



They reached the root of the matter

by Andrew Weldrick

Rhodes celebrated National Tree Planting Day earlier this month by planting five trees on the Drostdy lawns. The ceremonial shovel was put to use as honorary tree planters went about their task in front of a small gathering representing academics, students, workers and administrators of the university.

Apart from an unpleasant wind, Grahamstown's weather



Mr A Mzalazala, Senior Supervisor of Grounds and Gardens from 1977 to 1980 planting his tree

was almost spring-like, as Mr Richard Buckland, Director of Public Relations, explained that while there was no fixed rule regarding who was invited to plant trees each year, the people honoured "have a strong connection with the university".

The President of the SRC, Mr Rod Dixon, planted an ash-leaved Maple, and said that he was happy to report that student concern about environmental issues was growing. "Planting a tree is a small step in the right direction", he added.

Experienced tree planter, Mr Alfred Mzalazala needed no assistance as he skillfully planted his tree. Mr Mzalazala retired in 1986 after almost a decade as the



Dr Eily Gledhill, planting a real Yellowwood.

Senior Supervisor of Grounds and Gardens.

Being the Year of the Oak, it was appropriate that two Water Oaks were planted by Professor Bill Branford, of the Department of Linguistics and English Language, and Professor Alastair Kerr of the Faculty of Law. Both will retire at the end of this year.

Professor Kerr planted his oak near Drostdy Hall where he was a warden several years ago, and said he was happy to beautify the Hall's surroundings. Referring to the vital function of trees in purifying the air and generating oxygen, Prof Kerr joked that it would be interesting to see if future Drostdy Hall students achieved better results because of a boost in their oxygen supply!

Possibly the oldest Old Rhodian present at the event, Dr Eily Gledhill, planted a real Yellowwood in memory of her husband, Professor Jack Gledhill, who was Professor of Physics at Rhodes from 1954 to 1988. "I am interested in what happens at Rhodes, particularly concerning the fauna and flora", said Dr Gledhill. She also congratulated



Mr Rod Dixon, President of the SRC, planting an Ash-leaved Maple.



Professor Bill Branford planting a Water Oak

Grounds and Gardens staff, several of whom were present, for the excellent work they have done in beautifying the University grounds.

The Superintendent of Grounds and Gardens, Mr Mark Hazell, who provided the trees for the occasion and supervised planting, has devised an easy way of distinguishing indigenous from exotic trees on campus. Green labels indicate indigenous trees, while a yellow label signifies an exotic tree.

Below: Professor Alastair Kerr planting a Water Oak



African Languages

Put on the shape of Africa

by Julie Gordon

"If the new South Africa is truly to be part of the African continent at all, it should start putting on the colour of Africa, the shape of Africa, and the culture of Africa", said Professor Peter Mtuze, head of the Department of African Languages at his Inaugural Lecture on August 9.

In his lecture, entitled "The Role of African Languages in a Post-Apartheid South Africa", Professor Mtuze emphasized the cultural, educational and social importance of promoting indigenous African languages and freeing them from the "Cinderella role" they have occupied.

He suggested a possible future scenario consisting of English as official language in combination with standardized "Nguni" and "Sotho" languages which would have official status on a regional basis.

Professor Mtuze said that history has shown that the language struggle in this country is not merely linguistic, it is a struggle for political and cultural supremacy. If a post-apartheid South Africa is to rid itself of all forms of colonialism and racism, African languages and indigenous culture must be promoted, developed and popularized.

He emphasized that teaching African languages at school is an essential part of the education process. Institutes concerned with English teaching have discovered the need for the acquisition of strong mother-tongue language skills as a primary basis for future 2nd or 3rd language acquisition, he said.

Likewise, educating African language

speakers in an English medium, which is culturally and linguistically foreign, can stifle educational development. He suggested the possibility of "Africanizing" English. He said that English should be taught to second-language learners in terms of their own culture and not through a foreign English culture.

Professor Mtuze stated: "Whites can never feel part of the continent of Africa until they learn to live as Africans and speak as Africans."

