



# RHODOS

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## Rhodes tackles harassment issues

Orientation week has seen the opening salvos in a concerted campaign to deal with all kinds of harassment, but especially sexual harassment, on the campus.

This follows Senate's approval last August of a University policy on harassment and the subsequent establishment of a harassment panel which is representative of all sectors of the campus community. Besides providing support for victims of harassment whenever they are called upon, panel members will be organising workshops and seminars during the year, with the objective of educating and informing the University community on the subject

### Education campaign

To start with, all students and staff will receive a pamphlet which explains what harassment is and what can be done about it. Included are the names and telephone numbers of all panel members and of trained counsellors who may be called upon for advice and assistance. Copies will be available in English and Xhosa.

During Orientation week, Dr G Rink spoke to students about harassment from a doctor's standpoint, while Ms Jenny Roberts (RUSA's representative on the panel) gave a young person's view.

Next term workshops will be held in the residences to alert students to the different types of harassment and to the channels available on campus to assist victims. The programme is being organised by Ms Sarah Wright (Warden's representative) and Ms Mary Humphries (SRC representative). Arrangements are also being made to reach the oppidans.

Plans to inform staff will include a panel discussion, a wardens' workshop and a talk to service staff.

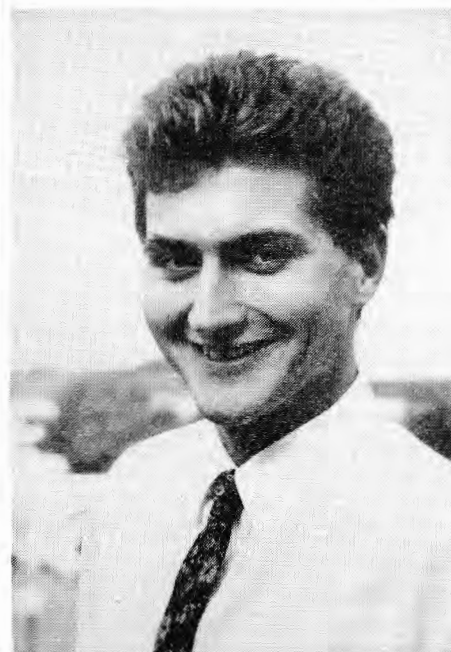
### What is Harassment?

Harassment covers a wide range of actions and behaviour patterns. Some forms are easily recognisable; others may be less so but can still be highly offensive. For instance:

- \* Making offensive comments or behaving in a way that is known, or ought reasonably to be known, to be unwelcome.
- \* Offensive, abusive or suggestive communications
- \* Acts such as the common law crimes of rape, attempted rape, indecent assault, crimen injuria, sodomy where the parties are not consenting adults and statutory or attempted statutory rape.
- \* The promise of reward for agreeing with or submitting to a sexually-orientated request or favour.
- \* The threat of reprisal for not agreeing or submitting to a sexually-orientated request or advance.
- \* Unwanted direct sexual propositions or invitations or physical contact, especially where:
  - the recipient is junior to the person making the request or contact;
  - the propositions or invitations or physical contacts are repeated.
- \* The display, anywhere but in a private place, of posters, cartoons or drawings which are, or which ought reasonably be known to be, offensive.
- \* Making suggestive or demeaning comments and gestures about a person's appearance or body or sexual orientation.
- \* Offensive or lecherous staring, leering or whistling.

Not all sexual attention is sexual harassment. It is only so when sexual attention is unwanted and abusive, intimidating or oppressive.

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### Rhodos Reporter

The next time you see him, he could well be on the other side of the camera!

This is Craig Hollins, who has joined the Public Relations and Development Division as student assistant for 1994. He will be with the Department until approximately the end of September.

While at Rhodes he will be actively involved in various aspects of the work programme, predominantly in the generation of press releases. He expects, as well, to be able to meet many people at Rhodes in his capacity as reporter for *Rhodos*.

Craig is a third-year public relations student currently studying through correspondence with the Port Elizabeth Technikon. He is from East London and studied full-time in Port Elizabeth from 1991 to the end of 1992.

During 1993 he was a student assistant at the Border Technikon in the Ciskei. He will be studying, while at Rhodes, to complete one minor subject, having completed all his majors at the end of 1993.

He looks forward, Craig says, to his time on our campus, "... where I will be writing press releases and assisting with articles in *Rhodos*, as well as taking various photographs – and washing bottles!"

## Win a Sunday lunch for two!

Our new masthead, at the top of this page, is, in fact, a temporary measure.

*Rhodos* invites readers with inclinations towards design to submit to the Editor ideas for a new masthead, to be printed in black (and shades thereof) and white. The winning design will be chosen by staff of the Public Relations and Development Division – who may not enter the contest!

The closing date is March 28th. Designs should be in black ink on white paper and may incorporate a suitable slogan, if desired.

The prize is a Sunday lunch for two at the Monument Restaurant, including a bottle of wine, and it has been donated by Richard Boshoff who manages both that Restaurant and the new Rhodes Club.

*another competition on page 10*





## Letters to The Editor

### The Editor,

What do HODs and their administrative staff feel about the new format in which department and research accounts are being presented to us? Am I the only one who finds it almost unintelligible, clumsy and awkward, if not difficult to adapt to our department's system of checking?

We are told that Finance Division saves the cost of the expensive paper of the old format, and Computer Centre saves computer time. This may be so, but that time and money may now be being expended by department staff having to adapt to this new format. I agree that printing the statements on expensive letterhead type paper is an

**R**hodos invites correspondence on all matters of concern to the University community. It is hoped that the contents of such letters, which should, ideally, not exceed 200 words in length, will indicate the wide spectrum of views held and will promote further discussion. A pseudonym is acceptable, so long as you also supply your full name and traceable address to the editor, who will respect confidentiality.

### "Like it or lump it!"

extravagance; plain paper, but in the original format, would be quite acceptable.

We have again been presented with this revised format without so much as a 'by your leave' - again the administration's attitude towards the departments seems to be 'like it or lump it' or, at best, 'like it or complain'. I (and my HOD) chose to complain but we've been assured that "... in the main we have had a favourable reaction to the new system". Is that so? I would be happy to make a list of others who don't like the new format - please phone me. I, for one, am tired of the tail continuing to wag the dog!

Colleen Davies, Geology

### The Editor,

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to staff members who kindly donated contributions towards a present on my retirement at the end of 1993. The generosity of those concerned was heart-warming indeed.

The watch presented to me by Dr Henderson at my retirement party will be a constant reminder of you all and of the good times I had throughout my eleven years at Rhodes. The balance of the money went towards the purchase of an all-wave radio which I am finding most useful in keeping me in touch with the outside world in my new-found leisure.

### Thanks to all from Phil

My thanks also to the University for the retirement party itself and to those who separately wished me well and who would have attended the party had they heard about it.

I take this opportunity as well to thank in particular the heads and all staff of the maintenance sections, not forgetting the staff of Estates HQ, for the separate function and their farewell presents. Merle and I will constantly have things around us which will keep you in our thoughts for a long time indeed.

