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## Gordon gets going



by Richard Buckland

**M**r Gordon Gill retired on Friday the 13th, (his choice - and his birthday) after 18 years service at Rhodes University's Building Maintenance Division.

Starting as a works supervisor, he received two promotions and has been manager of Building Maintenance since 1985.

The Vice-Chancellor, Dr Derek Henderson, paid tribute to Mr Gill at a farewell party in the office of the Director of the Estates Division, Mr Phil Murray on Wednesday, March 11.

Dr Henderson pointed out that student numbers had risen from 2500 to over 4000 during Mr Gill's time, indicating that the work load had nearly doubled. Yet, despite the extra demand, Gordon Gill had coped and retained the respect, friendship, and goodwill of everyone, whether they were his peers, his juniors or his seniors.

After receiving a landscape in oils, Mr Gill said that he had worked with two vice-chancellors, four registrars and three heads of his division. He then paid tribute

to many of his colleagues, making some fairly trenchant asides varying from Personnel's great helpfulness; to Ken Murdoch's 'throw-away' lines about new jobs "that the contractors can't do"; and Rosemary Anderson's impossible requests, "a quick paint job by Friday". Gordon Gill seemed to get on best with Jane Dalton, Heather Tilney and particularly the lady wardens.

One of the highlights of his career was being made Fellow of Allan Webb Hall last year.

The Vice-Chancellor said that the worst thing he could remember Gordon doing was forgetting to pull up the handbrake on the University's beetle outside Grounds and Gardens, letting it run into one of the steepest ditches. This was overcome without any damage with the co-operative efforts of about 40 gardeners who had been fascinated spectators.

Gordon Gill said his immediate intentions were to fish, travel and play competitive bowls.

## Prof Locke improving slowly

Mrs Hester Locke phoned the Registrar recently to thank Rhodes for its concern for Eugene.

She said that he is making slow progress in the Conradie Hospital. He still has considerable muscular pain but nothing is broken - just severely bruised.

Mrs Locke says past members of staff and former students have been very good in coming to see him.

His address is Spinal Injury Unit B5, Conradie Hospital, Pinelands, Cape Town.

## The Star comes home after 105 years

by Sandy Rowoldt

The Cory Library has been selected by *The Star*, Johannesburg, as the repository most suitable to house the archival set of their newspaper.

This decision is undoubtedly an appropriate one as the origins of *The Star* are firmly rooted in Grahamstown.

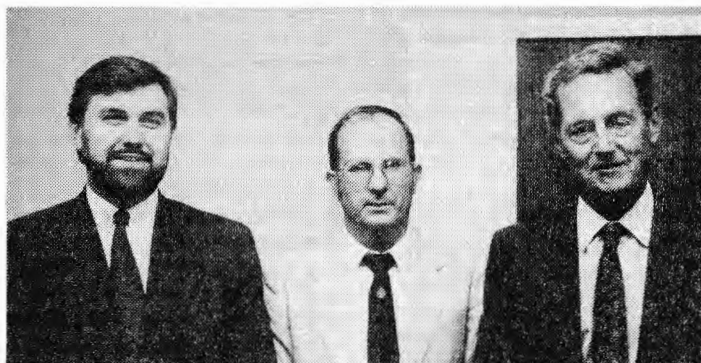
At the end of 1870, two Grahamstown newspapers, *The Anglo-African* (established in 1853) and *The Grahamstown Advertiser* (established in 1869), merged to form *The Eastern Star*.

This ran in Grahamstown until September 1887 when the proprietors, following the gold discoveries in the North, moved to Johannesburg.

The newspaper appeared on Johannesburg streets as *The Eastern Star* from October 1887, but dropped the "Eastern" in 1989 to make its debut as *The Star*.

The archival set in Cory numbers nearly 3 000 bound volumes covering the years 1889 onwards.

As the sheer size of the collection has meant that it cannot be housed in the Main Library building, anyone wishing to have access to *The Star* should contact the Cory Librarian or her staff in advance to ensure that a staff member is available to arrange access to the Cory Annexe in St Mary Hall basement.



Mr Brin Brody, Professor Ivan Schäfer, and Dr Henderson, at the opening of the new Legal Aid Clinic.

