



3 February 1993

**AID TO CROATIA**

**T**he University of Sussex is to become involved in a cross-Europe bid to aid the victims of the worsening civil war in what was Yugoslavia. An appeal being launched by the University Chaplaincy aims to raise money and collect supplies from the University community in order to send vehicles with the organisation 'Humanitarian Aid to Croatia'. This organisation was formed last year to take direct action to bring relief to the Croatian people and those refugees fleeing the war in neighbouring Bosnia. In December a convoy of almost 100 vehicles, laden down with essential supplies, drove across Europe and into Croatia. All the vehicles were provided and driven by volunteers, who also collected together supplies from whoever was prepared to give them. Since then several other convoys have left for Croatia and more are planned. The Chaplaincy is aiming to send University vehicles with the Easter convoy.

There are several ways people can help: most importantly to bring food and other essential items to the Meeting House anytime from now onwards. Items that are needed include: porridge oats, rice, pulses (dried), flour, sugar, powdered soup, simple tinned food, baby food, disposable nappies, other baby items (not clothes), sanitary towels and tampons, soap and shampoo. (Unopened packages only please.) Volunteers are furthermore needed for the convoy which will leave for Croatia in early April.

There will be a campus-wide appeal for money to pay for the trip's expenses, such as the ferry crossing, fuel, and any shortfall in supplies. University Chaplain, Gavin Ashenden says, "We estimate that 20p from each member of the University would be enough to send three vehicles to Croatia." He adds, "We are also hoping that students will donate food, especially if they have any left over before they leave for the Easter break."

■ *The organiser of Humanitarian Aid to Croatia, Tony Budell, will be speaking about his recent experiences in Croatia in the Meeting House Chapel on Wednesday 3 February at 6.30 pm. Anyone wishing to become involved in any way should go along.*

**THE THREE DEGREES**

**T**hree Eastbourne teachers from the same primary school were among the students receiving their degrees at the Winter Graduation Ceremony last week. Christina Kadir (the Headteacher, seated), Paula Duff (Deputy Head, left), and Lynne Brown, from Motcombe Infants School were awarded an MA in Education following the successful completion of their part-time courses. Both Lynne and Paula are planning further study (Lynne in special needs education, and Paula in management), whilst Christina intends to, "apply what I have learnt!". All three agreed that they had been "very supportive" towards each other and their success has now inspired some of the school's eight other teachers to take the Master's degree. Paula added, "We are living proof that education never stops!"

**INTERNATIONAL BURNS' NIGHT**

*Ceremoniously piping in the Haggis at the recent Burns' Night celebrations organised by the International Office for overseas students. About 150 students joined in the festivities, reeling and singing the night away in true Scottish tradition.*

# Around the Schools

## EAM

**A**NDREW CROZIER's work forms part of a collection of poetry called *Ghosts in the Corridor*, published by Paladin at £9.99. The other two poets contributing to the book are Donald Davie and C.H. Sisson. It was chosen by the Book Society *Bulletin*, Autumn 1992, which described it as one of the most outstanding books of new poetry published that autumn. Andrew is described as being "in the prime of his writing life".

He is one of the poets included in the fourth book in the series *Survey of English Literature*, entitled *The Twentieth Century*, edited by Adrian Harding and published by Dunod. He is mentioned in the section *Newer Voices* as being "a direct heir to the William Carlos Williams tradition filtered through a distinctly English sensibility ... His *oeuvre* is highly individual and yet centrally reinvested with the character of a common language".

DAVID OSMOND-SMITH, as Chair of the International Society for Contemporary Music, will be organising and introducing two symposia on the recording industry and contemporary music at the National Sound Archive in London in February.

MARTIN BUTLER conducted his composition *Jazz Machines* at a concert performed by the New Chamber Players in the Holywell Music Room, Oxford as part of a contemporary music festival organised by a group of students from Queen's College. It was the second performance of this work and received glowing reviews in *The Musical Times* this month.

One of the consequences of the first Fulbright Colloquium held at Sussex in April 1991 is the publication of a book of papers presented at the Colloquium and edited by its organisers, VIVIEN HART and SHANNON STIMSON, entitled *Writing a National Identity. Political, economic and cultural perspectives on the written constitution*. Contributors are from America, Canada, France and Italy. It will be published by Manchester University Press in mid-February.