I wish you all at Rhodes the very best for the future.

Phil Murray

### The Editor,

May I, through *Rhodos*, extend my sincerest thanks to the Academic Development programme (ADP) for the outstanding New Lecturers' Course held recently.

The course was very thorough, well organised and extremely useful. The broad range of topics including lecturing and tutoring skills, research at Rhodes, the use of

### Thanks to ADP

visual aids, employment issues (such as medical aid etc) and Academic Development, to name but a few, made the three-day course a valuable one.

Thank you also to RUSA for a very informative session. I can only strongly recommend to departments that new lecturers be sent on the course - it is sure to make a difference.

Michael Carklin, Drama Department

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## Harassment continued from page 1

For example:

- \* if one feels uncomfortable rather than flattered by comments or attention; or
- \* if one feels forced rather than willing to participate in behaviour such as flirting.

Both men and women can be sexually harassed, but it is more common for women to be sexually harassed by men.

## University Policy

The preamble to the Policy Document on harassment states: *In its dedication to academic freedom, Rhodes University commits itself to an environment conducive to learning and supportive of scholarship and research. The dignity, self-esteem and fundamental rights of any member of the University community are essential to this environment and the University cannot accept behaviour that is likely to undermine any of these. Harassment, particularly sexual harassment, is one such form of unacceptable behaviour.*

The Harassment Panel is approaching its task on several fronts:

1. Instituting an education campaign aimed at preventing harassment;
2. Establishing procedures for dealing with harassment;
3. Providing support for victims, as well as access to advice and mediation for both victim and accused, and medical/psychological assistance where necessary;
4. Securing a 'pool' of trained mediators from the University community, as well as doctors sensitive to the issues involved, who can be called upon to assist where necessary;
5. Creating a central database on the nature and extent of harassment incidents;
6. Issuing warnings about any unsafe areas on the campus;
7. Encouraging postgraduate research on the extent of sexual harassment on the Rhodes campus.

## Confidentiality

"The major problem in dealing with harassment is that incidents are seldom formally reported", says Mrs Annette Clifford-Vaughan, coordinator of the Harassment Panel. "One of the reasons for this is fear that the details will be repeated to others. Consequently the Panel insists that absolute confidentiality must be maintained. Unless the complainant gives permission for his or her name to be revealed to someone else, no person involved in supporting or counselling a victim, or in investigating or resolving a complaint, may reveal information that could identify the people involved."

"Nevertheless, details of the incident itself will be reported to the appropriate University channels, whether or not further action is required, to enable the University to keep records of the incidence of harassment on campus"

If a formal complaint is made against any student or staff member, the University's normal disciplinary procedures will apply.



# Travelling Professors

Prof Colin Lewis, Head of the Department of Geography has presented a paper to the inaugural meeting of the IGCP/IUGS/ UNESCO Project on Southern Hemisphere Palaeo- and Neoclimates.

The meeting was held in Mendoza, Argentina, last year and Prof Lewis' paper demonstrated how evidence of permafrost in southern Africa during the Last Glacial Maximum exists.

## SA one of four

South Africa was one of four countries participating in the project and has been asked to host its 1995 meeting, preferably in the week

following the Fifth Congress of Southern Hemisphere Oceanography and Meteorology.

Support from the FRD and the Research Fund of Rhodes enabled Prof Lewis to attend the meeting.

The project's primary aim is to involve scientists working in the Southern Hemisphere (Australia, New Zealand, South America and South Africa) in cooperative research into climatic change and the modelling of atmospheric circulation from the Maastrichtian to the present. In particular the project aims at ensuring a rapid exchange of information on palaeo-climatic data between scientists in different disciplines and in different countries, and cooperation in subsequent modelling of that data.

The project is being led by Prof W Volkheimer, of Buenos Aires and Dr P P Smolka, of Muenster, West Germany.

## Antarctica now included

It is of particular interest that scientists from the participating countries have been asked to extend their work to cover the Antarctic region - its inclusion had not earlier been envisaged.

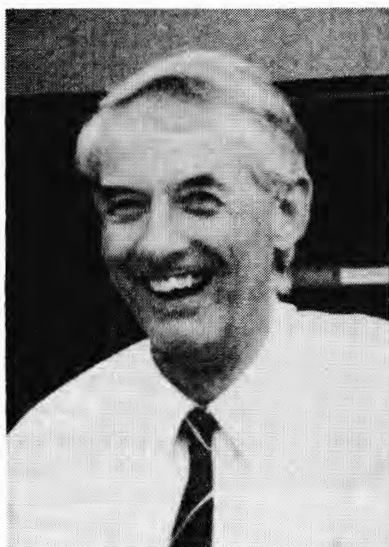
Prof Lewis' paper provoked some lively discussion and a field trip to visit a supposed Middle Pleistocene rock glacier near Mendoza. This enabled comparison with much of Prof Lewis' evidence, gathered largely from remains of fossil rock glaciers in the eastern Cape Drakensberg.

## Glaciers visited

Outside the context of the meeting, Prof Lewis was able to visit the Jpsala and Moreno Glaciers, where he was able to collect samples. The Moreno, a cold-based glacier, has been declared 'one of the most important heritages of mankind' by UNESCO and Prof Lewis has himself collected only from warm-based glaciers before now. The glaciers are in the El Calafate region and he spent many hours wading in the mountains and photographing important and significant features.

Prof Lewis found the cost of living in Argentina extremely high - he paid US\$ 65,00 per night for a room in what he would classify as a two-star hotel. Coffee, at US\$ 3,50 per cup, and a charge of US\$ 6,00 for a bottle of water and a sandwich added to this impression.

Wine, at US\$ 20,00 for a small bottle was prohibitively priced and our colleague drank water!



Prof Colin Lewis

In what has been the first formal follow-up to the visit, last year, of civic leaders and academics from Italy, one of Rhodes' academic scientists has recently visited Salerno University, near the city of Fisciano.

Prof Fabio Frescura spent some three weeks at the University during November and December while visiting Fisciano, with which city Grahamstown was "twinning" during the course of last year.

## Common ground

At that time certain formal agreements were entered into between the Physics Departments of the two universities and Prof Frescura's time there was largely spent exploring new common ground and following up on two of the projects which, in terms of the agreement, are being jointly researched.

He had been working very closely with the late Prof Eduardo Caianiello, Dean of the Faculty of Science at Salerno, an internationally renowned physicist who was a member of the Italian delegation to Grahamstown last year. At Vietri Sul Mare, Prof Frescura also visited the International Institute for Advanced Scientific Studies, of which Prof Caianiello was the founder and chairman. Rhodes also has a collaborative agreement with this Institute.

While at Salerno, Prof Frescura was able to present the current work of Rhodes' researchers and students. It was favourably received, he says, and Rhodes continues to be held in high regard in this context. Several papers were presented.

## New interpretation

Two main areas of research are covered by the joint agreement. One is an attempt to produce a geometrisation of the process of quantisation, in the field of quantum mechanics. The other involves a new interpretive generalisation of Einstein's theory of special relativity.

