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# **Rhodes Remembers**

The Vice-Chancellor, Dr Derek Henderson, made the following statement on Tuesday, April 13:

"Rhodes University identifies itself with the horror and outrage expressed over the brutal assassination of Mr Chris Hani at his home on Easter Saturday morning.

In addition, we have a special reason for mourning his death in that he was awarded a Rhodes BA degree in 1961, majoring in English and Latin, in recognition of studies completed at the University of Fort Hare during the years 1959 - 61. We are thus reminded of a period when the two institutions were closely linked by affiliation.

We wish to associate ourselves with the appeals by various leaders throughout the country for dignity and calmness, and to express the earnest hope that negotiations will continue as planned.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family and supporters."

A memorial service for Chris Hani was held on St Peter's lawns on Monday, April 19, led by the Revd Nancy Charton. The gathering was addressed by the Vice-Principal, Dr Michael Smout, Professor Paul Maylam, (Convocation) Mrs Mary Allen (RUSA) and Mr Ibrahim Seedat (SRC). Bishop David Russell concluded the service.

# Graduation ceremonies held last week

Over 1 000 degrees were awarded, many in person, at three ceremonies held at the 1820 Settlers' Monument last weekend.

Fine weather outside complemented the pride in their success of the many young men and women, their friends and families who attended.

The Chancellor, Dr Gavin Relly, conferred in excess of 300 degrees in the sciences and the balance in the arts. Many students also received diplomas.

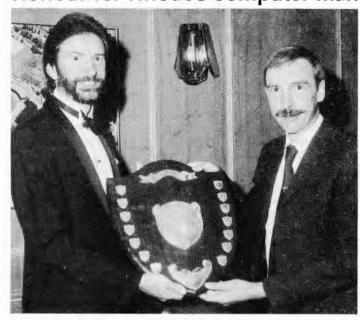
Prior to each ceremony the Chancellor called for a moment's silence as a mark of respect for those who have died in the continuing violence in South Africa and especially thinking of Chris Hani and Alistair Weakley.

Dr Nganani Enos John Mabuza had conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Law *Honoris Causa*. Dr Oscar Dhlomo, the executive chairman of the Institute for Multi-Party Democracy, was the speaker the following day and addressed the subject of national reconciliation in South Africa. He, too, referred to the "shocking and senseless assassination of Chris Hani" and reiterated his belief that no South African "wanted to wallow in the mire of racial and revolutionary conflict."

Other speakers at the ceremonies were Dr Reinhardt Arndt, President of the Foundation for Research and Development, and retired Judge President of the Eastern Cape, Mr Justice Donald Kannemeyer.

The ceremonies were followed, as is traditional at Rhodes, by a garden party on St. Peter's lawns.

# Honour for Rhodes computer man



Mr Francois Jacot Guillarmod (right), a systems programmer at the Computer centre, was recently named Computer Person of the year by the Eastern Cape Chapter of the Computer Society of South Africa, in Port Elizabeth.

At a dinner held to celebrate the announcement he was presented with a shield by the society's president-elect, Mr Peter Davies (left).

# Priceless Pringle archives to NELM

Mr Eric Pringle of Adelaide has made a life's work of collecting information and documents about the many members of the Pringle clan.

His priceless collection of original letters and other literary manuscripts by Thomas Pringle has now been lodged with the National English Literary Museum in Grahamstown, where they will be conserved for the use of literary scholars and historians. NELM already has some important Pringle manuscripts, so these will be a most welcome addition.

#### Forthright

Thomas Pringle, leader of the Scottish party of 1820 Settlers, is remembered for his forthright defence of individual freedoms and democratic rights and for his outspoken opposition to the dictatorial ways of the colonial government at the Cape in the 1820s.

Thomas Pringle was also South Africa's first important poet in English, and it is for this reason that the nucleus of the National English Literary Museum's assemblage of original literary manuscripts was named the "Pringle Collection".

#### **Debt of Gratitude**

NELM owes Eric Pringle and his son Denzil a double debt of gratitude, for Eric Pringle too is an author whose works are now at NELM. His chronicle of the clan history was published as "Pringles of the Valleys" in 1957 and "Mankazana, Secret Loves" appeared 20 years later. Both are loving tributes to a family in whose affairs he himself has played no mean part.

"NELM" says Director Malcolm Hacksley, "is proud to take into its keeping the manuscripts and proofs of the literary works of both these famous members of the clan Pringle".

see picture on page 2

## **Obituary - Marian Lacey**

Marian Lacey

by Don Pinnock and Rob Berold

Marian Lacey, who died on April 3 at the age of 51, was a remarkable person, teacher, and political activist, who was loved by many who came into contact with her.