The second Fulbright Colloquium, with MICHAEL DUNNE as one of the organisers, on *Citizenship and Rights in Multi-Cultural Societies* will be held in Bologna in April this year.

## ENGG

**P**ROFESSOR LAITHWAITE (Visiting Professor to the School of Engineering) has been awarded this year's (1992/93) "Achievement Award" by the Power Division of the Institution of Electrical Engineers for a lifetime of contribution to the profession of electrical engineering, in particular power engineering.

**TURKEY WIN WORLD CUP!** Supervisors in ENGG have noticed a general slowing down of research recently. Many of their students have appeared limping, swathed in bandages, or have not even appeared at all for a while. The reason for all this has been the involvement of many of the postgraduates in the School's international football tournament. Five teams played a round-robin qualifying set of matches last term and eventually Brazil and Turkey qualified for the final. Friday 8 January was the big day and half an hour of even more bruising endeavour than usual saw Turkey emerge as clear winners by 5-0 to take the magnificent trophy which was made in the ENGG workshops as a demonstration of the CAD/CAM facility. For the record, China finished third, followed by Africa and, last of all, England. Now the Chinese are suggesting a table-tennis competition to even things up!

PROFESSOR JAYAWANT and DR. DENIS EDWARDS visited IIT, Delhi (Indian Institute of Technology) in December to give invited lectures at the Indo-British Workshop on Power Electronics, Energy Saving, Machine Control and Simulation. This was part of the final phase of the Microprocessor Application Programme funded by the Overseas Development Administration, with the aim of introducing new technology in India. Dr. Edwards stayed for a further ten days, to install software for computer-aided design in magnetics and to train staff and research students in the Electrical Engineering Department in the use of the software. The School has been associated with this project for several years: PROFESSOR DEREK ATHERTON and DRS. MIKE ENGLISH, SYD LLOYD, LIONEL RIPLEY and PETER UNSWORTH have all made consultancy visits to India, and staff from IIT have visited Sussex. Discussions are in progress for a joint PhD scheme, whereby research students from Sussex would spend one year at IIT, and students from IIT would spend one year here.

## COGS

**P**ETER WILLIAMS has struck gold! He develops "neural network" computing systems which learn to recognise significant patterns through training on examples; his research is sponsored by a mining company, and he has trained his system to detect sites where it is worth sinking a goldmine, by showing it data on magnetic fields at the sites of numerous successful and unsuccessful drillings. Following training, the system has made judgments on two new sites, predicting that one of them would yield gold and the other not; and it was right!

Recently the POETIC project team (ROGER EVANS, ROBERT GAZAUSKAS, and LYNNE CAHILL of COGS, together with Racal Research Ltd., the AA, and NTL) demonstrated their system to police officers of the Kent, Metropolitan and Sussex police forces at Kent Police Headquarters in Maidstone. POETIC is a system which automatically generates traffic information bulletins by monitoring police communications. The demonstration was very well received. Senior officers present expressed their support for the work, and promised practical help in the form of data for further development and testing.

MAGGIE BODEN is President of Section X for the British Association for the Advancement of Science 1993 (to meet at Keele in August); and she will be giving the "Royal Institution Discourse" at the Edinburgh Science Festival in April. She was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts last year.

News for *Around the Schools* is submitted by School PR reps who are always keen to hear of any happenings in their Schools. They are: BIOLS—Gerry Altmann, COGS—Geoffrey Sampson, ENGG—Lionel Ripley, MAPS—John Venables, MOLS—John Murrell, AFRAS—Tony Binns, CCS—Pauline Thome, EAM—Bob Benewick and Joan Astill, EURO—Nigel Llewellyn, SOC—Anne Asha.

CHRIS WARREN, a lecturer in the Centre for Social Policy and Social Work in CCS has been awarded a £200,000 grant by the Department of Health. The money is for a three year project to monitor the £2m being spent on Family Support and Out of School initiatives through voluntary organisations to stimulate and improve services for families and children. These proposals were announced by the Health Secretary, Virginia Bottomley, earlier this year and come in the light of the recent Children Act. The project aims to evaluate the way in which the £2m is being used, ensuring that it is being well spent, and drawing lessons for future policy and practice. along with full-time researcher Julie Hartless, Chris will be examining such areas as the contribution made by fostering and residential approaches to family support, and links between family support and family breakdown as well as looking at international comparisons. "This grant gives us the opportunity to look critically at the support network," comments Chris, "and our final conclusions will hopefully be used in forming future national policies." Voluntary organisations that will be examined include Barnados, the Kids' Club Network, and the National Council for One Parent Families.