This is based, not on 4-dimensional space time, but on 8-dimensional phase space constructed from the more usual 4-dimensional space time. Prof Frescura hopes to contribute to the development of a coherent mathematical formulation for this 8-dimensional space.

Mutual help and generous hospitality were the hallmarks of his visit, says Prof Frescura, and he looks forward to further exchanges between our two institutions.

## Student exchanges?

There is a possibility that student exchanges might occur, although there is the language factor to be addressed. "The agreements signed do, however, open many new doors to both Rhodes and Salerno in the international halls of science", he says. "Rhodes can certainly hold its own in the company of the world's best, an impression reinforced on my way to Salerno by my visit to Britain where I presented our work to researchers at the University of London."



Prof Fabio Frescura

Prof Fabio Frescura has been appointed Head of the Department of Physics, in succession to Prof Eddie Baart, who intends to concentrate on teaching.



# Campus Protection Unit back home again



*Wet weather did not succeed in dampening the spirits of those invited by the Campus Protection Unit to witness the CPU's move back into its refurbished premises at the end of last year.*

*The registrar, Dr Keith Hunt, formally declared the new offices open for business, having earlier been shown the new computer system by Chief Campus Protection Officer, Dave Charteris (left).*

## New HoD for Journalism

**D**r Guy Berger, Editor of *South*, has been appointed Professor and Head of the Department of Journalism and Media Studies. He replaces Mr Gavin Stewart, who was recently appointed Editor of the *Daily Dispatch* in East London.

Dr Berger will take up his appointment on June 1 this year.

Dr Berger completed his schooling in Johannesburg, before reading for a Bachelor of Journalism degree at Rhodes, which he completed with distinction in African Studies. He followed this with an Honours degree in Political Studies, also with distinction, and a UNISA Honours degree in Communication, with distinction.

He completed the PhD degree in Political Studies at Rhodes in 1989.

Prior to his appointment as Editor of *South*,

Dr Berger held a variety of positions in the media industry. He spent two years as media consultant and training officer at the Media and Resources Services, a community media centre in Johannesburg. He was also coordinator of the United Democratic Front's Transvaal media committee and a member of the UDF's national media committee.

He then set up and ran Afravision, a television production and distribution company in London, where he concentrated on news and documentaries about South Africa.

From 1988 to 1990 Dr Berger was diplomatic correspondent for the *Morning Star* in London and in 1991 took up the editorship of *New Era* magazine for six months, until his appointment to *South*.

# "Bring mug and binoculars – we'll supply telescope and stars!"

**S**imon Walsh, who is the Chairman of Astrosoc on campus, has reminded staff members that they are all most welcome to join the society. "In fact", he says, "any interested person may join, not just members of the university community."

"We had a really exciting display at the Societies Evening on the 24th, and we signed up more new members than last year", he adds.

The dates for their meetings will be announced soon and these will address such topics as the Hubble space telescope and the Big Bang, cosmology, the life and death of stars, black holes, and simple naked-eye astronomy.

The campus observatory is now almost fully equipped, the latest additions being a 6-foot ladder to reach the eyepiece and a high-quality finderscope to point the main instrument easily. Astrosoc will be purchasing a computer for use at the observatory to record observations and run astronomical software. In the near future it will take images through the telescope and process them on site.

A feature of the Society's year will be observing sessions held at the observatory (permanently sited on the roof of the Geography Department) every cloudless Sunday evening at 9:00 pm. "Anyone interested in attending should arrive at the car park outside the Geography building and just shout up to the observatory to be let into the building", says Simon. "A coffee mug is a useful thing to bring along, as is a pair of binoculars."

Membership fees this year are R 25,00 with R 12,50 for additional family members. This fee goes towards administration costs and covers the monthly meetings, the AGM dinner, the star charts issued to new members and the monthly newsletter.

## When does a regular happening become a tradition?

"— About now", suggested Brian Paterson, the University Librarian (left), speaking of the annual cocktail party, at which the librarians play host to representatives of their constituencies.

With him are Prof Guy Butler and Ms Carla Tsampiras, the SRC President. About 60 people attended the function, which was held immediately prior to Orientation Week.





While solving the world's problems, as is my wont when showering in the mornings, my mind, on occasion, addresses other tangents.

Thus it was, last week, that I found myself contemplating the April election while rinsing suds from my hair.

Not the electioneering; the red ink and rhetoric, but the mechanics of voting. And the problems of voter education.

Towards the end of last year one or other government department made it known that, given sufficient voters in one place at one time, they would be prepared to arrange for educative sessions at convenient venues. It seemed to me that our campus could be one such. I've heard nothing further on this subject, but would be interested, for I have some questions.

### Multicoloured paper

The whole business, for one of the minority who have actually voted before, in this country, is going to be very different. No longer will the ballot paper have the name of a candidate with his or her political affiliation indicated and profession specified. We are now to have a multicoloured paper carrying photographs of party leaders, and the emblems of the parties. The winners will, of course, be represented in government, whether at national or regional level, by individuals and we have seen their names published in various lists over the past few weeks.

## On Occasion

A guest column written by invitation.

### No kissing of babies

But what I want to know is why I can no longer allow my vote to be influenced by the personality of a candidate. You know, the guy who used to come and kiss the babies or the other who used to say "Remember me; I'm the guy who had your traffic ticket withdrawn when I was on the city council", and the lady (from the NRP, as it then was) who once said "Madam, we do exactly what the Nats do, but in English". There will be none of that now, that's for sure; neither will there be any mealtime 'huisbesoek' in suburban homes by candidates and their canvassers.

What worries me about all this is that I am quite likely to elect an individual for whom I have little respect because he belongs to a party whose utterances may have appeal. We've seen the names; many are those of people we know and respect. Some, however, are not. Might not someone who has never set foot in Grahamstown be charged with looking after my interests and retain a total lack of desire to explore his allocated constituency?

And what about the Independent? That candidate whose name on the ballot paper

used to give credence to the principle whereby any ordinary citizen could aspire to a seat in the house if his views coincided with those of the majority of a constituency? Gone now.

I wonder whether, on voting day, the parties will be wooing voters at the gates of the polling booths like they used to. At up to 11 different tents, caravans and tables, this time. I remember that the Nats always had good *koeksusters*, *beskuit* and coffee. Sometimes *wors* as well, if you were a journalist paying a noontime visit. The DP were quite good on tea and scones and the old UP used to have a fair line in home baking. What might the ANC offer, I wonder? And the party called KISS?

### Flags of many nations

These thoughts will cross my mind as I contemplate a ballot paper resembling the frontage of the United Nations, with all its coloured flags. And I shall worry at the absence of the one against which we should all be indicating.

The white and blue doves motif of the National Peace Accord.

Penn A Line

## Rhodes University

### Alumni Shop

**Tenders are invited for the establishment and running of an alumni shop (or an alumni section in an existing shop) from which Rhodes University memorabilia would be sold over the counter and by mail order in Southern Africa and abroad.**

There are several ways in which such a shop might operate – proposals will be welcomed.

If premises are required on campus, a room and a telephone link will be made available to the successful applicant.