All Marian was and all that she did was achieved in the face of enormous difficulties. Her childhood in Johannesburg could only be described as hell. It was a hell which haunted her whole life, through constant illness and psychological fracturing. She

bore this pain with a courage which enhanced her compassion towards the people close to her and towards the oppressed people she fought for.

After a first job working as secretary for Athol Fugard at Dorkay House, Marian worked in commerce. After gaining the BA(Hons)

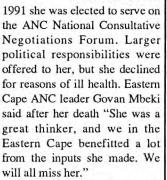
by correspondence through UNISA, she worked as a high school teacher. Her early political activity was as a member of the Congress of Democrats, and when this organization was banned in 1963, she joined the African National Congress and the SA Communist Party, working underground for both these organizations.

She had a brilliant academic record, gaining distinctions in her BA and BA(Hons) and a cum laude for her MA at Rhodes. After her MA she won a scholarship to study at the School of African and Oriental Studies in London, turning her research into a book, Working for Boroko (published by Ravan Press in 1981) which has become the standard work on how rural labour subsidizes the urban economy of South Africa. On her return she worked as a researcher and trainer for, among others, the Institute of Race Relations, Surplus People's Project, and Farm Labour Project.

As a teacher at Rhodes since 1984, her strong ideas and ncyclopedic factual knowledge, together with her warmth attracted many devoted students, several of whom have gone on to make large contributions to political and academic life in South Africa.

Marian served on a number of professional and research bodies, including the Association for Sociology, the Centre for Development Studies, and the Union of Democratic University Staff Associations. In 1992 she

did some tutoring and research at St. Anthony's College, Oxford, focusing alliance politics in South Africa. Since the unbannings of 1990, Marian was central to the rebuilding of political life in the Eastern Cape, being elected onto the local and regional executives of the ANC. In



Whoever worked closely with Marian soon came up against her peculiarly chaotic quality which co-existed with her lucidity. Infuriating as this was, she was loved for her selflessness, though rarely intimately known.

Marian's daughter, Cara, was caught in the turmoil of her mother's exhausting life, yet Cara's son, Damian Thabo de Wet, was a great joy to Marian.

In her latter years Marian's life was haunted by the excruciating challenge of integrating her personal and political struggles - this was her last and greatest fight, the outcome of which eludes us: it was neither lost nor won.

### Letters to the Editor

The Editor,

Just to clarify a report in the last issue of *Rhodos*, please note that the Press Club is a project independent of both the University and the department of Journalism and media Studies, although the membership is predominantly made up of senior journalism students, postgraduates and staff.

Kerry Swift Department of Journalism and Media Studies.

The Editor,

The article on co-authorship published in *Rhodos* (April 8, 1993) serves to maintain our awareness of a perennial academic issue, and is therefore an important contribution to the academic life of our university.

Its title raises an interesting issue: Where does South Africa stand? In many senses, the answer depends on whether one regards South African research as having a place in the international arena. If one assumes that it does, then our research falls under the ethical norms of the international community. These norms are well developed, even to the extent that formal guidelines are already applied by editors of a spectrum of journals. In other words, at the international level, South Africa's stand has already been decided in many disciplines.

For instance, the follow guidelines for assessing claim (co-)authorship, which have adopted by the International Committee of Medical Jou Editors.

"Each author should participated sufficiently in the to take public responsibility for content. This participation include:

- a) conception or designantly sis and interpretation of or both
- b) drafting the article or revite for critically impointellectual content, and
- c) final approval of the vers be published.

Participation solely in collection of data does not j authorship."

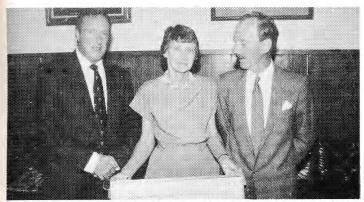
The criterion of conception design should be interpret applying to the literal content MS. The final clause effect rules out claims to (co-)author through the sole cause of high provided funding to a project, more detailed discussion, reare referred to:

Huth, E. 1986. Ann. Int. Med. 104: 269-274.

Dr Martin V Zoology & Entomo



Mr Eric Pringle (right), with Mr Malcolm Hacksley, Director of National English Literary Museum in Grahamstown, holding tw precious works by the poet Thomas Pringle.



Professor Hugh Eales, who first came to Grahamstown as a student in 1948, retired at the end of March, but will remain in the Department as a Senior Research Officer. He is seen on the right in our photograph with his wife, Anne, and the present Head of Department, Professor Roger Jacob.