The team working on the support network. From left: Julie Hartless, Chris Warren and admin secretary Amanda Spiers.

PAULINE THORNE, School Administrative Officer, has just returned from a European fact-finding mission organised by NALGO to Italy and Greece as a member of a Skills Working Party investigating education and training within the EEC. NALGO is aiming to examine the qualifications and training within the professions and compare skills shortages now that the removal of barriers allows (at least in theory) for the free movement of labour from one country to another. The Working Party visited the Fondazione Don Gnocchi, a rehabilitation centre pioneering the work of occupational therapy, and the Vatican Library, as well as local authority and public sector workplaces and educational institutions, embassies, ministries and the British Council offices. Links were also made with workers via their trades unions. A full report of the trip to be published shortly, will be freely available from Pauline in Arts B350.

JOHN BARROW, Professor of Astronomy, delivered the George Darwin Lecture of the Royal Astronomical Society in October, and has been invited to give the Spinoza Lecture at the University of Amsterdam in March.

PROFESSOR GUISEPPE MARTELLI (Space Science Centre) has been appointed British representative to the European Science Foundation, Strasbourg, in connection with a network studying the role of impact processes in the geological and biological evolutions of plant Earth. Professor Martelli has just heard that the IVth International Workshop on "Catastrophic Disruption of Small Solar Bodies in the Solar System" will be dedicated to him on the occasion of his 70th birthday. The workshop will be held after the 160th Symposium of the International Astronomical Union at Gubbio in Italy, from 21-23 June 1993. Professor Martelli is being honoured for his many distinguished contributions to the field of catastrophic disruption.

ROGER BLIN-STOYLE, Emeritus Professor of Theoretical Physics has been appointed President of the Association for Science Education for one year. This is the professional body representing science teachers throughout the UK.

## News from SPRU

# TRIUMPH OF A LONG CAMPAIGN

The recent signing of a ban on chemical weapons was a personal triumph for Julian Perry Robinson, a Senior Fellow of SPRU, and his colleague Professor Matthew Meselson, a biochemist/molecular biologist at Harvard University. Their campaign against chemical weapons began three decades ago.

In 1963 Julian wrote a dissertation at Oxford University on how chemical weapons had affected the development of modern chemistry. When he left Oxford, he worked as a patent lawyer but soon returned to research on chemical weapons, first at the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, then at

Harvard University, and finally at the University of Sussex.

His research at SPRU, funded for a number of years by the John D and Catherine T MacArthur Foundation and the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust, has concentrated recently on the relationships between chemical and biological weapons disarmament, defence policy, the chemical industry and the scientific community, with particular emphasis on the practical lessons that could be drawn for policy as the negotiations on the 1993 Chemical Weapons Convention were at last entering their final phase at the 39-nation Conference on Disarmament in Geneva. Julian Perry Robinson's

work is discernible in the details of what the final text of the chemical treaty stipulates on controls applicable in the civil chemical industry and, especially, on disabling chemicals.

During the 1980s, when the Reagan administration considered reviving its chemical and biological warfare programmes, Julian Perry Robinson and Matthew Meselson were among the government's most influential critics. In Paris at the signing of the treaty, Julian was exhilarated to watch on television monitors as nation after nation signed. But he is not yet ready to rest. "The process is just beginning," he says.

# Caring for Alzheimer's

by Gerry Altmann

As life-expectancy increases, and the population at large becomes older, it is perhaps unsurprising that an age-related disease like Alzheimer-type dementia should become so prominent in the public eye. Alzheimer's is threatening to become a major health problem, consuming an ever increasing proportion of the resources available for health care of the elderly. Although controversy surrounds the cause of the disease (it has been linked to environmental toxins, as well as to genetic factors), the pathology of the disease, that is, the damage it causes, is well understood. There is a massive cell death in the brain as a consequence of abnormal growth within the cells and excessive deposits of certain minerals and proteins in the spaces between the cells. Also affected are many neurochemical systems in the brain which enable signals to pass from one cell to another. It is this aspect of the pathology which led early research to look for drug regimes which could reverse the neurochemical deficits. The research was unlikely to succeed. Alzheimer's is a progressive disease, and it is difficult to compensate for the increasing number of dead brain cells.