He does not believe, however, that learning African languages should be made compulsory for whites. He believes that the solution lies in the breakdown of artificial apartheid barriers in communities. Only then will there be a natural and constant interaction between speakers of different languages. He emphasized that our mother-tongue is closely interwoven with our identity. It is the medium through which we communicate with our community and experience our culture, hence the value placed by Afrikaners on Afrikaans as a means to preserve group identity. For this reason, the suppression or devaluing of the indigenous languages of the majority of the population results in the dehumanizing of such people.

Promotion of African languages to non mother-tongue speakers, on the other hand, will result in cross-cultural enrichment and an enhanced sense of humanity, a process in harmony with the eradication of the dehumanization of apartheid.

Applications are invited for the following posts from 1 January 1991 or as soon as possible thereafter:

■ Senior Lecturer/Lecturer in Psychology at the University's East London Division.

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■ Senior Lecturer/Lecturer in the Department of Psychology

(Specialization in an area related to one of the professional registration categories would be an advantage.)

Application forms and further particulars may be obtained from Mrs A Orsmond, ext 115.

Closing date August 31, 1990.

Determination wins through

by Daniel Mainie

EPHRAIM AS Lesoro is a lecturer in the Department of African Languages. He is a man overflowing with determination and confidence.

He received his primary and secondary education in the Free State, and trained as a teacher at Lovedale. After teaching for 17 years he joined the SABC as an announcer in 1968. Five years later he joined Rhodes university as a "professional assistant" to teach Southern Sotho language and literature. "It offered a new challenge and experience," he says. He obtained BA and

BA(honours) degrees from UNISA and Rhodes, respectively. The dissertation for his recent MA degree was: Rhyme as devise in S. Sotho poetry: a comparative inquiry. He became the first black lecturer at Rhodes in 1985.

A father of nine, Mr Lesoro started writing books during his teaching days. He derived inspiration from Shakespeare's Julius Caesar and William Wordsworth's poetry. His favourite book PITSENG (in the pot) has been translated into three languages. The 61-year-old poet and novelist says writing African Languages books can be discouraging.

"The book has to be prescribed at schools for you to get something out of it. And this means that you can only write about certain things," he says with a frown. He says he has switched to writing essays to explore new avenues. Of his many prestigious awards he cherishes the Thomas Alty award and a dissertation entitled *Die Poesie van EAS Lesoro: 'n Studie Oor Digsoorte en Tradisie* by WJ Pretorius.

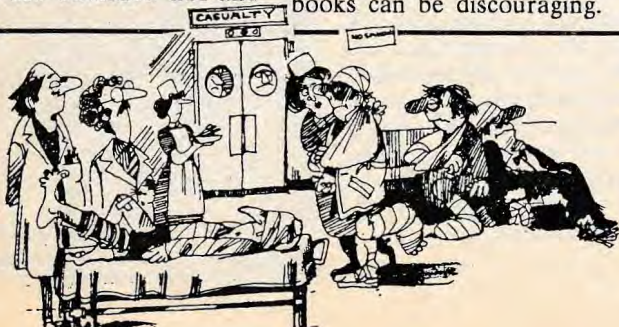
He says that the secret of his youthful looks is that "he feels young inside". He is preparing to face the challenge of Doctoral studies.



"Every time there's a drought it's the same - people full of neat Scotch diving into empty swimming pools"

DEADLINES!

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UDUSA CONGRESS 1990

by Sue Middleton and John Eller
(continued from the last issue of Rhodes)

UDUSA'S involvement in education

ONE of the major questions put to congress was: "What are the tasks for UDUSA in the period of reconstruction in South Africa?"

In considering what role UDUSA could play in the process, other questions were raised. "When the fifteen departments of education are dismantled how can UDUSA contribute to the creation of a national unitary education system?" "What role can UDUSA play in planning South Africa's escape from the crisis in education which has engulfed it?" "How can UDUSA contribute to the restructuring of education at the tertiary level?"

Do Rhodes members wish to play a role in developing the UDUSA response to these questions?

The General Secretary of the NECC (National Education Coordinating Committee), Mr Ihron Rensburg, addressed congress on the attempts to restructure the NECC and the need for an independent body like the NECC to address the issue of formulating future education policy. The organizations currently affiliated to the NECC are COSATU, NUSAS, SANSCO, SAYCO, COSAS and NEUSA.

In a subsequent resolution UDUSA voted to affiliate to the NECC to contribute to the process of developing appropriate educational structures for a future South Africa.