Two lecturers in the geography department recently left Rhodes. Mrs Claudia Rentges (left; receiving a gift from Professor Colin Lewis, Head of department) and her husband are moving to a farm outside Grahamstown. At the same function Prof Lewis and his colleagues bade farewell to Mr Colin Hobson, who is taking up a position with the Computer Science Foundation in Pretoria.

### **RUSA NEWS**

The special meeting scheduled for the 19 March 1993 was not quorate. A further meeting will therefore be held to discuss an increase in the UDUSA subscriptions at a date to be advised.

The RUSA Executive has raised, among others, the following items with the University Administration at the quarterly liaison forum.

#### Working Hours

At RUSA's request, the Director of Personnel has asked for a response from staff to the suggestion that working hours be adjusted to begin at 8.00 a.m. and end at 4.30 p.m.

#### Medical Aid

A proposal that medical aid facilities be made available to all staff members on a "principal breadwinner" basis will be placed on the agenda of the next Council meeting.

### University Circulars

RUSA has again expressed its concern at the breakdown in communication experienced with the existing distribution system of University circulars. RUSA believes that information which impacts directly on individuals, and in particular where their remuneration packages are affected, should be addressed personally to such staff members.

#### Home Improvement Loans

A request to the University to increase the amount of money available in the home improvement loan scheme was positively received and RUSA awaits confirmation of the University's added contribution.

RUSA recently hosted a workshop for UDUSA branches in the Cape Province on collective bargaining which was addressed by Prof Donald Savage of Carleton University in Canada. RUSA members found the experience rewarding and concerns about involvement in collective bargaining structures were to some extent allayed.

Any enquiries concerning RUSA should be addressed to Mary Allen on extension 216.

# **Psychiatric Update**

Rhodes will host a seminar, titled "Psychiatric Update", on Saturday, April 24. The seminar, the first of its kind to be held in Grahamstown, is a joint effort between the Fort England Hospital in Grahamstown, and the University's Psychology Department.

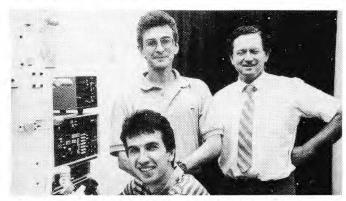
Prof Aubrey Levin, Professor of Psychiatry in the Psychology Department at Rhodes, and organizer of the event, explained that it is the beginning of an active programme of information and in-service training. "It will give health and mental health professionals information on important current trends to assist in enhancing the quality of treatment in the Eastern Cape, especially the rural areas," he said. "This region has been sorely neglected, having been starved of psychiatrists, with clinical services being provided on so small a budget that staff have hardly had time to become involved in in-service training,".

Seven speakers - four from Rhodes, one from Port Elizabeth, one from the University of Transkei, and another from Fort England Hospital will participate

Professor Dan Mkize, Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Transkei, will speak on cultural syndromes, which occur commonly in the African population, but which have to be distinguished from psychiatric disorders. Medicines will also come under the spotlight, with Prof Levin presenting papers on the correct use of anti-depressants and antipsychotics. Dr Marko Muller, Regional Psychiatrist from Port Elizabeth, will address the controversial Benzodiazepines, which most experts feel no longer have any real place in the treatment of patients. The Director of the Psychology Clinic at Rhodes University, Dr Roger Brook, will introduce psychotherapy to professionals with his talk, "Whom and when to refer for psychotherapy".

Other speakers include: Professor Dave Edwards, Head of the Department of Psychology at Rhodes, ("Treating depression with cognitive therapy") and Dr Nigel Fanshawe, a psychiatrist at the Fort England Hospital, who will deal with "How not to treat child abuse", with the aid of a video recording. Prof Bill Mitchell, Head of the Department of Social Work at Rhodes, will cover the topic, "Setting up support and peer groups for the psychiatrically ill and their families".

The seminar will be multidisciplinary with over 300 psychiatrists, psychologists, medical people, social workers and pharmacists from the Eastern Cape expected to attend. The event will be sponsored by pharmaceutical houses, so that participants will not pay to attend. Representatives of pharmaceutical houses will be available to provide information. The organizers of the seminar hope to have two of these meetings every year. The venue will be the Department of Zoology & Entomology's major lecture theatre at Rhodes, and the seminar starts at 9 am.