The neurochemical processes affected by the disease have been studied extensively. Not simply because of the disease itself, but because of other research by psychologists and psychopharmacologists, linking the normal function of particular neurochemical systems to our ability to maintain memories, and to process different kinds of information effectively. Previous research has explored extensively the memory deficits associated with the disease, but there has been little emphasis on which kinds of memory might be left more or less intact, and little headway has been made in cataloguing the time-course of the deficits.

Jennifer Rusted, from the Laboratory of Experimental Psychology, is funded by the Wellcome Trust to explore a novel



*Jennifer Rusted in the lab studying an Alzheimer sufferer on video*

approach to the study of Alzheimer's. Although there are very pronounced memory deficits in sufferers of the disease, some memories are relatively robust, such as the memory for the sequence of actions involved in, for instance, making a cup of tea. By investigating the way in which different kinds of memory break down during the course of the disease, we may better understand how certain kinds of memory come to be more robust than others. But the research will do more than simply address psychological theory; perhaps we can harness those attributes of learning which make one kind of memory more robust than another, and develop strategies which sufferers of Alzheimer's can adopt in order to maintain those aspects of daily living which may otherwise decline.

Ask an Alzheimer sufferer if they know where the teapot is kept, or what needs to be added to the pot, or where the milk is, and they'll say they don't know. But Rusted has demonstrated that if you ask a sufferer to make a cup of tea (requiring a sequence of around 25 different actions to be performed in a specific order), they may do so remarkably easily. It appears that what makes a memory accessible in the face of other memory deficits is that it is enacted (the motions themselves are carried out) and that it is "goal-directed" there is a reason for performing those actions. The practical implications of this are twofold. First, clinical assessment of Alzheimer's often relies on laboratory tests of memory ability which are far-removed from the actions of daily living. The tests tend

to be purely verbal, have no motoric component, and have little everyday relevance. The clinical assessment will therefore underestimate the everyday abilities of the sufferer. The second application of the research is that it suggests ways of caring for Alzheimer's sufferers.

An important aspect of caring for anyone with a disability is to be able to assess the degree to which the disability prevents the sufferer from performing certain essential acts of daily living. But just as the laboratory-based clinical assessment of Alzheimer's sufferers may ask the wrong sorts of questions, so it would be misleading to judge whether an Alzheimer's sufferer were able to cook for themselves simply by asking "Do you remember where the food is?" Similarly, taking the shopping out of the bag and expecting the sufferer to watch where it's put away may not lead to any enduring memory of where the items have been stored. But ask the sufferer to put the shopping away themselves, and they may well be able to retrieve it later.

Jennifer Rusted's research is at an early stage, and until she has charted the progressive decline in memory function, even motoric goal-directed memory, we shan't know just how important these early findings, and their implications, will turn out to be. Alzheimer's disease is growing to almost epidemic proportions. We may never be able to prevent the disease, or even cure it. But to work towards alleviating the burden that the disease places on its sufferers, and their carers, is a goal worth pursuing.

## Lending a helping hand

Positive action in the community of one sort or another has been undertaken by Sussex students almost since the University's inception. A new group, the Matthew 25 Society, was started last year with the aim of putting Christian values into action within the local community.

The Society is co-ordinated by Richard Fox, Chaplaincy Assistant. "Matthew 25 is essentially an action organisation," says Richard, "and its members undertake to actively help and put compassion into action rather than just raise money for charities." Unlike other previous ventures, the society has a firm religious base, and draws its inspiration from the Book of Matthew in the *New Testament* where Christ talks of helping those in need. Although it exists under the auspices of the Meeting House, it is open to all University students and staff irrespective of belief.

The wide range of work that the society undertakes is dictated by what its members want to address. Some spend weekends at the Knowles Tooth Family Centre for disadvantaged families (near Burgess Hill), and others go every week to Downsview School for the mentally handicapped in Rottingdean. Several members regularly visit prisoners at Lewes Gaol. Alleviating homelessness is also a popular theme – many of the students help out at the regular night shelter for the homeless at St. Patrick's Church in Hove, and before Christmas the society received local press coverage when they distributed a variety of practical gifts including socks and chocolate to the homeless of Brighton and Hove, following a lunchtime collection in the Refectory which raised over £100.