Tenders should be submitted to The Director, Public Relations and Development Division.

Further information and details may be obtained from Mrs Jenny Purdon, in the Department, on extension 8516

## Geomorphologists visit Rhodes

*International delegates to the Conference on Geomorphic Responses to Environmental Change, held at the University of Natal last month visited Rhodes' Geography Department on their way to Pietermaritzburg.*

*They were entertained by Prof Colin Lewis and some of his colleagues and were briefly exposed to some of the work being undertaken at Rhodes before being photographed for Rhodos (right).*

*They also met up with Dr Kate Rowntree, who then travelled with the group from Grahamstown as she was to present three papers at the conference, which was presented by the International Geographic Union, in conjunction with the S A Association of Geomorphologists.*

*Delegates who visited Rhodes included some from Switzerland, Germany, Spain, Australia, South Africa and Morocco.*





# Invisible 'noise' menaces computers

*A report from The Telegraph, in London, has identified a new threat to computers*

Computers, mobile phones, video games, tape players, radios, automatic cash machines and a host of other electronic gadgets and devices, it has been found, all emit various forms of radiation which can interfere with each other.

This can sometimes have fatal consequences, according to the article.

The head of a facility which measures emissions of electronic radiation said that the problem was growing and was "horrific" in central London and around Heathrow Airport.

He also specified no less than six known cases of aircraft avionics being interfered with by games such as *Nintendo*.

A terrifying incident involved the inflation of an automatic air bag in a motor vehicle, while being driven at speed, which was caused by the driver using a digital mobile telephone.

## Dangerous effects

In other incidents electronic "smog" from a portable radio caused a semi-submersible oil platform to move and a radio transmitter caused an anti-locking brake device to operate on cars at speed on a German motorway.

This type of electronic interference has also been blamed for at least three deaths involving the premature dropping of its load by a computer-controlled crane and the loss of integrity in robots in Japan.

The European Commission is aiming to control this "electro-magnetic pollution" with tight regulations on designing, manufacturing and selling electronic equipment which are to become mandatory in Britain at the end of 1995.

**Rhodos invites contributions from staff members and other readers.**

**Articles should be forwarded to the Editor, at the Public Relations and Development Division.**

**They are preferred on diskette in any of several common word processing formats, including ASCII, Word Perfect, WordStar and Multimate.**

**Text may also be e-mailed to [adjw@kudu.ru.ac.za](mailto:adjw@kudu.ru.ac.za)**

**Photographs and line art are also welcome, whether as stand alone items or illustrative of articles.**

# SAD DEATHS OF

*Professor Chris Hummel*

On the morning of Friday, February 4, Rhodes University, Grahamstown, lost one of its most prominent and distinguished alumni with the death from cancer of Professor Hans Christoph Hummel, 'Chris' to his many friends, 'Doc' to a generation of students.

Chris was born of Austro-German parents on November 11, 1934 at Mufindi near Iringa in the then Tanganyika Territory.

He was educated at Prince Edward School, Salisbury (Harare).

Chris first entered the Rhodes community as a student in 1953 and he graduated with a first-class honours degree in history in 1956. He was selected as a Rhodes Scholar for Rhodesia.

In 1960 he was British Council Scholar at Wilhelm University Munster in Westphalia, and in 1961 completed a PGCE at what is now the University of Zimbabwe. From 1962-1971 he taught history, as well as other academic disciplines, in Rhodesia, at high schools, at teachers' training college and at University, before being appointed lecturer in the History Department at Rhodes in 1972.

From 1972 until his untimely death he was teacher, supervisor, researcher and member of the editorial board of the *Graham's Town Series*.

In 1975 he was awarded a PhD, through London University, for a thesis (503pp) entitled *Sir Charles Coghlan: a political biography*, from which came six substantive papers. He was an invited speaker at many conferences, both in South Africa and abroad, and visiting lecturer at the University of Western Ontario.

Local historians will remember that he had a particular interest in the history of Port Alfred, the writing of whose history was another topic being saved for when he would have time.

It is particularly poignant that Chris did not live to see the latest of his major published works, his joint edition with Prof M Roberts of the *Journals and Correspondence of the 19th century Swedish traveller in South Africa, Johan August Wahlberg*, to be published by the Van Riebeeck Society.

Chris was a devoted Old Rhodian and, as chairman, he played a major role in rejuvenating the ORU and in establishing the now flourishing 150 Club as a potentially rich source of bursary funding.

Not content only to live an academic life, he was also a member of the National Monuments Council and the Grahamstown City Council's Aesthetics Committee.

A devout Christian, he served as a member



of the Parish Council of the Cathedral of St Michael and St George and was an active member and supporter of club committees relevant to his other interests. He served on the selection committee and as secretary to the local Rhodes Scholarship Committee.

Rhodes, Grahamstown and Albany communities have lost a man with a great personality, and of passionate concern for his fellow humans. We, his friends, his colleagues and his pupils all suffer a tragic loss, but so much greater is that which his wife and family will experience through the passing of a man who was a devoted husband and father and one who believed in family in the widest sense. We extend to Susan, to his children and to all his family our heartfelt sympathy and love.

*by Andrew Cook*

## *Ms Dee Tasmer*

Eric Tasmer has asked *Rhodos* to record with regret the death of Dee Tasmer, who worked in the Buying department at Rhodes, under Mr Bill Mills.

Dee was injured in a motor accident while travelling to Boston, in England, on December 8th, having emigrated some nine months earlier.

She was admitted to Intensive Care and subsequently High Care in hospital, but died approximately one month after the accident.

*Rhodos* extends sincere sympathy, on behalf of her former colleagues and friends, to her brother, Clyde, to Keith and his family and to Susan and Felicity.



## Mr Ken Robinson

Rhodes and Grahamstown have lost one of their most artistically gifted citizens with the death of Mr Ken Robinson.

Mr Robinson (71), died in a Port Elizabeth hospital on Monday, February 21, after surgery the previous week.

'Mr Rob', as he was known to generations of students in the Department of Drama at Rhodes, was born in Yorkshire and completed his schooling in Sheffield, before going on to the Sheffield College of Arts and Crafts. He began his studies at the Royal College of Arts in London on an Exhibition Scholarship, but these were interrupted by World War II, during which he served as a Navigator in the Royal Air Force. He returned to the Royal College of Art in 1946. In 1949 and 1950 he studied at the British School at Rome, Italy, as an Abbey Scholar.

On his return to England he lectured in painting at the Gravesend School of Art and later in lithography and engraving at the Hammersmith School of Art in London, before taking up a post as tutor in drawing and painting at the Jamaica School of Art in Kingston, Jamaica in 1958.

Mr Robinson returned to England in 1961 and lectured at several Schools and Colleges of Art.

