the University over the years has been Councillor Ray Blackwood who is the current Mayor of Brighton.

Councillor Blackwood is a member of Council and Court and, as a leading figure in local politics over the last 25 years, has been involved in all kinds of activities associated with the University.

He took part in the first discussions on the founding of a University College in Brighton, and has seen the University grow from a small institution to become a major and integral part of the local community.

"The University is in my own constituency, and my wife used to work here," the Mayor told Bulletin on a visit to the University last week, "so I have always had an active involvement."

He has taken an interest in the affairs of the Gardner Centre since it was established, and has organised and attended many conferences on the campus down the years. As a speaker of five languages, he has made use of the Language Centre, and he is involved with the Town and Gown Club.

The Mayor believes that the University and its students play an important role in the community. "I have been involved with Link-Up and the Kids Karnival, and I have seen that local people really appreciate help from students," he says.

He is also keen on developing facilities and access for disabled people in the Brighton area, and is pleased to be associated with the Silver Jubilee Scholarship Fund for Handicapped Students which is run jointly by the University and the Borough Council.

As Mayor, Councillor Blackwood attends literally hundreds of functions, and in the last few weeks alone has been on campus three times; to attend the talk given by Glenys Kinnock and the University Discussion, and to talk to students. And he will be back on March 11 to attend the meetings of Court and Council.

BAKER ANNOUNCES LIMITED AMENDMENTS TO BILL

Mr Kenneth Baker appears to have backed down on some of the more contentious proposals affecting universities in the Education Reform Bill, which is currently before Parliament.

Speaking to the House of Commons Standing Committee on the Bill, Mr Baker announced six amendments to be made to Clauses 92 and 94, following extensive lobbying from the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals (CVCP).

The amendments concerning the new funding body, the Universities Funding Council (UFC) and the Secretary of State's powers over it, will be tabled at the Bill's Report Stage later this month. Although their precise wording is not yet known, the Department of Education and Science has described the aims of the amendments as to:

- make explicit that the UFC could attach conditions only to funds received from it
- make clear that the Secretary of State would not be able to impose specific conditions in relation to the flow of money to particular institutions
- empower the UFC to give advice to the Government
- make any direction to the UFC by the Secretary of State subject to negative resolution by both Houses of Parliament
- qualify the Secretary of State's power to confer additional functions on the UFC
- clarify the powers of the UFC to seek the repayment of funds not used in accordance with particular conditions

HONORARY DEGREE FOR PETER SIMPSON

The University of Uppsala, which has a thriving student exchange programme with Sussex, has announced that it is to award an honorary degree to Dr Peter Simpson, Lecturer in Chemistry.

Dr Simpson has been closely involved with the exchange programme and has visited Uppsala in Sweden on a number of occasions, in addition to a three month period spent teaching there.

Commenting on the award, the Dean of the School of Chemistry and Molecular Sciences, Professor Tony McCaffery said, "Peter's contribution to the exchange programme over the past 11 years has been substantial and very personal. He meets the students on arrival, sees them to their accommodation and organises "mixers" at home for them to meet UK students."

Dr Simpson said last week that he was "surprised and delighted" at the award. The degree of Doctor of Philosophy honoris causa will be conferred at a ceremony in Sweden on 3 June.

UNIVERSITY DISCUSSION ATTACKS GERBIL

The Great Education Reform Bill and the proposals it contains for the future of the universities came under attack from speaker after speaker at a University Discussion held in Mandela Hall last week.

Around 300 staff and students attended the discussion on the Government's education policies, which had been requested by the Sussex Branch of the Association of University Teachers (AUT).

Opening the meeting, which was chaired by Mr Tehm Framroze, Sussex AUT President Stephen Yeo attacked the proposals giving the Secretary of State for Education and Science new powers as an example of "draconian state action" and went on to challenge the philosophy behind the plans of Mr Kenneth Baker.

"This Bill is about education as a whole and poses a specific educational and philosophical challenge; it puts forward a philosophy of competition which can only lead to the freedom of the league table," he said.

The Vice-Chancellor, Sir Leslie Fielding, outlined the amendments to the Bill proposed by Kenneth Baker (and featured elsewhere in this Bulletin). He welcomed

Commenting on Mr Baker's announcement, the Chairman of the CVCP, Sir Mark Richmond said, "This is a step in the right direction and we welcome that. But I am cautious enough to want to see the precise wording of the amendments which the Secretary of State has said he will bring to the Report Stage."