The University Chaplain, Gavin Ashenden, says of the venture, "It is a sign of hope for the future that so many students are prepared to give so much of themselves to people in trouble". The society is always keen to recruit new members, so if anyone is interested, please contact Richard Fox in the Meeting House or on ext.3876.

## Third Millenium Games

A team of five Sussex students from EURO recently came a very creditable 15th in the pan-European Third Millennium Games writes Marc Settle. Organised by the European Student network of AIESEC, nearly one thousand students from virtually all the UK universities assembled in the historic surroundings of the Oxford Union debating chamber on 6 December. Far

from being a trial of Olympian strength, the Games consisted of a quiz on the economic, political, cultural and scientific history of Europe, hosted by none other than Nicholas Parsons.

The Grand Final at the European Parliament awaited the winners, and the Sussex team, made up of fourth year EURO students, Marc Settle, Alison Chapman, Rhodri Ellis-Owen, James

Beighton and Paul Marsh were encouraged by the prospect of spending the weekend prior to the final in Strasbourg at a resort in Cannes, ostensibly for "training purposes". Alas they failed to win, but with 56 correct answers out of 100 the team did Sussex proud with just 13 fewer points than the winners (who coincidentally came from the same Oxford College as the organisers...).

## The MOLE

Dreams are strange beasts. All the more so because of that strange state they sometimes leave you in: Was it a dream or did it really happen? Did the VC really watch an entire series of *Twin Peaks* or did someone simply imagine that he did? Moles are not exempt from dream-induced reality-shift, and it is thus with some consternation that the Mole considers the probable status of an Information Office plan to start the practice of "column-inch charging" in *The Bulletin*. In short, the more column-inches a contributor takes up, the greater the cost to the contributor's column budget. Budgets will originate from the offices of *The Bulletin*, and will be distributed according to a complex equation which takes into account three factors: The quality of the column (Q), the size of the contribution (V), and the potential of the columnist (DevR). Quality has already been assessed in the form of the Reader Survey completed in the Autumn of last year (readers will recall that they had to rate each column according to a five-point scale). Quantity will be assessed in terms of the number of articles, paragraphs, and column inches appearing in the last three year period (adjusted in the case of more recent contributors, and with special weighting afforded to photographic material). Potential will be assessed in terms of how the column fared in the "yes, I'd like to see more of..." section of the Reader Survey. The net result will be to ensure that contributors with smaller budgets will afford fewer column-inches, thereby sparing the reader any hardship due to excessive space being allocated to (financially) poorer contributors. By the same token, this will introduce an element of natural selection into the journalistic practices of *The Bulletin*. The Mole is currently seeking enlightenment with respect to whether this proposal originated before, or after, the early morning alarm call.

Also seeking enlightenment, though of a different kind, is Lionel Ripley, an Engineer and regular contributor to *The Bulletin's* postbag. A typographic error in a previous column prompted him to reach for his phone and engage in dialogue with the Mole. Sadly, the phone book had omitted to list a number at which the Mole could be reached. This intolerable state of affairs has now been rectified: The next edition of the blue pages of the directory (the Organisational Section) will include an entry for the Mole in the section devoted (like the readership) to the Information Office. The way has been opened for the Mole's very own phone-in.

And Lionel Ripley is not alone in seeking enlightenment. Accusations and speculations have been rife, apparently, about the identity of the Mole. The fact that such speculation seems to have been confined to Sussex House suggests two possibilities. The first is that the only people who regularly have sufficient free time each week to make it as far as this column are in fact the occupants of Sussex House. The second is that the Mole really does occupy the conduits of the University's Hall of Power. The time has come to set the record straight. The Mole is not a member of the Information Office. The rumour that the Mole is in fact a member of the Vice Chancellor's office has not been denied.

## New Role for Castle

Herstmonceux Castle, former home to the Royal Greenwich Observatory until its move to Cambridge in 1990, has a new owner — Queen's University of Kingston, Ontario. It was presented to them by Alfred Bader, a graduate of Queen's who became rich by founding the US-based chemical company Sigma Aldridge.

