



15 October 1993

BRIGHT START TO NEW TERM

Although it has rained (nearly) every day since, the sun shone brightly on the record number of parents, partners and families who accompanied our new students to campus during the Welcome Weekend.

Security staff reported huge interest in the Vice-Chancellor's reception for families. Many parents, they said, were more interested in getting to it than in viewing their offspring's accommodation. Receptions were held on both days in a packed Level One, Refectory — with around 700 people attending each event.

In Touch

The Vice-Chancellor and Mrs Conway welcomed the guests, assisted by Professor Margaret McGowan and David Streeter. Professor Conway outlined the University's new *In Touch* programme, aimed at improving communications between the University and families of current students. One immediate benefit he was able to report is the large number of parents who have offered workshadowing opportunities and careers counselling in response to an appeal from the Career Development Unit.

Catering outlets were full to overflowing for most of the weekend, and the bookshop reported a 25% increase in book account deposits, taking this year's total to date over £20,000.

Numbers up

By the end of the first week more than 7,000 students had been formally registered, well over 2,000 of whom are new undergraduates. Publicity in the press about the likely decline in university places next year has led to a marked increase in the number of students taking up their offers. Students who, in previous years, might have withdrawn in order to take a year out or to apply to Oxbridge in the following year, have decided to hold on to their places this year rather than risk losing out altogether.

At Sussex this has contributed to a higher than expected intake of students, as has the general improvement in performance at 'A' level. The large numbers of students meeting the conditions of their offers also made it necessary to reject some applicants who had not achieved *exactly* the required grades at 'A' level and this presented admissions tutors with some very tough decisions over the summer.

Subjects which have significantly 'overshot' their targets include geography, law and psychology and the intake to SOC is up following the success of its Open Day experiment.



Contemplating the future: a student examines 'Falmer' magazine at the Societies Fair. "The whole event was highly successful," comments Rhiannon Glover, VP Communications. "We had over 70 stalls, with more facilities on offer than ever before." The two-day fair offered students the chance to enrol in over 100 societies and sports clubs, all subsidised by the Students' Union. The clubs cover the whole spectrum of student interests, from the more mundane soccer and badminton teams to the Bell Ringing Society. Maximum interest was caused by the Dirty Weekenders, until it was discovered to be a conservation group.

Opening of Session Service

The beginning of the new University year was celebrated in the Meeting House, the scene of the annual Opening of Session Service, addressed this year by the Rt Hon Simon Hughes, MP for Bermondsey. Mr. Hughes is the Liberal Democrat spokesman for the environment and is one of a number of actively Christian MPs. He spoke about the need to apply the Christian idea of "a new world" and the importance of having the vision to transform the present order into one in which there would be a greater measure of justice, peace and truth. Reformation of all aspects of our society are desperately needed, he said, including changes to the political and educational establishments.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Assertiveness Training

We have places left on the next Assertiveness Training Course for non-teaching staff. This is a two-day course on Tuesday 2 November and Tuesday 9 November 1993, on campus. Please phone Alison Lyner on 3806 (mornings) to reserve a place.

Election of Postgraduates to the Senate

Three postgraduates are elected to the Senate annually. Two students are elected by and from among the postgraduates students; one student is elected by and from among the students at ICAPE. Notices of Election and nomination forms may be obtained on request from Jenny Payne, Room 300, Sussex House, ext 3855. The closing date for nominations is 5 November 1993.

Catering Services

The Catering Service is pleased to announce that it has arranged for a 'cheque book' of voucher offers to be sent to every member of staff and every student on campus. The voucher book includes a number of offers from both the University Catering Service and from external local and national firms. Distribution of these books through the internal mail should be completed by Tuesday 19 October. These offers are valid for products throughout the term.

Catering Service wish to apologise to customers for the excessive queuing experienced during the first week of term. This was due to the loss of Level One Salad Bowl to Registration. Normal service is now restored.

DATA PROTECTION ACT

The University holds personal data on its employees in accordance with its registration under the Data Protection Act, a copy of which may be inspected in the Library. Subject to the terms of registration, data may be used for all purposes of management and University development and for the discharge of statutory and contractual obligations. Employees may also be approached by organisations contracted to the University for the purposes of marketing goods or services.

AROUND THE SCHOOLS

CCS

CCS welcomes its new members of staff. Pictured below are two new faces:

Dr Barbara Rumsby, who came to Sussex as a temporary lecturer in Physical Geography last year, has moved from AFRAS to a permanent post in CCS. Her current research interests focus on river response to environmental change, Holocene palaeoenvironmental reconstruction; and sediment geochemistry



Sarah Thornton has taken up a temporary lectureship in Media Studies. Upon being awarded a Commonwealth Scholarship, she emigrated to Britain from Canada to work on a PhD under the supervision of Professor Simon Frith at the John Logie Baird Centre for Research in TV, Film and Music at Strathclyde University. She has just submitted her thesis, with viva pending.



