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Long & Kentish's new library for Brighton University, a project the practice won after a two-stage competition in 1994, was opened last week by Baroness Blackstone. The Aldrich Library, one of seven libraries on campuses in Brighton and Eastbourne, allows 450 students to study simultaneously using printed, computing or audio-visual resources. It is energy-efficient, has no air-conditioning, is low on maintenance and is constructed using natural, sustainable resources.

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Baroness opens new library

THE University of Brighton's new £5m Aldrich Library was officially opened by Baroness Tessa Blackstone, Master of Birkbeck College, on November 29.

The library, which is named after the chairman of the university's Board of Governors, Michael Aldrich, is equipped with the latest in learning resources technology

and more than 400 individual study places connected to the university's computer network. In addition, library workstations for accessing the CD-ROM network and the Internet, ten private booths for language learning, seminar rooms, syndicate rooms and a computer pool, provide workplaces for over 600 students.

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The pier will be a film star

RESTORATION work on the West Pier is, in fact, being filmed (December 11). The University of Brighton made its Media Services Department, under Martin Hayden, available from last September to record on film the emergency works programme.

That record will feed into the work of Dr Fred Gray and his colleagues in the Centre for Continuing Education at the University of Sussex, who are researching the history of the pier.

Both universities will thus be

helping to provide material of interest in our proposed visitors' centre.

*(Dr) Geoff Lockwood
Brighton West Pier Trust*

P.T.O.

★ THE ribbon has been officially cut at the University of Brighton's new £5 million library.

Baroness Tessa Blackstone, Master of Birkbeck College, London, was given the honour of opening the Aldrich Library at the university's Moulsecomb site.

The shelves are stacked with more than 200,000 books and journals and 5,000 videotapes, and has study places for 1,100 people.

It is named after Michael Aldrich, chairman of the university's Board of Governors.

"This new library represents a major contribution to the university's work in teaching and research," said university director David Watson.

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Sandy Aldrich with husband Michael, join Baroness Blackstone and Professor David Watson at the formal opening

University honours ROCC boss

ROCC Computers chairman Michael Aldrich has had a plush £5million library named after him.

Michael helped officially open the Aldrich Library at Brighton University.

He is also the chief executive of the Kelvin Way-based company.

His connections with the university go back to 1982 when it was a polytechnic

- he has been chairman of governors since 1988.

The multi-million pound library has all the latest learning kit with more than 400 individual study places connected to the computer network.

There are also CD-Rom work stations, private booths for languages and seminar rooms.

WHILE all the feuding and fighting over a new central library for Brighton has been going on, Brighton University has quickly and quietly built itself a magnificent new library along the Lewes Road.

Councillors might care to consider how it was done and see whether any good ideas can be gleaned for the new civic building.



BOOK title — Sandy Aldrich (left) with husband Michael, Baroness Tessa Blackstone and University of Brighton director Prof David Watson in the newly opened Aldrich library.

Turning a page of history

A NEW library at the University of Brighton has been named after a Horsham man for his contribution to education.

Michael Aldrich, of Kerves Lane, has been chairman of the university's board of governors for eight years, as well as chairman and chief executive of Crawley-based ROCC Computers.

Mr Aldrich joined the university in 1982 when it was then known as Brighton Polytechnic.

He became chairman of the polytechnic's council in 1987, then board of governors chairman the following year.

The £5 million Aldrich Library was opened by Master of Birbeck College Baroness Tessa Blackstone.

Located on the university's Moulsecomb site on the A270, it is equipped with the latest in learning resource technology, providing work-places for 600 students.