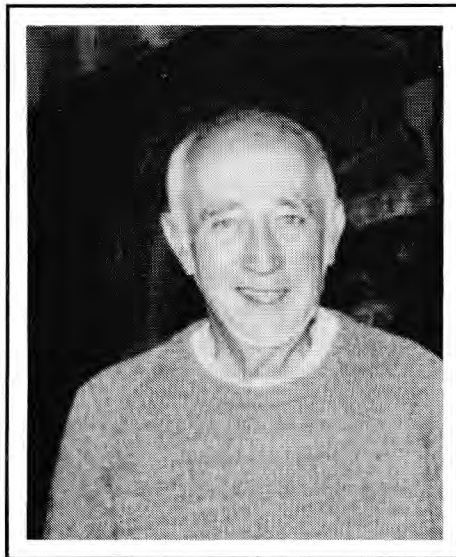
He was appointed Senior Lecturer in Fine Art at Rhodes in 1963 and Lecturer in Theatre Arts in 1966. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer in 1975 and was appointed Theatre Director in 1978. He retired from lecturing in 1985 and in 1986 took up the Honorary Curatorship of the Rhodes University Museum.

Mr Robinson was well-known for his work as an art restorer. In Grahamstown he restored paintings in private collections as well as work by Thomas Baines in the Albany Museum.

In 1966 Ken Robinson designed the set and costumes for the first production of the newly-formed Department of Drama at Rhodes, 'Take Root or Die', Guy Butler's Settler play, which was performed for the opening of the University Theatre.

During his years in the Department of Drama, he was responsible for the design of every production presented.

His later work includes a portrait of Reza de Wet, and Ken Robinson also painted portraits of Miss Kitty Richardson, then headmistress of Victoria Girls' High School, Judge Norman Addleson, Bishop Bill Burnett, and most recently, a portrait of Dr Derek Henderson, Vice-Chancellor of Rhodes University, unveiled, sadly after his death, in the Founder's Hall at the University.



'In his quiet way, Ken Robinson made a considerable contribution to life around him, by producing work of high quality and interest', said one of his friends.

He leaves his wife, Jean, children Laura and James and one grandchild.

by Mary Burnett

## Mr Alfred Mazalazala

Alfred Mazalazala, who died at the end of last year, was born in 1918 at Salem, on the farm of Mr George Hall.

In 1950, he came to Grahamstown and started working the following year at Alexanders Nursery, near Fort England Hospital. In 1956 he joined Gowies Nursery, assisting with tree pruning and making cuttings.

When Gowies Nursery closed, he joined the Grounds and Gardens team at Rhodes, whence he retired, in 1984, from his position as supervisor.

When I came to Rhodes in 1988, his name was mentioned with great respect, not only on the campus, but also amongst the townsfolk.

Legend has it that he was not only respected by young and old alike, but he was also feared by some of the younger staff!

He will be deeply missed by many, in Grahamstown and beyond, who worked with and respected him.

The University extends its sincere condolences to his five sons, four daughters, 20 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

by Mark Hazell

# PROFNET query for Rhodes Scientists

Ideas for Discover

by Mark Wheeler

As one of the senior editors at Discover Magazine, it's my job to generate fresh article ideas for the magazine. I'm looking for new and fresh compelling ideas emanating from universities around the world that would be appropriate for us. These are our guidelines:

Discover's audience is comprised of more than a million lay subscribers (but a five million per issue readership) who are interested in the world of science but are without formal scientific training. We cover all science subjects – archaeology, anthropology, astronomy and cosmology, computers and computing, ecology, geology, genetics, health, maths, medicine, physics, technology (have I forgotten anything?) – and we try to make these topics understandable and readable, while maintaining a strong emphasis on the science. We are always after solid (and we hope, under publicized) science stories; ideally, pieces with currency; a news hook.

We also like profile ideas, either of scientists whose work is well known, or unusual (i.e., the respected maverick), or which can be explained with reasonable ease.

## Policy matters not addressed

About the only thing we don't cover are questions of science policy. We also shy away from psychology stories, unless the idea is very strong, only because other publications tend to mine this area.

I'm also looking for ideas for our *Commentary* department.

*Commentary* is similar to the op-ed page of a newspaper, and is written by a scientist. We seek subjects that are timely (the news hook, again), yet have not been editorialized to death. We also look for science that's been mangled by the popular press (we like that), so we can give our readers the real story, while ideally, teaching them some interesting science along the way. But content can be as wide-ranging as researchers' own imaginations and interests. We like authors who are righteous, outraged, bemused, indignant - in short, those who have a definite point of view, along with passion and wit. Again, however, we shy away from issues of policy.

For *Commentary*, we pay \$1.25 a word; length runs to about 2 000 words.

Anyone who has ideas for this magazine should make contact with Rhodes' Media Officer, Mary Burnett on ext 8517, or through e-mail at [adbb@kudu.ru.ac.za](mailto:adbb@kudu.ru.ac.za).



A Staff Association initiative has resulted in the basic infrastructure being provided for a full time creche to be established on the campus. This is expected to be a boon to working parents with young children.

RUSA, in response to queries from concerned parents, explored the possibilities of establishing the facility with Vice-Principal Dr Michael Smout. Dr Smout informed RUSA that the University is willing to make premises available for the creche and to refurbish them. The creche will be housed in the old ADP building behind the Sanatorium, says Dr Gina Buijs, Chairperson of RUSA.

## Parents will be responsible

"The administration has agreed to make the premises available", she says, "but it is on the clear understanding that the parents who make use of the facility will be fully responsible for establishing and managing the creche. This means that the parents will have to form a management committee and decide on appropriate fees which will cover staff salaries and other expenses, apart from running costs for the building. The management committee, i.e. the parents themselves, will advertise for and appoint suitable caregivers."

"It is envisaged that, at least initially, the parents will supply the basic necessities for their children. They will also be responsible for providing whatever food the babies need. Creche staff will not prepare food but will keep whatever is supplied in a refrigerator which the University

## Campus Creche could open soon

has agreed to supply, together with a stove".

### Considerable interest

Dr Buijs is grateful to Dr Smout for Rhodes' support for this initiative. At two meetings during February which were attended by several parents of young children a working committee was established. Dr Buijs said that the attendance had been gratifying and that considerable interest had been shown.

"The next move is, however, critical", she says. "RUSA has acted as a facilitator for the creche but it is up to the parents to make it a success. I urge all parents with children under the age of two, who are interested in this facility, to contact the management committee members. Further needs have to be identified and the committee needs to establish guidelines for users and caregivers."

### Not only for staff

Dr Buijs says that the building itself is large and can cater for ample demand. Because there are no facilities in Grahamstown for small babies, the creche will be open to parents who are not on the Rhodes staff, as well as being primarily for those who are. The creche will comply with municipal health regulations and will be inspected.

"I believe that the creche will meet a real need. Many parents want a safe and caring environment to leave their babies in when they go back to work after maternity leave. If all goes well, the creche could open its doors within the next few months".

## Applications called for

Applications are invited for the Hugh Kelly Fellowship for the year 1995. The Fellowship is awarded in alternate years to enable senior scientists to devote themselves to advanced post-doctoral work in any of a wide range of Science departments at Rhodes, including Biochemistry and Microbiology, Botany, Chemistry, Computer Science, Geography, Geology, Ichthyology and Fisheries Science, Mathematical Statistics, Mathematics (Pure and Applied), Microbiology, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Physics and Electronics, Psychology, Zoology and Entomology.