BULGARIAN HOMES

Housing projects in Bulgaria are being aided by a team of advisors led by Peter Ambrose of CCS. The two-year programme is funded by the Foreign Office, and uses the skills of British housing experts from the private, public and voluntary sectors to assist with building projects. The team has just returned from their fifth visit to Bulgaria, where they were assessing the progress made in three towns. Peter described the visit as rewarding, with the local administration full of enthusiasm, both towards the work, and their guests. "Bulgarian hospitality is as warming to the heart as it is disastrous for the waistline," comments Peter. "We're looking forward to our next visit."

MOLS

Several MOLS faculty dug into their resources in order to send a collection of books, journals and equipment to the new Eastern University, Sri Lanka, through the good offices of a Development Society which was set up in the UK in 1990 by emigrés from Batticaloa. This friendly gesture comes towards the completion date (1996) of an ODA-funded link with Sussex to provide academic and technical training for Eastern University staff.

The prestigious British publication

Journal of the Chemical Society Perkin Transactions celebrates its 21st anniversary this year. The editors have found that four people have contributed more than 100 papers. Among these are one Nobel Laureate and Dr Jim Hanson, at present Sub-Dean of MOLS.

He has combined this high publication rate with a period as national assessor for the Royal Society of Chemistry practical courses. This involves visiting numerous institutions and looking at the work of many thousands of students.

Sussex Students exhibit at the V & A

A display organised by University of Sussex History of Art students is currently on view at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London. The display consists of a number of examples of detached leaves from religious texts of the Middle Ages and aims to show the many ways in which illuminated book illustration could be used to serve their texts. Those involved in the project, Nicola Andrews, David Brennan, Kay Marklew Brown, Catherine Fergus, Anne Goody and Joni Nettleship, were a mixture of second and final year students who chose the museum studies option of the BA History of Art undergraduate syllabus, run in conjunction with the Victoria and Albert Museum. The exhibition runs until 24 October and is situated on level 6 of the Henry Cole Wing of the V & A.

TAKING BUFFALO BY THE HORNS

by Michael Brooks

Twenty miles is not a distance most of us care to run on a Sunday morning. Or any other morning for that matter. To Daniel Rathbone, a DPhil student in MAPS, twenty miles on Sunday morning (and an easy five or six in the evening) is just part of the weekly hundred miles of training that took him to the World Student Games in Buffalo, New York State this summer.

After running seriously for only three years, Dan earned his ticket to Buffalo when he finished an impressive twenty-sixth in this year's London marathon. On arrival in the States, however, there was still work to be done. "The first week we were out there they recorded the highest temperatures ever in that area: 100 degrees in the shade and 70% humidity," says Dan. "The marathon was scheduled for twelve noon, so I had to get used to running in that kind of heat." He also had to get used to the Buffalo University residences, where the unlimited food was a tough test for his discipline. "The athletics team captain told us to eat as if we were at home in England, but it's pretty hard to have honey on toast, when you're offered chocolate syrup on waffles!" As a comfort to mere mortals, I'm glad to report that Dan wasn't always up to the test. "I put on about half a stone while I was out there," he



confesses, quickly (and defensively) pointing out his need for an extra energy store.

A week before the race, the start was moved to eight in the morning, and the heat-wave relented. Things were looking better, but the competition was still daunting: on the list of personal best times Dan was fifth from the bottom. "I set off conservatively, but kept with the front group. As the heat of the day increased people were gradually blowing up. It's

a long event - you can't just go out fast and hard." Dan ran both halves in exactly the same time, and finished in sixth place, with a time of two hours, eighteen and a half minutes - half a minute faster than his London time. He was pleased, but not surprised, with this performance. "I realistically thought I could do that well. When you're trying to qualify, you just want to get there, but once here I didn't want to let the team down. The sense of relief in completing the whole task was enormous."

At twenty-four, Dan is still a youngster in the marathon world, with six years until he is at his peak. He would love to represent Britain at the Sydney Olympics, but to keep up his level of training for so long is an ominous task: at 100 miles each week, Dan would run the journey to Australia three times over before the year 2000.

Joseph Hazelden

We are sorry to record the death on 2 October of Joseph Hazelden who was head groundsman at the Isle of Thorns until his retirement in 1978.