The Vice-Chancellor, Sir Leslie Fielding, also welcomed the first three amendments, as outlined above, but expressed reservations about the others. Speaking at last week's University Discussion, he questioned the worth of the proposed amendment making any direction to the UFC subject to negative resolution

the fact that the universities had been able to make the Government think twice about some of its proposed measures, but called Mr Baker's latest announcements "a half U-turn."

"I want to see the wording of these amendments clarified" said Sir Leslie, adding that he hoped Mr Baker would be able to make "the full 180 degree turn towards what the universities really want."

Other speakers went on to attack the "totalitarianism" of the Bill and in particular, the threat it presents to academic freedom. However, one speaker pointed out that the Government had shown intelligence and cunning in outmanoeuvring the academic community and setting the agenda for future discussions on the role of the universities and on education in general.

Among the other points made by the many staff and students who spoke at the meeting was the need for the education community to unite against the Bill, and members of the University were urged to attend a national NUS demonstration in London on 27 February and a Lobby of Parliament on 1 March.

by Parliament, saying that the Government would be forced to resign anyway if both Houses passed such resolutions.

He went on to stress the need for clarification of the language used in the final two amendments when they come before Parliament.

The Standing Committee was considering Clauses 130-140 of the Bill, concerning academic tenure and the University Commissioners, as Bulletin went to press, and it is expected that the Bill will reach its Commons Report Stage and third reading by Easter, before going on to the House of Lords.



There were red noses everywhere on campus on Comic Relief day - and MAPS Common Room was no exception. Lots of money was raised for charity, including more than £500 in IDS.

FUSION OF OPPOSITES AT THE GARDNER

The Gardner Centre leaps into Spring with a veritable medley of theatre, dance and music.

Kicking off today (March 1), and on March 2, 4 and 5, the University Drama Society salutes International Women's Week with its presentation of *Lysistrata*. This classic comedy strikes a highly contemporary note as it shows women exercising their power to control their men - through a sex strike!

Talisker on March 3 is the first concert in this month's particularly rich and varied musical selection. A common theme running through many of the concerts is the fusion of opposite tendencies and this is certainly true of *Talisker*. Described in *New York* as "the most heady and exciting folk jazz of a decade", they offer a unique blend of traditional Celtic music and contemporary jazz.

The Gardner Centre has finally managed to present the London Mozart Players after months of trying. March 8 offers a genuinely rare opportunity to hear this top London orchestra in a programme which brings together music from the 1780s and 1980s. Conductor Jane Glover explains: "We are enjoying an exciting period of fecundity from our contemporary composers ... their activities mirror exactly those of their Viennese predecessors of the 1780s." The products of these two invigorating decades are brought together by the London Mozart Players in the presentation of a concerto by Mozart, symphonies by Haydn and his brother Michael, and the work of a composer of the 1980s, our own Professor of Music, Jonathan Harvey.

Concert-goers are also invited to a free pre-performance talk by Jane Glover and Jonathan Harvey.

Another marriage of opposites provides the theme for our concert on March 9 when Anup Kumar Biswas presents his seventh East-West Musical Encounter in a programme of the rare and beautiful Indian classical style of music, rarely heard in the UK. This outstanding Indian musician is the only cellist in the world to play Indian music on the cello.

The unlikely blend of traditional West African music and American blues comes together in a double bill featuring music from Mali on March 10. Ali Farka Toure, known to many as the finest blues guitarist in West Africa, will be joined by Jali Musa Jawara and his group.

The Gardner goes to church on March 12 when The Hilliard Ensemble performs the *St. John Passion* by Arvo Part, whose music is reminiscent of the great ecclesiastical works of the 17th century. This performance in St. Martin's Church, Lewes Road, Brighton, provides a fitting prelude to Easter.

Dance Advance will be appearing on March 17 to 19 when they will premiere three contrasting ballets featuring live music, including the first performances of *Sea of Troubles* by Sir Kenneth MacMillan.

Back to musical contradictions: the



Mrs. Kinnock with Daniel Simon (left) and Councillor Joe Townsend.

GLENYS KINNOCK BOOSTS MANDELA SCHOLARSHIP WEEK

A packed campus meeting on 8 February was urged by Mrs Glenys Kinnock to continue the campaign against apartheid in South Africa by supporting the Nelson and Winnie Mandela Scholarship Fund.

Mrs Kinnock was speaking on "Children under Apartheid" at the beginning of Mandela Scholarship Week which succeeded in raising over £1,000 to support the Fund, with much more money promised.

Mrs Kinnock recounted stories of torturing, beating and raping of black children by the South African police, told to her at a recent conference in Zimbabwe. 30,000 people had been detained since June 1986, she said, nearly half of them under 21 years old and some aged under five.