Closely associated are LIRI technologies, the Institute for Freshwater Studies and the JLB Smith Institute of Ichthyology.

To the value of the Fellowship is added the cost of a return economy class air fare (or first class rail fare) from the Fellow's place of residence. If the Fellow accepts appointment for at least six months and is accompanied by a spouse, the spouse's air or rail fares will also be paid.

Tenure will be for a period of up to one year and the Fellow will be required to take up residence in Grahamstown. He or she will be a member of the Senior Common Room and will be given free use of the Library and access to such facilities as may be required for research. A concise report on work completed will have to be presented at the conclusion of the Fellowship term, tenure of which shall be acknowledged in all publications that may arise from it.

The University reserves the right to offer the Fellowship to any suitable person. Application forms are obtainable from the office of the Registrar and are returnable by 31 July 1994.

## Tackling language-related learning problems

Ms Lynn Quinn has joined the Institute for the Study of English in Africa (ISEA) at Rhodes University, Grahamstown, as a Junior Research Officer. She will work on the Institute's Standard Six Open Schools Language Project. The aim of this project is to assist teachers and pupils at model C high schools to cope with language-related learning difficulties experienced by pupils coming from a DET primary school background.

During 1994, the project researchers plan to develop a series of booklets to assist Standard Six teachers with language-related issues in subjects such as Biology, Geography and Physical Science. They hope the booklets will encourage all teachers to tackle, with confidence, the language issues affecting their pupils' learning.

Ms Quinn has a BA HDE and has recently completed an Honours degree in English Language Teaching. She taught at P J Olivier High School, where she was head of department for a number of years. She has also been involved in part-time teaching at Kingswood College, SACHED and INSET.

The project leader, Prof Paul Walters (H A Molteno Professor of English Second Language in the ISEA) emphasized the practical, action-oriented thrust of the Standard Six Project, and expressed his appreciation of Ms Quinn's previous experience. "We aim to meet the real day-to-day needs of teachers and pupils in what is likely to be the critical area of successful future schooling," he said.



Ms Lynn Quinn with Prof Paul Walters, the Project Leader of the Standard Six Open Schools Language Project.



# New Staff Benefit Plans

The University presently offers two benefit plans, arranged through Old Mutual, to assist members of staff to minimise tax while investing for their retirement.

The benefits derived from these plans are separate from those provided in terms of the Associated Institutions Pension Fund or any private retirement annuity scheme.

## The Deferred Compensation Scheme

Staff members who have attained the age of 45 years and are in receipt of an annual salary of R 25 000 or higher are eligible for membership of this scheme which provides for a staff member's service bonus, which is non-pensionable, to be paid either in full or in part into the Scheme. Honoraria and ex-gratia payments may be dealt with in the same way. Any amounts paid into the Scheme are not subject to tax.

Members may apply each year for partial exemption which would allow them to participate in full or to adjust their investment.

The Scheme has particular advantages for those who are within 15 years of retirement. Staff members who have more than 20 years to serve before retirement age may consider applying for partial exemption.

Scheme benefits include a maximum tax free gratuity, presently amounting to R 30 000,

which can be realised within five years prior to the staff member proceeding on retirement. Any amount in excess of this sum is taxable, but at the member's average rate of tax.

In addition, the Scheme provides for life cover without a medical examination up to a maximum of R 100 000. The amount of cover would depend on the initial contribution into the Scheme.

A copy of the Service Agreement which the University is required to enter into with each staff member may be obtained from the Personnel Division. Should the staff member resign, the University may, at its discretion, pay to the staff member a sum equal to the surrender value of the policy at the date of such resignation or cede the policy to the staff member, or to the staff member's new employer. The payment would be taxable if paid to the resigning staff member.

The Scheme is coordinated at and administered directly from the Old Mutual's Head Office in Pinelands. It is important that staff members work through the designated Old Mutual representative, Mr H O de Villiers, who is completely conversant with the Scheme and the benefits.

Rhodes provides the Old Mutual with the names of all eligible staff in January each year and they are contacted directly by Mr de Villiers to ascertain whether or not they would be interested in participating in the

Scheme.

Mr de Villiers visits the University from time to time and appointments for personal counselling purposes may be arranged, either through the Personnel Division or by contacting him directly by telephone (021) 5317680.

## Group Retirement Plan: Provident Fund

This benefit was recently introduced for the following categories of staff:

- those aged 60 and over who have elected to retire and continue to be employed on non-pensionable terms;
- those appointed on fixed contract terms who are not eligible for membership of the Pension Fund;
- those who already participate in the Deferred Compensation Scheme.

Up to a maximum of 20% of the total emoluments of those mentioned in 1 and 2 above may be paid to the Fund on their behalf by the University, while staff in 3 above may elect to contribute any non-pensionable remuneration up to maximum of 20% of the emoluments.

This Group Retirement Plan is administered by Old Mutual's Port Elizabeth Office and any eligible member of staff who may be interested in participating in it should contact the



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# '...a great Club to belong to.'

The Rhodes Union is about to undergo major changes which will, in the words of Richard Boshoff of the new management team, make it "... a great Club to belong to."

Richard and his partner Mark Musson have moved into the premises with vigour; much shop fitting and installation of furniture, equipment and sound systems has already taken place.

Richard and Mark are not unknown to most Grahamstown people. Richard is the proprietor of the Monument restaurant and Mark, a Rhodes graduate now studying law, has been assisting him for two years. Mark is of a hotelier family and is thus extremely familiar with catering and its management.

The pair have a management contract from Rhodes which covers, in addition to the Rhodes Union Club, the operation of Kaif and Day Kaif, catering for functions across the board on campus and the new staff dining room. This latter is situated in the Union complex and used to be the Vice-Chancellor's dining room. Richard believes that, as the staff dining room serving lunches priced at under R 10,00, it will attract a great many staff members who might find it more convenient than going home or into town.

## Strictly members only

As far as the Rhodes Club itself is concerned, the plans are exciting. All hinges, however, on usage being strictly limited to members. Membership, priced at R 50,00 annually, will be indicated by a 'smart chip' button, instead of a card. This button will operate the turnstiles which are being installed at the entrance, allowing access only to members in good standing. Once 'in' the button cannot be used again until it has been clocked 'out'. It is relatively simple to alert the computer controller when someone, for any reason, is not entitled to enter.

The new bar is a feature; it has been constructed opposite the main entrance to the Club, from beautifully finished timber originally used for railway sleepers. It matches

the new furniture, similarly sourced and finished.

*The bar needs to be christened and Richard and Mark have offered a prize to the person whose suggestion is adopted. Entries should be forwarded to Mark, at the Union. (Rhodos offers "Chambers®" as a name; we feel it is appropriate, given Mark's legal studies, and think that a phrase such as "I'll meet you in Chambers after work", has a nice ring to it!).*

How many staff remember the small restaurant adjoining the Club, called the Outpost? Unused for many years it is to be refurbished and reopened. Our pair of creative caterers envisage a pizza oven as a feature.