A question which now may be posed is "How will UDUSA's affiliation to the NECC affect its activities and membership?"

Finances

A financial report was tabled and discussed. It was clear that funds generated by branch subscriptions are insufficient to cover UDUSA's annual running expenses.

Members were reminded of the 1989 congress resolution in which it was agreed that by 1992

subscriptions must reach R36 per annum (or R3 per month) to finance ordinary administrative expenses.

This means that in January 1991 subscriptions should increase to R18 per member and in January 1992 to R36 per member per annum. These proposed increases in subscriptions will be discussed at the RUSA AGM.

Programme of Action

Conditions of Service

Wits tabled a report on the campaign on conditions of service. Three items had received high priority: salaries, housing subsidies and discrimination. Wits had also approached the Labour and Economic Research Centre (LERC) to assist with a further survey into the university's pension scheme and to investigate a total salary package, including benefits.

Congress agreed that the Transvaal region would continue to co-ordinate the collection of research material from each branch, and that conditions of service, particularly of women, should be aired in the newsletter. Each campus was encouraged to form sub-committees to collect detailed information on salaries and conditions of service.

Democratization Campaign

Congress resolved to set up working groups on each campus to gather information on the following areas:

- Admissions
- Democratization of University structures
- Affirmative Action with regard to gender and race in employment
- Rationalization.

Each campus is to take responsibility for collecting information on what practices and conditions exist in their universities in each of the above areas, by December 15, 1990. This data will be used to formulate a national picture and as a possible basis for a national campaign.

University Statutes

The University of Stellenbosch is to investigate whether or not university statutes will contain racially discriminatory legislation. This information will be discussed at the next UDUSA NEC.

Returning Exiles

All information on available posts at each university is to be sent to the General Secretary and each branch is to take the issue up with their own administrations.

Resolutions

The following resolutions were passed unanimously:

- UDUSA has noted with concern and wishes to express its extreme disquiet concerning the establishment and operation of military units on some university campuses. UDUSA further notes that such units are contrary to the academic role and function of the university in society, particularly in the conditions in which universities find themselves in South African society today. UDUSA therefore resolves:
 - * to call for the dissolution of such units;
 - * to raise its objections with the Committee of University Principles concerning the existence of such units.

Proposed UNISA, seconded RAU.

- UDUSA notes with concern that despite all evidence unearthed during the proceedings of the Harms Commission, the murderers of our member, David Webster, have not been brought to justice. We call on the government to disband the Civil Co-operation Bureau and ensure the setting up of a comprehensive, independent, judicial investigation into the activities of security forces at home and abroad.

Proposed Wits, Seconded UDW.

Congratulations

TO Professor Peter Mtuzi, of the Department of African Languages, on the news of his PhD from the University of Cape Town. He has received a Thomas Alty Award on the strength of this.

Also to Professor Jan Coetzee, of the Department of Sociology and Industrial Sociology, on the publication of his book: *Development is for People*; and Mr Billy Futter, of the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, on the publication of his book: *I'm thinking of buying a Pharmacy*.

Miss Lulu Khumalo, Junior Lecturer in the Department of Drama, has won an Abe Bailey Travel Scholarship - congratulations to you too!

CD-ROM is running

by Sheila Luck

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JUTASTAT (SA Statutes) is available in the Law Faculty, and Aquatic Sciences & Fisheries Abstracts in the Department of Ichthyology and Fisheries Science.



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- Noting
 - * the radical shift in the political situation in this country;
 - * the acknowledgement by the National Party that its apartheid policy has failed;
 - * our consistent call for a non-racial education system.

This congress calls on the government to scrap the different education departments and institute one non-racial department of education for all South Africans.

Proposed UWC, seconded Natal.

- This congress condemns the continued deportations, detentions and harassment of university staff and students by the Bophuthatswana government and university management. Congress calls upon the Bophuthatswana government to respect academic freedom and resolves to continue to give all necessary support to UDUSA members at UNIBO.

Proposed UDW, seconded UWC.