Bader was given an honorary doctorate by Sussex in 1989, and there was speculation at the time of sale that Queen's was anxious to open negotiations with Sussex about the use of the site, in particular the telescopes. David Bailin, the Chair of Physics and Astronomy, confirmed that Queen's had been in contact with him, saying, "Queen's is keen to see use by local institutions, particularly Sussex. However, discussions are still at an early stage and we certainly have no money to support one of the telescopes."

## Deduction of Trade Union Subscriptions from Pay

One of the less publicised changes in the Trade Union and Employment Rights Bill, expected soon to be law, concerns the deduction of trade union subscriptions from pay.

At present at the University, under what is called a check-off arrangement, the Payroll Office deducts trade union subscriptions from pay, once the employee has given written consent. The proceeds are transferred to the union. This continues until the employee leaves or requests that it stop.

Under the new legislation, employers will need the employees' authorisation reconfirmed in writing every three years. Employees will be entitled to one month's notice of any increase in their dues, and must be reminded that they have the right to withdraw their authorisation at any time. If the employer deducts subscriptions in breach of these requirements, an Industrial Tribunal can order restitution if an employee enters a complaint.

Once enacted, the Bill's provisions will be brought into effect by statutory instrument and the timing is not yet known. University officers will be discussing with trade union representatives how to cope with the problems that the change will create.

Sally Marriott, Deputy Personnel Officer

## Student Injured Crossing A27

The dangers of crossing the A27 outside the University instead of taking the underpass, were highlighted on 22 January when a student was hit by a car on the six-lane highway, and suffered serious injuries to her head and pelvis.

Nine years ago a student was killed under similar circumstances and all members of the University were then urged to use the underpass when going from one side of the A27 to the other. However, the number of people crossing over the road has increased enormously since the hedge and fence along the central reservation were removed during the recent rebuilding of the road. This has been exacerbated by the poor condition of the underpass, which is the responsibility of East Sussex County Council (see letter below). The University is having talks with ESCC on how to improve it — one suggestion has been to place mirrors at each end.

David Streeter, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Welfare) says, "I sympathise very much with the anxieties expressed in this letter and we are in touch with the Highway Authority both on the question of the lighting of the underpass and also on the safety of the surface of the footpath on the station side.

"The panelling was put up to screen the pillars that had to be erected to strengthen the tunnel during the roadworks. Further strengthening work on the tunnel is scheduled and the boards will remain until that work has been completed. As a result of representations from our Estates Office the panels that had fallen away from the pillars have now been replaced.

"That being said, we all have to remember that the A27 is now a six-lane, 70 mph trunk road and it really is not safe to try and cross the dual carriageway as the tragic accident referred to shows. I appeal to everyone to use the underpass and we will do our best to persuade the authorities to make it more user-friendly.

"May I also take this opportunity to remind readers that anyone wishing to be accompanied from Falmer Station onto campus after dark only has to phone Security on 678235 and one of the security staff will walk to meet you."

## Letter

Dear Editor,

Many people, including myself, find the underpass between the University and Falmer Station intimidating during the hours of darkness. This is mainly due to the boarding that was erected during the construction of the by-pass which could easily conceal potential attackers. It seems that students, especially women on their own, would rather face the more dangerous alternative of crossing the dual carriageway than run the gauntlet of the subway. This has resulted in the recent accident in which a student was knocked down and badly injured. Why are we still waiting for these boards to be removed, and when is the hedge that separated the carriage ways going to be replaced? Something really ought to be done about it, but sadly I doubt it will.

M.J. Taylor  
Centre for Legal Studies

## Guy Routh

Friends and colleagues will be saddened to hear of the death on 24 January, of Guy Routh, a Reader in Economics in the School of African and Asian Studies until his retirement in 1982. Richard Brown, former Dean of AFRAS writes:

Guy joined the University in 1962, some years after being forced out of South Africa, the country of his birth. A strong practical sense and a passion for justice made him a fierce critic of orthodox economic theory, which he saw as an occult and specious science which did more harm than good in, and to, the 'real world'. He was much influenced by the interdisciplinary climate at Sussex in its early days, and he wrote extensively on how he thought economics should be taught; on the history of economic ideas; on unemployment, occupation and pay in Britain; and on development in Africa. Historical awareness and respect for empirical research governed his outlook. He remained in Brighton and continued to publish after retiring from AFRAS in 1982; and he was especially delighted when he was once again able to visit his homeland. Guy was the gentlest and most courteous of rebels, but an original and irreverent thinker, who made colleagues and students alike sharply question their own assumptions. His wife, Thelma, and four of their children survive him.