LETTERS

The Bulletin requests us not to park in Falmer Village; meanwhile, after a year when much parking space was taken out of use, the first day of this term saw Estates Division setting stakes into the verge of the Science car park where previously it was possible to squeeze a few cars onto the grass. I am totally baffled. For me, as for many others, there is no practical alternative to the car to get to work. What does the University concretely want me to do, if I arrive and find no spaces left: go away and not carry out my teaching and administrative duties?

Geoffrey Sampson
Subject Chair, CSAI

In the good old days universities agreed not to advertise specific courses (other than new ones), or vacancies on courses, outside their normal publications and national clearing schemes. The evidence this summer is clearly that this agreement has ended and Sussex, even Sussex, advertised for students in Biochemistry. Presumably the National Press and advertising agencies were rubbing their hands, but do we really want to waste our limited resources in higher education in this way?

Another moan: I have been 'phonathoned' this year by universities that are not short of the odd pound for another bottle of port and I detest the practice. Actually I am surprised they managed to find a slot on my telephone between the agencies asking me to have new replacement windows.

John Murrell
Professor of Chemistry

STUDENTS' UNION BIDS FAREWELL TO BERNICE

On Thursday 30 September the Students' Union said farewell to Bernice Ryan after over twenty years of service. Bernice began her career in the Union on 24 April 1973 as a clerical support officer and since 1988 held the position of Central Services Manager. The party was attended by over 70 friends and colleagues from the Union, University, Trade Unions and the Mandela Scholarship Fund. This indeed is a reflection of the respect held by many for Bernice. Bernice will be seen around campus on the odd day as she continues to administer the Mandela Scholarship.

Bernice is pictured (right) in the Park Village Bar, surrounded by past and present executive officers, some dating back to 1973.



What's on...

Monday 18 October – Sunday 24 October

Lectures, Seminars, Colloquia

Monday 18 October

1pm **Experimental Psychology Seminar:** *Factors Influencing Decision Attitude: Regret, Blame, Autonomy and Equity.* Jane Beattie, EP3.9, BIOLS.

4.15pm **Chemistry Colloquium Programme:** *Are Environmental Magnetic Fields Dangerous to Man?* Dr K. A. McLaughlan (Oxford), MSLT, MOLS.

4.30pm **Neuroscience Seminar Series:** *Extracting Surface Layout from Optic Flow.* Mike Harris (Birmingham), Biology Lecture Room.

4.30pm **Economics Seminar:** *A Theory of Growth, Financial Development and Trade.* Victor Hung (Southampton), Arts D741.

Tuesday 19 October

3pm **SEI Research-in-Progress Seminar:** *The Economic Consequences of the End of the Cold War.* Mary Kaldor, A70 SEI.

4pm **COGS Seminar:** *An Adaptive Automatic Speech Recognition System.* John Bridle (Royal Signals and Radar Establishment), PB5C11.

4.15pm **Biology & Genetics and Development Seminar:** *Peptide Growth Factors and the Liver.* Prof. Mike Wallis (Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham), Biology Lecture Theatre.

Wednesday 20 October

2pm **QUEORY Seminar:** *One of Us or One of Them: The Politics of the Public Schoolboy Crush.* Mick Haefner, Arts D730.

4pm **IDS Seminar Series: AN INQUIRY INTO WELL-BEING AND DESTITUTION:** Seminar 1 – *Introduction: Scope and Value of the Project.* Simon Maxwell, David Evans, Haris Guzdar (LSE), Room 221, IDS.

7.30pm **Institute of Science Technology:** *Reciprocating Engines to Reactors. The Development of Modern Power Plant.* Talk by Prof. Fred Bayley, Biology Seminar Room, B4C21.

Thursday 21 October

12.30pm **Inorganic Seminar:** *Magnetic Resonance Studies of Fullerenes Using Muon Spin Labels.* Rod Macrae followed by, *Early Transition Metal Complexes of 1,4-bis(trimethylsilyl)cyclooctatetraene.* S. C. Joseph, MS1, MOLS III.

12.30pm **Gender and Feminist History Seminar Group:** *Sexualizing Emancipated Women: 'Ann Veronica' and some other novels.* Martin Ryle, Arts D730.

1pm **IDS Seminar Series: Linking Relief and Development: An Ethiopian Case Study. Simon Maxwell, Room 221, IDS.**

4.30pm **Experimental Psychology Colloquia:** *The Dual Psychology of Behaviour.* Tony Dickinson (Cambridge), EP3.9, BIOLS.

5pm **Social and Political Thought Seminar:** *Environmental Ethics.* Peter Wenz (Illinois), Arts D710.