Election of Office Bearers

The following office bearers were elected:

President: Ikey van der Rheede (UWC)

General Secretary: Nico Cloete (Wits)

Treasurer: Keith Peacock (Khanya)

V/President (External Relations): Mike Morris (Natal)

V/President (Campaigns): Pat Chabane (UNITRA)

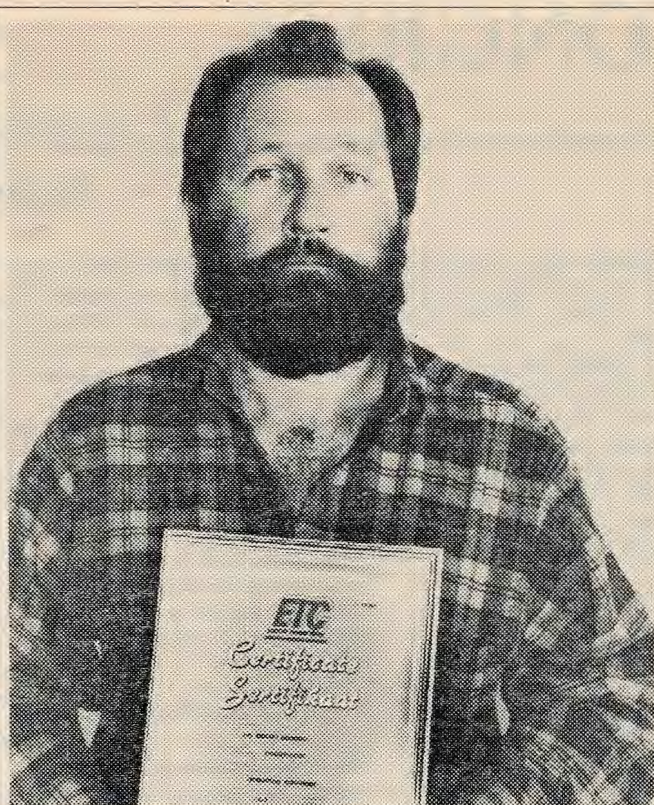
V/President (Publicity): Edith Vries (UWC).

Our own tree-man

MARK Hazell, Superintendent of Grounds and Gardens has been appointed as the regional representative of Trees for Africa, an organization which plans to plant five million suitable trees in the next five years.

The organization is supported by the Jewish National Fund, the SA Nurserymen's Association, the National Botanical Institute, the Department of Environmental Affairs, and the Institute of Parks and Recreation Administration. Mark is on the Executive Committee of the last of these.

He is the man to ask if you need advice on suitable trees for your garden.



Mr Luc Marechal, of Grounds and Gardens, has recently completed a three-day course on Interaction Management at the East Cape Training Centre. He was too modest to mention the fact that he achieved extremely good results, but a little bird told us. Congratulations, Luc!

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GADRA School Feeding update

GADRA School Feeding has had a difficult time raising funds for their work over the past year, their annual report states. "We have attempted to enlist new donors, but unfortunately we have had little success...the feeding of children to see that they reach mature status as fully and wholly developed as possible, does not have the appeal that more specific, short-term projects manage to evoke. As the situation deteriorates, with no real hope of improvement in the near future, so our number of donors has decreased, markedly..."

The report goes on:

"Were it not for our Rhodes staff donors, 128 of them, who contribute on a monthly basis, we should be in dire straits..."

In the past year, the organization has spent R132 230. Food for pre-school feeding cost R22 674, and for school feeding, R87 608. Donations for the year came to R97 253, and total income from all sources was R135 235, so they need more support to continue their work. The organization spends 83,4% of its total expenditure on food, so very little goes to salaries, transport or administration.

If you would like more information on GADRA School Feeding, please phone Mrs Margaret Barker at 2 3976. Even better, if you would like to become one of the band of donors, please make arrangements with the Salaries Section of the Finance Division.



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BESTmed medical scheme

Claim Forms

CLAIM forms are no longer needed. Foreign claims must still be submitted together with the special claim form. Members are asked to check that the following information on the account is correct:

- * the surname and initials of the member
- * the first name of the patient
- * the membership number of the member.

The member is asked to sign the front side of the account before submitting it to the Scheme to confirm that the services indicated on the account have in fact been rendered. If the claim arises from an accident or event for which the member or his dependant has received, or is likely to receive, compensation, the claims must be submitted together with a detailed description of the accident or event.