# ALL IN A DAY'S WORK

"There are three porters in Falmer House, and on a normal working day there are three different shifts: 7.30am—5.00pm; 8.30am—6.00pm, and a late shift from 1.00pm—11.30pm. Each shift has different duties: the early morning porter has to unlock the whole building, wash down the stairs, wash out the toilets, sort out the mail and distribute it to the different parts of the building, and then remain downstairs for office duties during the daytime. The 8.30 man changes the paper towels in the toilets and cleans all the basins and toilet pans, before going over to the Meeting House at 10 o'clock where he does other cleaning duties. The late porter then does a stint over in the Meeting House before coming back and taking over when the other porters go home. He has to clear up in the Games Room, and supervise any gigs before locking up the building at the end of the day, usually about 11.30pm.

"In the office we deal with a lot of general enquiries. We sometimes get students who don't know the University very well who can get very stroppy if they can't find somewhere; occasionally they lose their temper be-

*Everyone knows there is much more to a University than just academics and students. But how many people are really aware of what does go on at Sussex? In a series of articles, the Bulletin will look at the work of different people around campus to try and show what their day is like. In this issue: porters. There are about 45 porters on campus responsible for day-to-day duties such as sorting the mail, supervising cleaning staff, and moving furniture. Ray Brindley, a porter in Falmer House spoke to Matthew Ledbury.*



Ray Brindley, porter in Falmer House

cause they think we are not trying to help them. We try to deal with them as best we can, but if their English isn't good it is very hard to give directions. We rarely get much trouble, although we do sometimes get the odd problem on gig nights when people have had a few drinks. At 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning you're not in the sort of mood for that - you just want to get them out

of the building because all you are interested in doing is clearing up and going home, especially if you're coming back at 7.30am in the morning.

"I was previously a porter in Norwich House where it was a different kind of work, welcoming students into the accommodation area. I was more like a dad to them really, as they used to come to me for everything! I was happy helping people and that gave me job satisfaction, and I had some lovely presents bought for me at Christmas. In Falmer House it's not so nice when you're turning them out of the building as students don't want to go when they are enjoying themselves!

"Despite the stressful things that happen though, it is a good job. There's always something different happening; it's not the same old boring thing every day. Most students are very nice, and the setting's good, especially in the summer. The management generally leave you alone to get on and go about your business which I like, although I think they could work more closely with the staff. The only thing I really don't like is the low pay. But overall being a porter here is an agreeable life - especially when people are appreciative of what you do!"

## HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF BEING A RESIDENTIAL ADVISER?

**R**ecruitment of Residential Advisers (RAs) for the 1993-94 academic year will soon take place. RAs are second and third-year undergraduates and some postgraduates, from both home and overseas, who live in University-managed residences and are available to advise approximately 20 new students when they arrive at Sussex and during their first year here.

RAs provide practical help and information to enable newcomers to settle into campus life. They act in an advisory and referral capacity and provide liaison between residents and the Residential Services Area. They are not prefects, still less any sort of warden. A rent rebate is paid to all RAs completing their duties in a satisfactory manner. For 1993-94 there will be more RAs located off campus in Holland House and other properties.

If you are interested in becoming an RA, fill in an application form (to be returned by 5 March) available from Residential Services Reception, York House from 15 February. Interviews and selection take place on 14/15/16 April (in the Easter vacation) or in the first week of the Summer Term. Those selected (there are about 120 RAs in total) attend a series of training sessions in the Summer Term and small group meetings are held during the year.

Applicants are expected to discuss the scheme with current RAs before they complete a form, as references will be followed-up before interview. Further information is also available from Ann Eyles, RA Co-ordinator, Residential Services Reception, York House.



## NOTICEBOARD

### Vacancies

The following posts within the University are vacant. Further particulars and application forms may be obtained from the Personnel Office, Room 227, Sussex House. List compiled 25 January 1993.