Dr Arkadij Reunov, a Russian marine biologist from Vladivostok is visiting Rhodes University's Department of Zoology and Entomology. Dr Reunov, who is doing research on spermatogenesis in marine invertebrates, was invited by Dr Alan Hodgson, a senior lecturer in the Department of Zoology and Entomology. Dr Reunov, who is seated at an electron microscope, is seen here with Dr Hodgson (left), and Mr Robin Cross, Head of the Electron Microscopy Unit at Rhodes.

# Learning Physics (and drawing a salary too!)

This [story] concerns a physics teacher who came home one evening and was asked by his wife, "How did things go tody?"

"Well," he replied, "It was very interesting. I explained a very important part of physics to the students today, and when I was finished, they said they didn't

understand it, and would I explain it again. So I did, but they said they still didn't understand it. So I explained it a third time, and then I understood it." This just tells us what we all know, that the best way to learn a subject is to have to teach it, to have to explain it clearly to someone else.

E Leonard Jossem, in Quarks, Quasars, and Quandaries, edited by Gordon J Aubrecht (AAPT, College Park, Maryland, 1987), p 5 Submitted by: Professor Eddie Baart

### WHAT'S ON?

Friday, April 23

Surfing Club Disco

· Great Hall, 7.30 pm

Saturday, April 24

RAG Sports Day

• Prospect Field, 3.30 pm

Hindu Student Society Party

• Great Hall, 7.30 pm

Sunday, April 25

Ball Room Society

• Great Hall, 3.00 pm

Monday, April 26

Public lecture by Professor Ursula King of Bristol University. "Revisioning spirituality in society"

Arts Major lecture theatre,
 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 27

Freedom of Speech lecture

Arts Major, 7.00 pm

**RAG** Wine Tasting

• Rhodes Union, 6.00 pm Astrosoc; General meeting, followed by a visit to the Geography department to see the telescope. All welcome. Further enquiries: Simon Walsh, College House

 Lower lecture theatre, Physics Dept. 7.30
 Seminar by Prof David Turton of Manchester University

> • ISER Seminar Room; 4.00 p.m.

Thursday, April 29

RAG Mini Bleed

· Great Hall, 2.00 pm

Friday, April 30

Zimsoc Disco

· Great Hall, 7.30 pm

Saturday, May 1

RUCSA Mandarin Ball

· Great Hall, 7.30 pm

Sunday, May 2

**Ball Room Society** 

· Great Hall, 3.00 pm

Tuesday, May 4

Wine cultural society weekly and monthly members' formal dinner

· Grand Hotel

Friday, May 7

Oppidan Students Ball

• Great Hall, 7.30 pm

Saturday, May 8

St Mary Hall Ball

· Great Hall, 7.30 pm

Sunday, May 9

Ball Room Society

• Great Hall, 3.00 pm

Tuesday, May 11

Seminar by Ms Brenda Nicholls: "The court of the special commission for Zululand 1888 - 1889; the rule of law in a fronteir situation"

> • ISER Seminar Room 4.00 p.m.

# Whispers!

One evening, a friend was whispering to his girlfriend thorugh the window of her ground floor residence at Rhodes University.

Unknown to him, he was standing in a flower bed which was the pirde and joy of the Warden, whose flat was immediately above. Hearing the whispering, she looked out and saw him.

Her shrill, indignant voice pierced the stillness of the night: "Willyou kindly step out of my bed!"

Readers Digest.

### **HOW TO HANDLE STRESS**

- Jam a few tiny marshmallows up your nose and try to sneeze them out
- Use your Mastercard to pay your Visacard and vice versa
- Pop some popcorn without putting the lid on
- When someone says, "Have a nice day", tell them you have other plans
- \* Find out what a frog in a blender really looks like
- Make a list of "Things to do" that you have already done
- Dance naked in front of your pets
- Fill out your tax return with Roman Numerals
- Tattoo "OUT TO LUNCH" on your forehead
- \* Draw a picture of your boss on a watermelon and launch it from a very high place

- Go shopping. Buy everything. Sweat in it and return it the next day
- Pay your electricity/telephone bill with one cent pieces
- \* Drive to work in reverse
- Tell your boss to "Blow it out of your mule", and let him figure it out
- \* Polish your car with ear wax
- Start a nasty rumour and see if you recognise it when it comes back to you
- Send your doctor a bill for the time spent in his waiting room
- \* Braid the hairs in each nostril
- Make up a language and ask people in the street for directions
- Write a short story using alphabet soup

### WordPerfect - Questions and Answers

Q I am using a AEG Olympia typewriter and always have to press Shift F7, 4, G(Go) to print a page. Is there not an easier way of doing this?

A The WordPerfect printer driver for the Olympia is set to pause before each page because most

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