The Board of Directors decided at its meeting held on February 16, 1989 that the Scheme will NOT pay accounts of private hospitals which have 'contracted out' directly to the suppliers of service. As in the case of other suppliers which do not apply scale of benefits tariffs, the Scheme's contribution will therefore be paid to members directly in terms of the Scheme's rules, and members are responsible for payment of the full account to the hospital concerned. 'Contracted-out' hospitals may not send such accounts direct to the Scheme. These accounts must be submitted by members themselves to the Scheme for payment of the Scheme's contribution to them. This arrangement imposes an obligation to each member of the Scheme to determine whether a private hospital has contracted out and to investigate more economical alternatives such as day clinics or provincial hospitals. Members are urgently requested to discuss this matter in advance with their doctors.



Join the war on plastic bags

by Val Papenfus

The Grahamstown-based environmental awareness group, Consumers Against Pollution (CAP), is promoting the use of re-usable shopping bags and has urged all shoppers to help in phasing out of plastic bags.

The founder of CAP, Mrs Irene de Moor, said that despite the fact that environmental groups were strongly opposed to the liberal way in which plastic bags were handed out, retailers had put forward a number of arguments in favour of them.

These included the fact that plastic bags were important for security as the guard at the door would stop anyone who didn't have their goods in a recognizable bag.

Plastic bags were also used for their versatility in poorer areas.

However, despite all these arguments, CAP is still committed to phasing out plastic bags and

feels all problems could be overcome if supermarkets adopted an advertising campaign making people aware that excess packaging pushes the price of goods up.

"At the same time they would promote the sale of strong re-usable bags and people who used them could be eligible for a nominal discount," Mrs de Moor said.

"It would not take consumers very long to realize that buying their own re-usable bags would be to their benefit and in this way plastic bags could gradually be phased out."

The plastic re-usable bags are available from Naran's, Paula's and Spuds for R5.00 while the more durable and versatile craft bags can be bought at the Museum Shop, the 1820 Settlers Museum Shop and the Workshop in Bathurst Street.

Claims procedure for hospital accounts.

Members are advised to follow the following claim procedure:

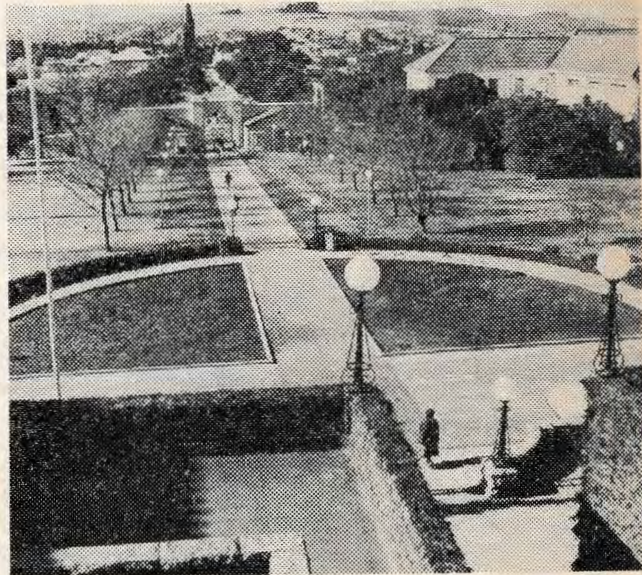
- Determine whether the hospital will charge the scale of benefits tariff. If so, the hospital will send the account to the Scheme direct and a copy to the member. Please check the account at home and clear up any differences with the hospital.
- If the account will not be rendered in accordance with the scale of benefits tariff -
 - * members should obtain the fully detailed account from the hospital on discharge; and
 - * members should carefully check the account at home, sign it and forward it to the Scheme. The following items should be checked on each account:
 - date and time of admission and discharge;
 - medicines in ward - has the patient received or used all the medicines appearing on the account? Have unused medicines been taken home?
 - the reason for hospitalization in plain wording.

NB Do not check the account at the hospital and allow it to be sent by the hospital to the Scheme.

Medicine

Prescriptions remain unchanged. The Scheme pays 75 percent of the cost and the Scheme member pays 25 percent.

Thousands of flowers



You may be interested to know that Grounds and Gardens has planted 7 500 pansies and 3 500 Godetias in the new semicircular flowerbeds in front of the main block. Roll on spring-time.