In an emotional speech, Mrs Kinnock described the South African education system as "an example of horrific social engineering; they are still in the business of educating black children for subservience." White children have six times more money spent on their education than black children, she said.

Stressing the importance of schemes such as the Mandela Scholarship, Mrs Kinnock said, "When South Africa is liberated it will need highly qualified people. At the moment, blacks do not have a chance when it comes to education."

Mandela Scholarship Week proved a

great success with over £1,000 raised through events and collections and more than £3,500 promised in the future by students agreeing to donate all or part of their caution money deposit.

All faculty have been sent a letter signed by the Vice-Chancellor, who has accepted an invitation to become a patron of the Scholarship Fund, the President of Sussex AUT, and the President of the Students' Union, urging them to take out covenants. More than £1,500 in covenants have already been received.

One of the organisers of the week, Daniel Simon of the Student Scholarship Support Group, said "This has been the most successful fund-raising event ever held for the Scholarship and we have had tremendous publicity. The Trust is now receiving enquiries from members of the public with offers of help."

He went on to thank all those who had helped organise the week or given money, and said "We will now be able to fund a third student this October through your generosity."

Anyone else wishing to support the Mandela Scholarship through covenants or donations taken directly from their salary should contact Councillor Joe Townsend (a Fellow of SPRU and Mandela Trustee), c/o Falmer House.

Kronos Quartet, dedicated to both controversy and convention, have built up an extensive knowledge of classical quartet literature as well as premiering more than 125 new works since their formation in 1973. They will be at the Gardner on March 23 with a programme of all-American music.

Finally, Kevin Ayers, legendary ex-Soft Machine guitarist and vocalist is back with a new album and band featuring guitarist Ollie Halsall on March 26. Support is by Lol Coxhill.

MEETING OF COURT

The Annual Meeting of the University Court will take place on Friday, March 11, in the Meeting House. The audited accounts for the year ending July 31, 1987 will be presented to the Court, together with the latest Annual Report.

Please note that in connection with this meeting **car parking will be restricted**. Drivers who usually leave their vehicles in the Sussex House car park are asked to seek alternative parking, as the major part of the car park will be reserved for those attending Court.

NEW HUNNISSETT FELLOWSHIP TO BE AWARDED

The Trustees of the Charles Hunnisett Research Fellowship for Medical Research have announced that a new award is to be made, bringing another promising young medical researcher to Sussex in October 1988.

Applications are now invited for the Fellowship, which will be based at the Centre for Medical Research (CMR) at Sussex in conjunction with the Royal Sussex County Hospital in Brighton, for research in any branch of medical science or engineering.

The award is for up to three years and carries a personal salary and up to £2,500 towards research expenses. The Trustees wish particularly to support research with practical objectives that will link the University with the local medical community, and it is likely that the successful applicant will propose a programme of research in collaboration with one or more local consultants.

The Fellowship was established when the late Charles Hunnisett, Chairman of Hanningtons, the Brighton department store, made a benefaction of £100,000 to the University in 1978 for use in medical research. The Fellowship was originally intended to support work in the field of body imaging but has since been broadened to cover collaborative projects between Sussex and the local medical community.

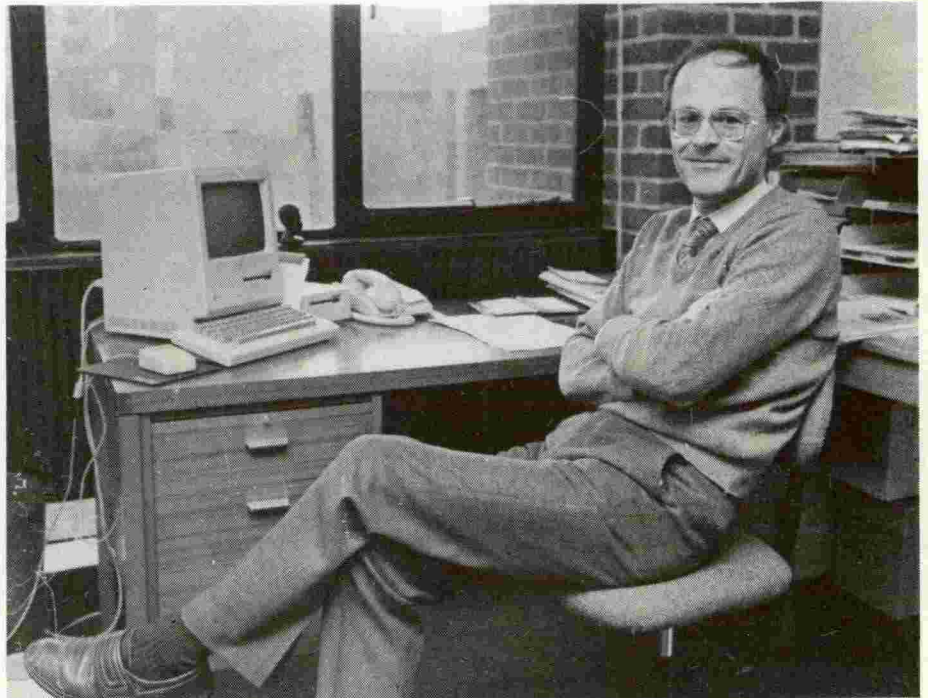
A three-year Fellowship was awarded in December 1986 to Dr Mahvash Tavassoli who is now undertaking a collaborative project with doctors at the Royal Sussex County Hospital on the molecular biology of cancer in aggressive or rapidly developing tumours.