## Legal Aid Clinic opens

by Kelli Hardman

The official opening of the new Rhodes Legal Aid Clinic was held at their premises in New street on Monday, March 9.

The Vice-Chancellor, Dr Derek Henderson, opened the clinic.

The Clinic is open to the public every week day between 2.00pm and 4.00pm, and undertakes all work that is expected of an attorney's office, except for Administration of Estates, Conveyancing, Divorce and Motor Vehicle Accident claims for personal injury. The Clinic hopes to open during normal business hours next year.

The Director, Mr Brin Brody, explained that this expansion will also assist those law students who now

have right of appearance in our courts to appear on behalf of their clients. The function of the Clinic is two-fold, in that it facilitates the practical training of law students as future attorneys, advocates and company advisers, and assists indigent members of the Grahamstown community with much needed legal representation.

To qualify for free legal aid from the Clinic a person must pass the "means test" as laid down by the Law Society of the Cape of Good Hope.

The Clinic has approximately three hundred clients at present.



## Try a Comment this year

by the Editors of Comment

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During 1991 we published four numbers covering topics ranging from constitutional law, research at Rhodes, academic freedom, critical thinking courses, affirmative action, sexism in English, the education renewal strategy, to culture in the New South Africa.

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*Comment* is a forum where issues of concern to the academic community can be aired and debated. We also publish outstanding student work - Pam Sykes's *The Idea*

of a New South Africa (No 7) subsequently won first prize in a national student essay competition.

Our next number (No. 8) appeared early in March. It includes articles by:

- Dan Wylie on examinations;
- Matthew Smith on DET results as reliable indicators;
- Tony Fluxman on Albie Sachs;
- Reingard Nethersole on a new role for the humanities;
- Ian Jennings on racist speech; but to continue this debate we require your support. We need you to subscribe to *Comment*.

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## Change in floppy drives

by Carl-Heinz Queisser

Our computer suppliers have told us that Teac are no longer supplying 360Kb and 720Kb Floppy Drives.

So all the computers on order and to be ordered in future will be ordered with 1,2Mb floppy disk drives. Staff should familiarize themselves with formatting procedure for the 1,2Mb floppy disks for use on 360Kb drives. Personal

Computer users must also now specify software media size required; either 360Kb, 1,2Mb or 1,44Mb when ordering software for their computers. This change over has been approved by Professors Ted Botha and Eddie Baart and Electronic Services.

We have received good news regarding the availability of hard disk drives. Stock is now starting to filter through and our orders will receive urgent attention as it becomes available.

## Assistance to Academic Staff

by Dan Davel

The Council and Senate have approved the following recommendation by the Staffing Committee:

- that funds should be provided from the central administration salaries vote to assist senior academic staff who are heavily involved in the general administration of the University. These funds will be allocated at the discretion of the Vice-Chancellor and will be for the provision of additional teaching assistance in those staff members' departments;
- funds will also be provided to assist any member of an academic department who would thereby be able to complete either a specific research project or specific project to improve the quality of his or her teaching. These funds will normally be allocated to provide additional teaching assistance in the department of the staff members involved.

In 1993 these funds will be limited to the total cost of employing two temporary junior lectures and will be allocated as follows:

- The equivalent of one junior lectureship will be allocated to "Science group" departments and one to "humanities group" departments (as defined for Library Committee purposes).
- applications for assistance will be invited by the Director of Personnel as soon as funds have been made available by Council. These applications will be considered by sub-committees representing the two groups of departments.

Applications for assistance should reach the Personnel Division by 31 July 1992. It should be pointed out that assistance provided under paragraph two will only be given to secure the completion of a research project of which the major part of the work has already been done.

## First Aid course next month

The next Emergency First Aid Course will begin on Tuesday, April 7. It will be held weekly for nine weeks between 2.00pm and 4.00pm at the St John Centre in the day hospital grounds, Cobden street. The cost is R50,00 per person. Please contact Sister Win Simpson at 26082(a/h) or 25135.