History expert visits Rhodes

Dr Roger B Beck, Professor of African History at Eastern Illinois University in the United States, has recently visited Rhodes, where he worked in the Cory Library.

Dr Beck's research interests are in frontier history and his doctoral dissertation dealt with trade on the Cape frontier in the early nineteenth century. He is working on two articles, one of which focuses on the Fort Willshire Fairs and a second that studies the mission store established in the 1829 at Wesleyvale by the Revd William Shaw.

Blossom shows the way

by Mark Hazell

Oh for a few drops of rain to usher in the spring and wash away the dust of winter!

The first signs of spring are peeping through, with a peach blossom here and an apple blossom there, and even the odd oak leaf venturing out of its winter wraps and quivering in the frosty air.

Now is the time to go ahead with the preparation of your spring and summer garden. By now you should have completed your winter pruning of shrubs and roses. Remember to check your rose plants for scale and treat if necessary. Although your roses will grow and flower with a minimum of care, they will reward you with abundant flowers if you give them a little extra care. Water frequently during the growing season and feed every two months with a general fertilizer such as 3:1:5.

Having done this it will then be time to start on your lawn. In order to ensure a healthy lawn, a thorough scarifying will remove old growth and thatch. If the soil is compacted, hollowtine either with a garden fork or with a special hollow tining fork which you

should be able to get from your friendly nursery.

How about trying a few bedding dahlias this year? Place your order soon so that you can plant in late September or early October.

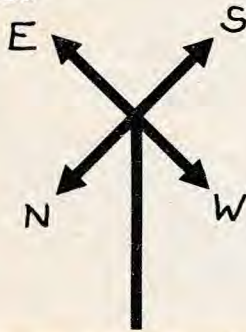
If you have ground cover and other perennials that have not been doing well, it is a good time to lift and divide these. If you have material over, offer it to your friends, the RU Grounds department, your friendly nursery or just turn it into compost.

Start preparing for the Horticultural Society's Spring show, which takes place in the RU Great Hall on October 13 and 14. Why not exhibit your favourite pot plant or a few blooms from your garden? The competition is open to all. For more details, please phone the Secretary, Mrs Pat Lanham (2 6164), or the Chairman, Mark Hazell, ext 241

From Chatterbox, 1869

Between the years 1695 and 1730 it was the practice to print over the newspapers the initial letters of the compass, thus:

This sign meant that the papers contained intelligence from the four quarters of the globe. From this practice is derived the word "news-paper".



"Secretly trained by the Americans? That's funny, so were we."

Ladder Safety

by Rick Heard

MOST of us use ladders from time to time and doubtless consider their correct use to be largely a matter of common sense. However, judging from the report quoted below, which as far as actual ladder accidents go, is perhaps just the tip of the iceberg, it may be that this sense is not quite so common.

The Workmen's Compensation Commissioner's report states that in a particular year over 4 000 people in South Africa were seriously injured while using ladders, by far the majority due to the "Human Factor" - the user's failure to follow basic safety procedures. The golden rule when using ladders is not to hurry and to take all the time required to follow these procedures.

- Use the correct size and type of ladder for the work in hand. That is, for access to a roof, the ladder should be at least one metre above the top point of support. A long ladder is unsafe for a short job.
- Ensure that it is in good condition and clean. If an extension ladder is used, check that the locks are fully engaged.
- Place on a firm, even base and ensure that the top support is also firm and even. Spiked or swivel feet should be installed if the normal ladder feet do not provide sufficient anti-slip.
- To give optimum resistance to sliding the correct angle of inclination is 75°. A simple way to determine this is to place the ladder base one quarter of the ladder length away from the wall or upper support.
- Climb up and down the ladder slowly and evenly with at least one hand free to grip the rungs. Keep the body weight central between the uprights. Do not stand higher than three rungs from the top. Wear rubber-soled shoes for preference and make sure the laces are tied.
- Never apply a side load by lateral pushing or pulling. Keep the ladder as close to the workplace as possible. Avoid over reaching - rather descend and move the ladder. In high winds use a safety chain.
- Do not use a ladder for any purpose other than that for which it was designed i.e. a bridging platform, rolling drums off a truck etc. Never use ladders on erected scaffolding.

Its common sense we say, but I guarantee that the next time you see a ladder being used, one or more of the safety procedures will be ignored.