#### **Teaching Faculty**

Chair in Development Economics  
Chair in Environmental Science  
Chair in Geography

Lectureship in Music, Grade A  
Two Lectureships in Media Studies, one Grade A, one Grade B  
Two Lectureships in Politics, Grade A

Lectureship in Italian Studies, Grade A

#### **Clerical & Related**

Payroll Assistant, Grade 3

#### **Manual & Ancillary**

Library Snack Bar Supervisor.

### Library News

Robert Howes started work as Sub-Librarian (Collections) on 1 February. He comes to Sussex after earlier appointments at the British Library and Cambridge University Library.

All available measures of Library use in the Autumn term 1992 showed percentage increases (as compared with Autumn 1991) above the increase in student numbers. Examples are: issues increased by 10.5%, inter-library loans by 16%, advance bookings for Reserve Collection material by 17.5%, Sunday use by 23%, and use of stock within the building by an amazing 32%. There was a 4.5% increase in staff.

*Adrian Peasgood, Librarian*

### Overseas Research Students Awards

Applications for the above scheme will be available from the Postgraduate Office, Level III, Sussex House. These awards cover the difference between 'home' and 'overseas' rates of tuition fees for students who are expecting to begin full-time research registration or who are continuing in full-time research studies in 1993/94. The awards are made on a competitive basis and further details are available with the application form. Applications must be submitted by Friday 16 April 1993.

### Our Flexible Friends

The University will have earned over £10,000 from royalties on its Affinity Credit Card by the time you read this. The money has been earmarked for improvements in community facilities on campus. One idea is to use it to provide toys, furniture and equipment in a new children's centre which would replace the existing creche and nursery.

The card itself is a standard Bank of Scotland MasterCard which bears the University's crest and is available only to former students, staff and friends of Sussex, subject to the Bank's normal credit criteria. It provides the usual facilities, at rates comparable to other credit cards, but the University receives a royalty payment the first time each new card is used and a commission on turnover thereafter. The take up of the card has been such that royalties are now running at approximately £500 per month and rising.

For further details contact the Alumni & Development Office on 8258.

### Disciplinary Panel

The Disciplinary Panel met on 30 November 1992 to consider a case referred to it by the Discipline Committee. A student in SOC was found guilty of conduct seriously prejudicial to good order and discipline in the University in that he possessed and used illegal substances in campus accommodation. The student, who was fined £1000 and also suspended from the University until 4 January 1993, appealed against the penalty, and in particular against the fine imposed on him. The decision of the Appeals Board, which met on 18 January 1993, was to reduce the fine from £1000 to £500.

### Open Lectures

4 February at 6.00 pm in the Meeting House: *Visions for the Future* by John Ross, Deputy Governor, Lewes Prison.

15 February at 12.30 pm in EDB Lecture Theatre: Nayantara Sahgal (niece of Pandit Nehru, cousin of Indira Gandhi), Novelist and Political Writer, will give her views on Contemporary India and Indian women

### Poly - gone

The last three former English polytechnics to become universities have recently received Privy Council approval for their new names. They are:

London Guildhall University  
Nottingham Polytechnic:  
Nottingham Trent University  
Oxford Polytechnic:

Oxford Brookes University  
Scotland's twelfth university will be created in April with the merger of Glasgow Polytechnic and The Queen's College, Glasgow. The new institution will be known as Glasgow Caledonian University.

Up-dated copies of the CVCP list of UK Universities are now available on request from the Information Office.

### Staff Development

Places are available on the following courses:

**Interviewing Skills** (Annual Review): Two half-days — Monday 22 February (pm) and Wednesday 24 February (pm), 1993

**Assertiveness Training**: Two-day course — Tuesday 23 March and Thursday 25 March 1993.

Nominations for both the above courses (via Section Heads please) to Alison Lyner, tel: 3806 as soon as possible.

#### **Team Building**

If anybody is interested in a course based at the University on team building, to be run in the summer term, please contact Andrew Hood, Staff Development Officer, tel: 3849.

Look out for the Staff Development Supplement in the next issue of the *Bulletin*.

## BULLETIN

Copy for the next issue of the *Bulletin* to be published on 24 February, should be received by Pauline O'Reilly, Room 230, Sussex House, by 1.00 pm on Friday 12 February. If you have any news items or ideas for feature articles she would be pleased to hear from you (ext. 8209).

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