## Travel rates have gone up

Claims for travelling and/or subsistence changed from March 13. The following are the new rates:

**Travel:** 70c per kilometre for use of private car

75c per kilometre for use of private 4x4 vehicle

**Subsistence:** Absence from Grahamstown for less than 14 hours - R30-00.

Absence from Grahamstown for more than 14 hours but without an overnight stay - R40-00.

**Overnight absence per night** - R150-00.

Staff are reminded to amend existing claims forms in accordance with the above rates.

Applications are invited from candidates for the following position.

### Publications Assistant in the Public Relations Division

The successful candidate, who will report to the Publications Officer, will be responsible for writing, editing and designing a wide variety of University publications, including the Annual Report and Rhodes Review; as well as assisting, where necessary, in other activities undertaken by the Division.

Applicants should be proficient in wordprocessing and desktop publishing, preferably Ventura. The ability to work quickly and accurately, often under pressure, would be an added advantage as would a Bachelor's degree, ideally in Journalism. A portfolio of recent work should accompany applications.

Application forms, salary and further particulars may be obtained from Mrs S Stephenson, Personnel Division, (ext 115).

Closing date: March 30, 1992.

## Founder's Day a Public Holiday

Staff members should note that as Founder's Day, April 6, falls within the University vacation, the University will be closed on that day.

The University will also be closed on Good Friday, April 17, but open on Monday April 20.

## Apologies

To Dr John Daniel. In *Rhodos* Vol 4 no 2 we stated that Professor John Daniel, retired head of the Department of Geography was one of the editors of the *Journal of Contemporary African Studies*. Somewhere along the line the message became garbled. We apologise to Dr John Daniel, who is one of the editors, and to Professor John Daniel for giving him a bit of a shock.

## Tie a knot in your hankie

Members of staff are reminded of the April 7 deadline for the following:

- applications for personal promotion for academic staff
- applications for personal promotion for non-academic staff
- applications for academic leave for 1993

The relevant application forms are available from Patrick Phillips in the Personnel Division, ext 116

## Prescribed books list?

by Dr K S Hunt

A publisher has recently asked if Rhodes would produce a booklet of prescribed books for sale to students. This would enable students to buy books elsewhere other than in Grahamstown.

It would probably mean that we would need to have the following

year's books prescribed by the end of August.

I would be grateful to hear from any Heads of Departments whether or not you are interested in pursuing the publication of such a booklet.



## Policy on Posters

by Dr K S Hunt

Posters and notices may only displayed on authorised notice boards.

Official notice boards, that is, those controlled by the Registrar or by the heads of departments (many of which are glass-fronted) may only be used for official university notices.

Except for personal notices in connection with the buying or selling of books or other articles, requests for or offers of lifts, offers of personal services such as typewriting or baby-sitting and similar matters, notices may not be placed on the notice boards available to students unless they are placed on behalf of a recognized university club or society, except with the per-

mission of the Registrar or, in their respective Halls, the Hall Warden. All notices must bear the name of the society or the person authorized to post them and must include an expiry date.

Commercial advertising is not generally permitted but this rule may be relaxed when sponsors of fund-raising activities are involved.

The Senior Common Room Notice Board is regarded as being there for the convenience of common room members and is not controlled in any way, except that expired notices are removed from time to time.

## Some PC Questions and Answers

by Tracey Chambers

*Q I often type long documents and sometimes I need to change text from lowercase to uppercase. How can I do this without having to retype the text?*

A Changing from lowercase to uppercase is easy. Mark the block with Alt F4, press Shift F3 and then choose the conversion you wish.

If you find that you need to perform this function often, it may be useful to create a macro to do this.

Macros are defined by pressing Ctrl-F10. You will then be asked for a macro name.

Type Alt-U (for upper case). When asked for the description type: Converts a block of text to upper case.

After typing the description, a flashing messages (Macro Define) appears at the bottom left of your screen. This indicates that you are in 'record mode'.

Press Block (Alt F4), Macro Commands (Ctrl-PgUp), (1) Pause and Enter. This allows you to block the text to be changed to uppercase.

Press Switch (Shift F3), (1) Uppercase and Macro Define (Ctrl F10) to end the macro.