LOST

The Registrar, Dr Keith Hunt, reminds staff about the lost property section which is run by the Campus Protection Unit. All lost property should be handed in to the Campus Protection Unit without any delay. If you've lost something - check with Campus Protection - you might just get lucky!

The Education of the Young

"If ye had a boy wud ye send him to collidge?" asked Mr Hennessy. "Well", said Mr Dooley, "at th' age whin a boy is fit to be in collidge I wudden't have him around th' house."

- Finley Peter Dunne

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- ☐ Ukukhathazeka, umz. ukuba kukho into ehle ekhayeni
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- ☐ Ukungahlali kakuhle kokutya
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Ukuba uthe gqolo ukuhambisa makaxilongwe ngugqirha. Maxa wambi uye aziyekele. Yeka yonke into eyimveliso yobisi. Mnike ikomityi yalaa mxube ungasentla emva kokuzithuma qho. Angakutya ukutya okulula, angakutyi okunamafutha, xa ekunqwenela.

(This article appeared in English in the May 31 issue of Rhodos)

Fancy a holiday in Cape Town?

The Cape Technikon offers holiday accommodation in the Technikon's residence in Gardens from December 3, 1990. The residence has a swimming pool, tennis courts and TV rooms and is within walking distance of the bus route. Single and double rooms are available with joint bathrooms. The tariff for breakfast and supper is:

- Adults - R45
 - Children 10 yrs and older - R45
 - Children 2 - 9 yrs - R22,50
 - Children 0 - 1 yrs - free
- A minimum reservation of 5 nights is required. For further details or reservations write to the Service Manager, Cape Technikon, PO Box 652, Cape Town, 8000 or phone Mrs Heidi Neves at 021 - 46 16220 ext 225/345.

UCT is offering holiday accommodation (bed and breakfast) or fully-equipped self-contained flats which sleep three, four or six people.

- Bed and Breakfast: from December 7 to January 25 at R42,00 per person per night.

The flats are available from December 14 to January 18. The costs are:

- 3 sleeper - R100 per day
- 4 sleeper - R140 per day
- 6 sleeper - R200 per day.

For further details write to: The Vacation Accommodation Officer, Residences Administration, University of Cape Town, Private Bag 7700 Rondebosch, or telephone Penny Stevenson or Vaughan Marlow at 021-650 3785/4.



Mrs Judy Hilton-Green came back from travels recently with this picture of Mrs Jenny Smith and Mr David Smith, whom she visited at their home in Hermanus. Mr Smith was Deputy Registrar until the end of 1986.

LETTERS

The Editor

You might be interested in the following as a comment on the transition from charlatanism to science.

A letter from Hiram S Maxim was published in the Times of London on 16.6.96. Maxim wrote of the experiments which he and Professor Langley were making. They were investigating the use of a propeller by constructing a 'merry go round'. Maxim said that it was only recently that investigation into the development of a flying machine had moved from the hands of charlatans to men of science, and he prophesied that the flying machine would soon be 'at least a useful adjunct in the weaponry of those nations capable of manufacturing delicate machines. Evidently the word 'aeroplane' itself had not been invented.

B M Nicholls

Finders Keepers

(or The Saga of Soluble Investment)

By Shangri La *

Awfully visionary of Sol to invest millions on his latest greatest money-spinner - a city in a jungle which doesn't yet exist. Seen on his P.R. clip broadcast on TV 1's *Antenna* recently, the bored, stolid, unenthusiastic and megarich tycoon drawled on about "The Lost City", appearing fairly lost himself. One wonders if he wouldn't have been wiser investing his money in upgrading schemes in southern Africa; nor can one help speculating on the potential magnificence of this and its predecessor (Sun Something) as palatial headquarters for the future governors of Solutopia. A case of what could be referred to as "The Lost City Found", or what?

Be that as it may, one must give credit where it's due. While Sol might need to see an optician in a hurry, he still remains a number one entertainer. The sight of shovel-carrying workers skipping and dancing around earthmoving graders bedecked with bikini-clad floozies (doing what the

commentator collectively called "The Bulldozer Ballet", yet looking strangely like an allegory of *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* (Heigh ho, Heigh ho etc) was enough to reduce me to tears.