## One-armed bandit?

It is the intention of the new managers to maintain costs at the lowest possible levels and so the new Club is designed to need a low level of maintenance. Picture a one-armed bandit slot machine, designed to operate on flattened beer can disks (the can 'squasher' is already on site) and offering tokens, redeemable behind the bar, as prizes - then ask yourself if there are going to be many beer cans left on the floor! There will also be vending machines from which members may buy popular beverages, so that the bar need not be staffed during slack periods.

There is some exciting and varied entertainment being planned for the Club. Apart from a very sophisticated sound system, already installed adjacent to the dance floor, a schedule of live and regular entertainment is being drawn up. This will bring into the Club (at no cost to the members although they will have to pay for any guests to attend) top-class acts, bands and discotheques. The programme will include cabaret acts.

In addition to the pool tables, which are being retained, there will be installed a compact disc jukebox and several vintage



pinball machines. Mark Musson, who will be the regular manager on site, reckons that he knows what his customers want. "But if I miss something, I want to hear about it", he says, "and we'll explore its adoption or installation".

The old bar, with its side balcony overlooking the Great Field, has been cleaned (some bright copper panels were discovered) and refurbished and will be used as an overflow facility. It may also be booked (as may the other facilities) by members, departments and divisions at Rhodes. Richard Boshoff says that, provided at least 90% of the members of any club or society or other University grouping wishing to book a facility are also members of the Rhodes Club, there will be no charge made for the venue booked by that club or society.

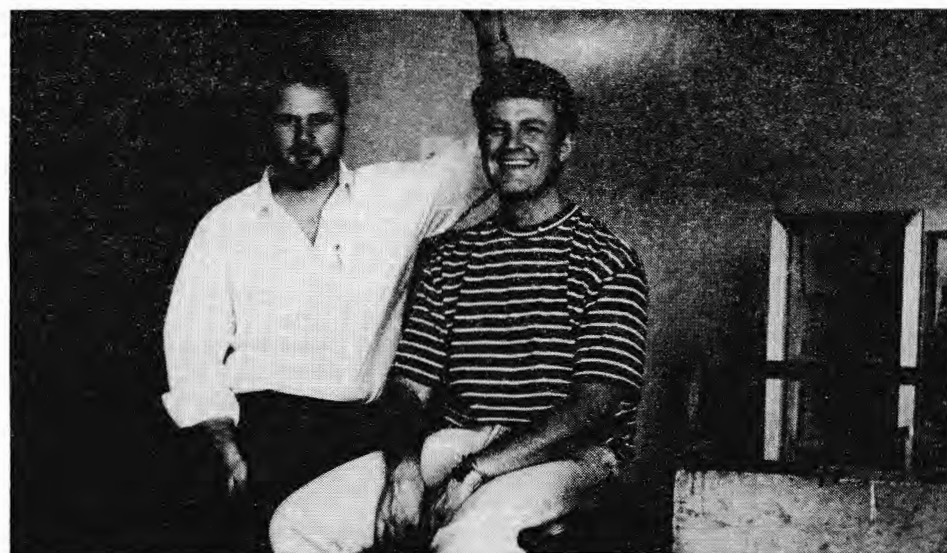
From which remark you may correctly assume that the management pair are in a vigorous marketing frame of mind. They especially want the staff to join and believe that they will become very proud of the new facilities. Problems experienced in the past will not be allowed to occur again and transgressors and those who blur the distinction between good fun and unacceptable manner will be strictly, but fairly, dealt with by the committee. The duo believe, however, that the standard of decor, service and facilities will attract responsible usage and it is this that they intend to supply.

## Courtesy bus to operate

Hours will probably be from 11h00 to 22h00 daily with an earlier closing on Sundays. Arrangements have been made with a popular down town hostelry to run a 'Buddy Bus' shuttle service which will do the rounds between the Union, the residences, and one or more termini in town so as to assist in transporting those who do not wish to drive of an evening. Sponsorship is sought for this service which will operate until 02h00 daily.

Sitting amongst carpenters and electricians, Richard and Mark are quietly confident that they will attract sufficient members and that staff will form a significant percentage of the lists. "We believe that we know what the earlier problems were and that the new Club is going to quickly impress its members. We are certainly going to listen to their requests and suggestions. We are going to make this a great Club to join and a great place to relax and entertain. Please contact either of us for any further information or if you have any queries".

*Richard Boshoff (left) and Mark Musson; now managing the Rhodes Club and many other related activities at Rhodes*





## Doctorate in Development Economics

**D**r Murray Leibbrandt, senior lecturer in the Department of Economics and Economic History, has been awarded a PhD in Economics from the University of Notre Dame in the USA.

The title of his dissertation was *Rabula Revisited: The South African Land Issue in the Light of a Village-Level Study*.

## Child resistant shoeleather?

**L**IRI Technologies, working closely with a major footwear retailer, has developed a new scuffing resistance test for upper shoe leather.

Some scuff resistant finishes are available to tanners, but it is often difficult to distinguish these specialised finishes from many conventional pigmented finishes. Inappropriately finished leathers have, as a result, found their way onto shoes where high abrasion resistance is needed.

The existing test method for measuring scuff resistance was found to be unsuitable and an entirely new method was needed.

## Student representation on Council and Senate

**T**he Rhodes University (Private) Act of 1949 and the University Statutes have recently been amended in several areas.

Provision has been made for the appointment of an additional Vice-Principal or Vice-Principals. One may be appointed Pro-Vice-Chancellor, and will be authorised to act as Principal whenever the office of Vice-Chancellor and Principal is vacant.

All additional Vice-Principals will be members of the University Council, as will the President of the Students' Representative Council (SRC) and another student nominated annually by the SRC. One of the two SRC representatives is required to be a graduate of the University.

The SRC will also be able to appoint up to five members to the University Senate.

## New facility will 'close technology gap'.

**R**hodes is to have a new facility which will enable researchers to address environmental problems and the high cost of waste treatment technologies.

The Water Research Commission has approved a grant of R 1,27 million for the construction of a waste water treatment pilot plant at LIRI Technologies. It is expected to be complete by June this year.



## New training programme in leather

**A** new training programme has been introduced by Rhodes and LIRI to enhance the quality and expertise of leather industry personnel. Courses will include bridging programmes to enable students from widely divergent educational backgrounds to enter the system. Each of the N1, N2 and N3 courses will include a contact block-release study component at LIRI covering practical aspects of leather manufacture.

Rhodes has plans to introduce a BSc Honours degree in Leather Science which will enable graduates in Chemistry and Biochemistry to enter the industry.

## Unique marriage between Ecology and Literature

**L**ast year, at the request of Kingswood College, the National English Literary Museum (NELM) devised a programme which presented aspects of South African literature in English to the school's bridging-year students.

The staff at NELM, in conjunction with members of the staff of the Albany Museum and Rhodes, put together a week-long course designed to extend the students both intellectually and physically.