And last year, the Trustees awarded a special one-year Fellowship to Dr. Mike Sharples, Lecturer in Artificial Intelligence at Sussex, to support his work on the development of a computer system to help doctors interpret cardiac x-ray images.

Welcoming the announcement of the new award, Dr. John Kay, Director of CMR said, "We are most grateful to Mr. Derek Hunnisett and the other Trustees for their support of the Fellowship, which is extremely helpful in attracting high calibre research workers to Sussex."

Applications for the Fellowship, which should include an outline of the proposed research programme, should be submitted by the end of March to the Director of CMR in the MAPS building.

Right, some of next year's Students' Union sabbaticals, who were elected last week: (from left), Naomi Goldman, President; Sam Keighley, Vice-President (Sport); Peter Stevens, Vice-President (Communications); and Esther Parker, Vice-President (Education). The other two sabbaticals are Ramsey Badawi, Vice-President (Finance) and Liz Hughes, Vice-President (Social Services).



John Farrant

HOW THEY DO THINGS IN THE STATES

The University's Planning Officer, John Farrant, has been awarded a Fulbright Fellowship in Academic Administration - one of only three such Fellowships awarded in the country this year. He is off to the University of Massachusetts at Amherst at the end of March and will spend the next three months studying how a senior US institution deals with different aspects of university administration.

His visit to Massachusetts will extend the informal links in education administration which have built up over the past few years between Sussex and UMass. The Dean of Academic Support Services, Dr. Larry Benedict, visited Sussex in 1986 following an earlier visit to UMass

by Dr. Eric Hewton, Reader in Education. There are also student exchanges with UMass and neighbouring Amherst College.

John Farrant will be using his time at UMass to examine the allocation of resources between academic departments, the impact of the policies of major funding agencies on the internal budgetary process, the process of evaluating and reviewing academic programmes, the work of the US regional accrediting associations and collaboration with neighbouring institutions.

"British universities are more and more being exposed to market competition, and I want to see how American institutions cope without circumscribing their autonomy," he said last week.



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 papers, 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 23 and is subject to revision.

Faculty

Lectureships in Computer Systems Engineering, School of Engineering & Applied Sciences

Lectureship in English, School of European Studies

Research and Analogous

Research Fellowship in Organisational Use of Telecommunications, SPRU

Technical

Programmer in Psychology Laboratory, School of Cognitive Sciences

Secretarial, Clerical and Related

Secretary to Research Team, SPRU, grade 3

Secretary, Finance Office, full time or part-time, grade 3

Senior Clerk, Admissions, grade 3

Clerk, Financial Accounts Office, grade 3

Secretary to Research Team, SPRU, grade 1/2

Secretary, Personnel Office, grade 2

Clerk/Typist, Estates, grade 2

Secretary to Manager, Accommodation Bureau, grade 2

Secretary, OAS, grade 1/2

Clerk/Typist, Undergraduate Examinations Office, grade 1/2

Secretary, Biols, part-time, grade 1/2

Receptionist/Clerk, Admissions, grade 2

RECENT BOOKS

New Sussex publications include:

Education, Ecology and Environment.

The Case for an Education Network by Colin Lacey and Roy Williams. Kogan Page. Paper, £7.95.

A Various Art, edited by Andrew Crozier and Tim Longville. An anthology of poets who 'have chosen to work outside the customary institutions of British poetry'. Carcanet. Cased, £12.95.

Women and the Life Cycle. Transitions and Turning-Points, edited by Patricia Allatt et al. Contains an article by Vivienne Griffiths on 'Adolescent Girls: Transition from Girlfriends to Boyfriends?' Macmillan. Paper, £9.95.

Some recent books of local interest:

Hastings Childhoods by the Hastings Modern History Workshop. Centre for Continuing Education. Paper, £4.90.