When you want to capitalize a word or phrase, move your cursor to the beginning of the word or phrase and press (Alt-U).

When the Block on appears in the lower left of the screen highlight the word or phrase, and press (Enter). The text will be converted to uppercase.

If you have any problems with this, please contact Tracey Chambers, PC Support.

## Research fellowships offered

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation in Germany invites South African academics to apply for research fellowships at German Universities or research institutes. Application forms are available from Mrs M Marnewick, Centre for Science Development, Private Bag X270, Pretoria 0001.

## The 'Doc' van Hille Bursary by Denis Scott

Staff will be interested to know that the 'Doc van Hille' Bursary fund benefited by R1 437 from donations in lieu of flowers after Doc's untimely death.

At the suggestion of Prof Randall Hepburn, the sum will be added to the capital to augment the annual bursary award started by Doc Van Hille's colleagues at the time of his retirement.

## The Editor

It appears that the Grahamstown Municipality is not the only body guilty of murdering trees! Rhodes has committed its own similar crime, virtually in the same week.

Many trees of some vintage have been removed from the new residence building site off Prince Alfred Street. I believe that the removal of most of them was totally unnecessary. Most disturbing was the removal of an especially magnificent *Ficus lutea* - rarely found this far south and a tree central to research done in this very University.

One wonders at whose door to lay the blame for this misguided crime. Is this area not part of the Rhodes Estate and therefore under the Estates Division or Grounds and Gardens? Why bother to have Arbor Day tree planting ceremonies if this is what happens to them later. This is also not an entirely new scenario. A few years ago when the car-park behind the Albany Museum was built many very old oak trees were destroyed in the process. Only one now remains in a very sad state.

Who decides upon the location of new buildings/car-parks and why is the existing vegetation not taken into consideration? Would it not have been better to site this new residence elsewhere and keep the area green? Remember to Singleton Plan??

To cram a building of this nature into a small, sloping site - effectively further isolating and restricting access to Ichthology and ILAM seems unwise. Could a better site not have been found? The area below Leather Research would have been ideal, creating an important link between the residences on the hill and those below. There would also have been no need to sacrifice any trees in the process.

Dominic Thorburn

## The Editor

I believe Rhodes has an 'Aesthetics Committee' which deals with related matters. Their comments on the following observations would be interesting.

- The 'red-brick road' on the St Peters Campus which is being completed in an entirely different paving pattern to the first part and in a different brick colour.
  - The sign on the Legal Aid Clinic in New street which is exceedingly unaesthetic and definitely not in keeping with this historic building.
  - The unnecessary removal of trees on campus.
- Should the Aesthetics Committee not be a 'watchdog' body in addition to their presumed other duties? If so why not publish their names and contact phone numbers so that urgent matters can be timeously addressed.

'Aesthete'

The sub-committee of the University's Joint Physical Planning Committee charged with these matters consists of Professors Baart, Brooks and Butler.

## Count your blessings!

'A Walker' (Rhodos Vol 4 no 3) and those who were incensed by the letter on academic and non-academic parking will be interested in a snippet passed on to Rhodos by Dr Smout.

At UCT staff are somewhat peeved that the cost of licences for parking on the campus was increased this year to R280 each. He explained that this does not guarantee parking for staff - it is merely a 'hunting licence'! If staff are not at UCT by 8.15am, they have to park in the street in Rondebosch or Mowbray and walk. Perhaps we should shunt 'A Walker' off to UCT and see how he/she fares there.

## Settlers 'up' year

Three Comrades Gold Medallists will compete in the First National Bank Settlers Marathon being run on Saturday March 28.

They are Bruce Fordyce, competing in his first Settlers, Boysie van Staden (5th Settlers), and veteran record holder for the settlers, Arthur Lemos.

A qualifying event for the Comrades, the Settlers starts from the Halyards Hotel in Port Alfred at 6.00am, and finishes 60km later at the Rhodes Prospect Field in Grahamstown.

With the overall record standing at 3:49:12 for the 'up run', spectators can expect the leaders to pass through Bathurst about an hour after the start, and reach the bottom of Blaaukrantz Pass approximately two hours into the race.

The cut-off time for the race is 1.00pm, after which the prizes will be awarded.