The course included lectures on botany, geology, palaeontology, archaeology and San art conservation. Using the Cradock Spa as their base, the students and their mentors travelled each day to the farm Buffelshoek. This was once part of "Krantz Plaats", the farm to which Samuel Cronwright brought his bride, Olive Schreiner.

## Second volume of interviews published

**T**he National English Literary Museum (NELM) has published a second volume of interviews with four prominent South African women writers.

*Between the Lines II* features interviews with Nadine Gordimer, Menan du Plessis, Zoe Wicomb, and Lauretta Ngcobo. An earlier volume of *Between the Lines* featured Bessie Head, Sheila Roberts, Ellen Kuzwayo and Miriam Tlali.

Both are available from NELM.

## Carping about quality a thing of the past

**T**he Grahamstown Municipality and the Department of Ichthyology and Fisheries Science (DIFS) have recently completed a successful attempt to maintain the quality of part of the municipal water supply.

Coldsprings Farm dam which is part of the water catchment that feeds into the Slaaikraal and Milner dams, was found to have had carp introduced. Carp, being bottom-feeders, churn up mud and make the water extremely turbid.

DIFS' Martin Davies brought the problem to the attention of the City Council, which agreed to finance the use of *Rotenone*, an ecologically-friendly piscicide, to remove the fish. It is a natural substance extracted from the roots of a plant found in the Amazon forest and is used by South American Indians to catch fish for food.

Davies and his team took out a half ton of fish – about 250 carp, in an extremely successful operation before Christmas.

## Rhodes to be surveyed, filmed

**T**he Public Relations and Development Division are coordinating the production of both a video film and a *Financial Mail* survey of the University during the course of this, our 90th year.

Media Officer Mary Burnett will be extensively involved in both projects and has already asked for assistance from departments and divisions, institutes and units in sourcing background material. Should she not have contacted you personally and you feel you have something of interest which will help enhance these projects, please feel free to contact her at Public Relations and Development.

## Prof Marsh heading Down Under

**T**he study of systems for rectifying ethnic and gender inequities in mathematics and science education is the focus of a sabbatical research programme being undertaken by Prof Terry Marsh, Dean of the Faculty of Education.

He is spending ten months of this year in Australia and New Zealand on the project.

Prof Marsh will be a Visiting Fellow at Curtin University of Technology in Perth until the end of June, and at Auckland University from July to October.

He has been gathering information on the major demographic inequities along ethnic lines in mathematics education in South Africa for some time. This trip has been planned to gather information on how similar problems are being approached in other countries.

Prof Marsh hopes to be able to contribute towards policy formulation in these vital areas of education on his return.



# Sports Administration Appointments

## New Sports Officer

Rhodes welcomes Ms Susan Heyns to the campus and Grahamstown in her new position of Sports Officer. She succeeds Steve Olivier.

Susan is a Wits graduate in Human Movement Studies and has, for the last few years, been teaching in Cape Town at the Michael Oak Waldorf School. She has also been working part time in UCT's sports administration.

An active sportswoman herself, she is particularly experienced in volleyball. Peter Andrew, Head of Sports Administration, expects that she will become involved in this and other indoor sports while at Rhodes.

She is also qualified to coach mini-hockey, athletics and swimming. She holds a diploma in Athletic Massage and has a Red Cross first aid certificate and a bronze cross for lifesaving.

Ms Heyns has represented South Africa (at the African Cup last year) at volleyball and is currently a member of the Western Province Volleyball executive as well as tournament director for Beach Volleyball SA.

## New Zealander to coach RURFC

Rhodes University Rugby Football Club is aiming high this season; looking for a place in the top five of the Eastern Province Super League.

No pipe-dream this goal, given the success with which the club's players ended last season: our students notched up an exciting and well deserved win against intervarsity rivals UPE for the first time in 17 years.

The catalyst which will take the club to the top, believes President Conan Olivier, is the experience and expertise of RURFC's new coach, Mr Lipi Sinnott, currently assistant coach to the London Irish 1st XV team.

Sinnott, 39 years old, has dedicated most of his adult life to playing, training and coaching rugby union at the highest level, says Olivier. Born and educated in New Zealand, he played representative rugby in that country from 1975.

After obtaining his Level 1 and Level 2 coaching certificates for both rugby and touch from the NZRFU, and gaining a diploma in

sports massage, Sinnott both coached and played for the Escodido RFC at San Diego in the United States. He then spent two years as player and coach for the Surfers Paradise team in Australia before returning to New Zealand and the Bay of Plenty. He moved to the Provincial junior and senior teams and from 1991 until last year was employed as trainer at the All Black trials.

Sinnott only joined the London Irish Club in September last year and Conan Olivier is thrilled that Rhodes has been able to lure him to Grahamstown.

For the Rhodes Rugby Club itself, playing in the EP Super League has many benefits. Players will be able to test themselves against the best in the Province and will be seen by the provincial selectors. With EP itself now a Super Ten province, the opportunity for international exposure will present Lipi Sinnott with a high degree of motivation on which to build this season.



### Tuesday 1 March

Guest Lecture: *Threats • Politics seminar without Enemies: Security Issues in the 21st Century.* by Dr Gwen Prins of Cambridge University room, 16h30

### Wednesday 2 March

Public Lecture: *Tools of the Trade* by Prof P D Terry, recipient of the Vice-Chancellor's Teaching Award for 1992 Arts Major, 20h00, followed by tea in the Senior Common Room.

### Friday 4 March

Dept. of Mathematics: *Zoology Lecture* Lecture on Maths for Life room 01, 16h00 by Dr M H Burton.

### Wednesday 9 March

Dept. of Music: *From the Rock to Broadway* by Prof J Human Beethoven House auditorium, 19h30

### Friday 11 March

Dept. of Biochemistry and Microbiology: *Lectures by post-graduate and research lecturers J Smith and A Stoll*

• Zoo lecture room 01, 16h00

### Sunday 13 March

Astrosoc: Viewing session at the observatory, Geography Dept

• Geography building, 21h00 - 22h00, weather permitting

### Wednesday 23 March

Inaugural Lecture by Prof Peter Clayton: *Parallel Computing: The story of the Elves and the Shoemaker.*

• Arts Major, 20h15, followed by tea in the Senior Common Room.

### Wednesday 30 March

Institute of Social and Economic Research Open Day. To inform the wider community of current ISER research activities and to invite comment from interested people within and outside the University.

• International Library of African Music, from 09h00

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## Golf

Hugh Eales, senior research officer in the department of Geology, and Grahamstown attorney Bob Keeble have won the Grahamstown Golf Club's annual Betterball Matchplay event – the Elston Cup – by beating John Mills and Mick Jennett over 36 holes in the final round of the competition.



## Swimming or swinging?

In weather more suited to swimming, down fairways protected by metre-high rough (rain-forest?) both sides managed good golf.

After 18 holes Eales and Keeble were two down, a situation only remedied when they levelled at the 23rd. They lost 24, 25 and 26 (nett 3, birdie 2, birdie 3) to be 3 down after 27. A strong finish in gross 31 (27 nett) over the last eight holes saw them winning at the 35th, two-up with one to play.

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