One could tell from their fixed expressions that Sol's guests were enjoying the event just as much as we, the viewers, were. Only they had the protection of hard hats. The event, appropriately termed the "Turning of the Sodds" ceremony, was choreographed by none other than our very own Des and Dawn. Burp! Definitely a case of too much, methinks.

* Pseudonym derived from James Hilton's novel *The Lost World*, which is the name of a fantastic city where people remain eternally youthful. Depart Shangri La, however, and immediate aging sets in, turning one into an instant geriatric. Any connection between Hilton's imagination and this article is purely coincidental.

Staff Sport

by Doug Coghlan

Hockey

Let the champagne flow! Staff ended a successful season by beating Occasionals 3-1 and drawing with Oribis 1-1. The win against Occasionals was pleasing as they lost to them in June, albeit with a depleted team. Staff thus win the league and retain the trophy.

Golf

The next event is the visit of the Johannesburg Old Rhodians led by Terry Sutherland on the weekend of 21/23 September. They play the students on Friday 21, attend the Rhodes Golf Club dinner, and, softened up, take on staff on Saturday at the Fish River Sun.

Squash

The first team lost their game against Old Graemians, but are still quite well placed in the league and should avoid relegation. The second team are still leading the 5th league and play their penultimate game on September 5. They should gain promotion to the 4th league.

Correction

The Round-the-Block Relay is on Monday September 17, and a strong staff side is envisaged. If available please contact Doug Coghlan (366/367).

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The Rhodes University Staff Hockey Association (RUSHA), winners of the 1990 Grahamstown League.

Back row: (Left to Right) Gary van Heerden; Rick Bernard; Evan Dollar; Richard Buckland (Honorary Life President); Tim Jacob; Derek Loveday; Andrew Hunter.

Front row: (Left to right) Dave Silverman; Graham Le Cock; Martin Hill (captain); Alex Weaver; George Euvard.

Sitting: Angus Patterson

Zoologists celebrate solemn day

By Andrew Weldrick

Did you know that August 25 was National Jellyfish Mating Day? Rhodos got wind of this through contacts in the Department of Zoology and Entomology, seen sporting "National Jellyfish Mating Day" T-shirts. We spoke to Dr Christopher McQuaid, a Senior Lecturer in the Department, who assured us that it was not an absurd joke.

The origins of this day are lost in the mists of time, but each year on a pre-arranged day, thousands of jellyfish release their gametes in a concerted effort to reproduce.

"Few people realize that jellyfish reproduce by external fertilization, releasing gametes into the ocean", said Dr McQuaid. However, the sea being as big as it is, jellyfish decided to take mass action and all release their gametes on the same day. This increases fertilization prospects, in an exercise that would otherwise amount to no more than a proverbial drop in the ocean.

Ah, but how do the jellyfish know when the right

day has arrived? "Jellyfish don't have digital watches. In fact they don't have digits at all", continued Dr McQuaid.

Actually, the official day is usually the last quarter of the second moon after the winter solstice. "This, roughly translated, gives us the Friday closest to 25 August", he explained. However, there's a school of cynics who reckon that at this time of year there is a space for a public holiday. "But this is a very cynical school of thought", warned Dr McQuaid.

The event, traditionally organized by second-year zoology students, has given rise to a host of collectors' items in the form of printed T-shirts. Although 130 shirts were made this year, they were hastily bought up by frenzied supporters of National Jellyfish Mating Day.

But does the day actually exist? "That", said Christopher McQuaid, "is a zoological trade secret".

Rhodes trampolinists compete Abroad

by Jenny Purdon

Three Rhodes students have been awarded their Springbok colours for trampolining. Robbie Benyon and Derek Hodgen have been awarded senior colours and Simon van der Merwe has been awarded junior Springbok colours. They will visit a number of countries as observers and will compete in Switzerland. Their coach, Peter Manley, is an Old Rhodian teaching at St Andrews. Peter has Springbok colours for trampolining as well as National Coaching Colours. Peter started trampolining at Rhodes when Prof Jack Charteris and Dr Pat Scott started a trampolining club in 1984.

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Founder's Day

A commemorative wreath-laying ceremony will be held at the War Memorial, in front of the Great Hall, at 4:30pm on Wednesday, September 12.

All staff and their families or partners are invited to attend. Academic dress is optional, but preferred. Medals and decorations to be worn.