This year's overall winner will receive a trophy and R500-00 prize money, along with the gold medallion which is awarded to those who finish in the first ten. Silver medals are awarded to those who complete the 60km within five hours, and bronze to those running a sub seven hour race.

The race is divided into sections, the winners of each also receiving prize money.

After last year's intense heat and problems with the route due to a bushfire, this year's Settlers seems to be back on track and improved, with the organizers adding five refreshment points en route.

For those interested in watching, the Settlers is known for its final 25km gruelling climb up Blaaukrantz Pass, and of course the most popular watering hole, the beertent on the Prospect Field.



# WHAT'S ON



## Thursday, March 26

### SASCO Speaker

- GLT 7.00pm - 10.00pm

Seminar on *R F A Hoernle (1880 - 1943) and the segregation debate 1923 - 1943* by Mr Shane Dollar

- Maxwell Seminar Room, 3.15pm

## Friday, March 27

Zoology Seminar, Dr D Parkin (Department of Genetics, University of Nottingham) *From bands on shells to bands on gels: the contribution of molecular biology to evolutionary studies*

- Zoology Minor (02), 3.45pm

Lecture on *Marx and Individual Rights*, by Tony Fluxman,

- Political Science Department, 4.30 pm

### Hockey Club Disco

- Great Hall, 7.30pm to 12.00

### SRC Leadership weekend

- Port Alfred

## Saturday, March 28

Settlers Marathon, Port Alfred, • Halyards Hotel, 6.00 am

## Sunday, March 29

### Buddy Campaign

- Kaif lawns 10.30am - 4.00pm

### Oppl Video

- Arts Major 7.30pm - 10.00pm

## Monday, March 30

Student Art Crit work on display • Fine Art Building

## Tuesday, March 31

Barker Memorial Lecture: Dr David Rosseinsky, *The nimble electron - hop, skip and jump or sinuous slither*

- Arts Major, 5:15pm

## Friday, April 3

Lecture on *Models and analogy*, by Crawford Miller,

- Philosophy Department staff seminar room, 4.30pm.

### End of term

## Tuesday, April 7

Start of Emergency First Aid course

- St Johns Day Hospital grounds, Cobden Street, 2:00pm - 4:00pm

## Friday, April 10

### Graduation:

Arts & Divinity,

- Settlers Monument, 10.30am

Science, Social Science and Pharmacy

- Settlers Monument 8.15pm

## Saturday, April 11

### Graduation:

Law, Education and Commerce,

- Settlers Monument 10.30am

## Monday, April 13

Second Term begins

## Tuesday, April 14

Medicaid Clinic,

- Room 206, Personnel Division, 10:00 - 12:00

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### 1st Term:

Mon, Feb 8 - Thurs, April 8

### 2nd Term:

Mon, April 19 - Tues, June 15

### 3rd Term:

Mon, July 19 - Fri, Sept 3

### 4th Term:

Mon, September 13 - Fri, Dec 10

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## New sport bursaries announced

Rhodes is about to become the first university in the country to offer 'Development Sports Bursaries' says the Senior Sports Officer, Steve Olivier.

"The Sports Council is attempting to maintain a progressive approach to sport in South Africa and recognizes the need to assist sports people who have been disadvantaged in terms of coaching and access to facilities, but we have for various reason been unable to do anything concrete about it until now. We are now able to put our money where our mouth has been," he said.

The Sports Council Bursaries Sub-Committee will consult with the Rhodes branch of South African Tertiary Institutions Sports Union (SATISU) to decided on the

criteria to be used to identify potential bursars.

The outgoing SATISU Rhodes Chairperson, Mr Vuyo Kahla, said "Although we acknowledge that the idea has finally been accepted, we feel the university needs to put more money into the scheme."

Mr Olivier recently visited schools and spoke to pupils in Khayelitsha, Crossroads, Guguletu and Mitchell's Plain in an effort to promote Rhodes and the sports development programme.

He said that there was an enormous amount of interest in what we are doing.

The new bursary scheme is due to the combined efforts of SATISU, the Sports Council and the agreement of the Dean of Students, Dr Moosa Motara.

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