Tudor Rye by Graham Mayhew. Centre for Continuing Education. Paper, £9.95.

Sussex Railways Remembered by Leslie Oppitz. Illustrated throughout with old and new photographs. Countryside Books. Cased, £8.95.

Brighton. A Pictorial History by D. Robert Elleray. Phillimore. Cased, £8.95.

All available from Sussex University Bookshop

CENTRE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

Day Schools

Saturday, March 19: Geology of Sussex. Tutor: Michael Smith.

April 16: Vikings in Britain. Tutor: Christina Colyer. To be held at Corsica Hall, Seaford.

April 23: The British Press. Tutors: Geoff Walker and Stuart Laing.

April 23 and May 14: two linked Day Schools on Local History Research with a Microcomputer. Tutors: Celia Graebner, Fred Gray, Brian Short and Mick Reed.

Weekend Schools

April 29 - May 1: Orpheus in Music/Film/Poetry. Tutors: Terry Hodgson and Janet Canetty-Clarke. Residential course at the White House, Isle of Thorns, Chelwood Gate.

May 7 and 8: Man, Land and the Downs. Tutors: Brian Short and David Robinson.

UNIVERSITY CLOSURE DATES

The University will be closed for the Easter holiday from Wednesday, March 30 to Friday, April 1, inclusive, and on Monday, April 4. The University will also be closed for the Bank Holidays on Monday, May 2 and 30, and August 29.

LUNCHTIME MUSIC

Meeting House Chapel

Tuesdays, 1.15 p.m.

Today (March 1): Sue Pogson (mezzo soprano) and Rona Allan (soprano)

March 8: Meeting House Choir and University Choir concert (conductor: Jonathan Cross)

Music Subject Group

Thursdays, Falmer House Recital Room 120, 1.15 p.m.

March 3: Pere Varese (guitar) and Anna Bourne (piano) - works inc. Prokofiev's Sonata no. 3

March 10: works by Sussex composers and by the Composition Workshop

Sussex Trugs

Fridays, Playing Fields Pavilion, 1-2 p.m. Mainstream/traditional jazz.

LIBRARY

NEWS

* On January 21 the fourth annual SCOUNL (Standing Conference of National and University Libraries) survey took place of the use of library stock within the building (i.e. excluding items chosen for borrowing). We were dependent for this upon the co-operation of users, and are very grateful to those who completed the 1,801 survey sheets which were returned to us. Consultations of stock numbering 7,277 were reported, the highest total so far in this series of surveys, and one likely to represent a consultation rate per user well above the national average.

* Periodicals subscriptions review-election: papers have been distributed to academic, related, and other appropriate faculty, and are due back by the end of term. Anyone who thinks he/she should have received voting papers and has not done so is invited to contact Dheirdre Brown (tel. 3468).

* The Library will, as usual, be open from 2.00 until 7.30 p.m. on the first Bank Holiday in May, i.e. Monday, May 2, despite the University closure.

OVERSEAS RESEARCH STUDENTS AWARDS SCHEME 1988

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 1988-89.

Further details and application forms may be obtained from the International Office, Sussex House. Applications must be submitted to the International Office by April 22, 1988.

TERM DATES

This term ends on Friday, March 11. The Summer Term runs from Monday, April 18 to Friday, June 24. The Autumn Term starts on Monday, October 3 and finishes on Friday, December 9.

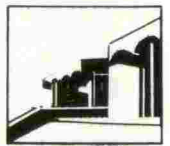
BULLETIN

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 during the past term.

The first edition of the Summer Term will appear on Tuesday, April 19, and copy should be received in the Information Office, level 2, Sussex House, by 4 p.m. on Monday, April 11. Publication dates for the remainder of the Summer Term are: May 10 (copy date April 29), May 31 (copy date May 20) and June 21 (copy date June 13).

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

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CALLING YORK GRADUATES

The York Society is holding its Annual Dinner for graduates on April 16 in Derwent College. Any York graduates are welcome and if they would like to attend should write for details to: The York Society, c/o Margaret Newton, Heslington Hall, University of York, York, YO1 5DD. The Society was founded ten years ago and aims to keep graduates in contact with each other and their University through its magazine and newsletter. Membership is £3 per year and if you would like details of how to join please write to the above address.

LECTURE BY PROFESSOR JAYAWANT AT THE ROYAL SOCIETY

Professor B.V. Jayawant, Dean of the School of Engineering & Applied Sciences, is to give a review lecture on electromagnetic suspension and levitation techniques at the Royal Society in Carlton House Terrace, London, on March 17 at 4.30 p.m. The intention is to provide a review of current developments in the subject and is aimed at an audience of scientists not necessarily involved in the subject.