5pm **History Work-in-Progress Seminar:** *Soldier Heroes of Empire: British Masculinity, Adventure and the Indian Mutiny.* Graham Dawson (Brighton), Arts A155.

Friday 22 October

2.15pm **SPRU Seminar:** *Environmental Foresight: The Future.* Keith Mason (Environmental Programme Director, Centre for Exploitation of Science and Technology), South Committee Room, 1st Floor, Refectory Building.

4pm **Chemical Physics Seminar:** *Theoretical*

Studies of Beam-Foil Spectra. Prof. Zhu Zhenghe (Chengdu Institute of Science and Technology) followed by, *Open Shell Coupled-Cluster Theory: Methods and Applications,* Miles Deegan, MS3, MOLS.

4pm **Astronomy Centre Seminar:** *Clusters in Collision.* Dr Frazer Pearce, Room PB1A7.

Career Development Unit

Career Development Workshops

Making Applications Succeed – Tue 26 Oct, 2 - 4pm.

Design Your C.v. – Wed 27 Oct, 2 - 4pm.

Postgraduate Study – Tue 26 Oct, 10 - 12 noon.

Legal Services – Fri 29 Oct, 10 - 12 noon.

All the above courses are in Falmer House and must be booked in advance. Details from the CDU on ext. 8428/9.

Career Talks

Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales invites students (any discipline) to attend talk on accountancy careers. Tue 26 Oct, 6pm, Terrace Room, Refectory.

Gardner Centre

Original Sin

Nigel Charnock presents his first solo work since *Resurrection*. Raw physical risk and emotional intensity - wicked! Tue 19 Oct, 7.45pm. £7.

Sacred Journey

Fifth Amendment Ltd. presents *Sacred Journey* - story of Native American who leaves the world of his ancestors for life in New York. Wed 20 Oct, 7.45pm. £6.

Ivor Cutler

An evening with the remarkable Ivor Cutler (novelist, poet, composer, musician, playwright, cartoonist and comedian). Thur 21 Oct, 7.45pm. £8.50 / £6.50.

Reduced Shakespeare Company

The RSC take you on a roller-coaster ride of the complete works of Shakespeare (Abridged). Fri 22 Oct, 7.45pm. £10.

John Hammond

One of the world's leading blues singers. Sat 23 Oct, 7.45pm. £10.

For details and tickets contact the Gardner Box Office on 685861.

Centre for Continuing Education

University Day Schools – Sat 30 Oct

UPPER PALAEO-LITHIC CAVE ART OF FRANCE AND SPAIN. Exploration of the society that produced this art and interpretations of this art. £15/ reduced £10/ minimum £4.

TUDOR SUSSEX: SOCIETY, ART AND RELIGION. Examination of the culture and lifestyles of Tudor Sussex inhabitants in a century of rapid change. £15/ reduced £10/ minimum £4.

MAKING AUTOBIOGRAPHY. The pleasures and problems of making autobiography. £30 /reduced £20/ minimum £8.

TV WORKSHOP. Ken Whittington introduces the techniques of T.V. producers and camera operators. Weekend long course. Fees £47/ reduced £30.50. Full details from Sue Fausquelle on ext. 8537.

European Roadshow

The **European Education Roadshow** will be visiting the University on Wed 20 Oct between 9am - 12 noon (Refectory Building, South End). Wide range of free material available on student opportunities in Europe in education, training and employment.

Meeting House

NEW MEETING HOUSE CHOIR now meets every Tue at 4.30pm. A new programme for singers of all abilities.

MATTHEW 25 meets in the Quiet Room on Mon 18 Oct, at 6pm. Find out about social action including prison visiting and working with the homeless.

Miscellaneous

STAFF BADMINTON CLUB meets each Thur 8 - 10pm in the Sportcentre. All staff and postgraduates welcome. Contact ext. 8344 for details.

EARRING LOST (small turquoise stud set in gold) in library or between library and Sussex House. Contact Vicki on ext. 8162.

RECITAL by Glen Beer-Pearce (piano) on Tue 19 Oct, 1.15pm in the Recital Room.

Small Ads

TUTOR WANTED: Bilingual seeks tuition in German – English and English – German translations. Contact D. Moorhead on 512537.

Bulletin

The four-page *Bulletin* appears each Friday with the copy deadline the preceding Friday. Copy deadline for the eight-page *Bulletin* to be published on 29 Oct is 19 Oct. We welcome any suggestions for news, details of events, letters and small ads, etc. Please contact the Information Office, Sussex House, ext. 8209 or Email:

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