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## New Chancellor elected

At a special meeting of the Rhodes University Council on Thursday, June 28, Mr Gavin Relly was elected Chancellor of the University. The Chancellor is elected for a term of seven years and is eligible for a second term of seven years.

Mr Relly replaces Dr Ian Mackenzie, who will have served two terms of office at the end of November this year.

Mr Relly was educated at the Diocesan College for Boys (Bishops) and read for a degree in Politics, Philosophy and

Economics at Oxford University before joining the Anglo American Corporation. He served the Corporation in a number of offices until he succeeded Mr Harry Oppenheimer as Chairman in 1983.

He has recently retired from that position, but continues as a roving ambassador for the Corporation. Mr Relly has a particular interest in the International Library of African Music (ILAM), which moved from Johannesburg to Rhodes a decade ago.

### Applications are invited for the following posts:

#### Academic:

- Senior Lecturer/Lecturer in the Department of Accounting - from as early a date as possible.
- Senior Lecturer/Lecturer in the Department of Mathematical Statistics - from as early a date as possible.
- Senior Lecturer/Lecturer in the Department of Business Information Systems - from as early a date as possible. (The successful candidate will be required to teach and conduct research in the Department and in the Human Resources Development Centre attached to the BIS Department.)
- Lecturer/Junior Lecturer in the Department of English - from January 1, 1991.

#### Non-Academic:

- Senior Analyst/Programmer or Analyst/Programmer in the Computer Centre from September 1, or as soon as possible thereafter. (The successful candidate will be involved in the support of academic and research computer users. A knowledge of FORTRAN or other scientific programming languages is essential. Mainframe and mini-computing experience would be an advantage, as would a knowledge of UNIX. The successful candidate will be required to give computing courses, and good communication skills are necessary. A degree would be an advantage.)

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

**Closing date: July 31.**



*"And with each of the diplomas comes a replica on a T-shirt."*

## RUSA NEWS

### Improved Car Scheme

The scheme to assist staff in the purchase of cars has been streamlined. At its recent meeting, Council agreed to modify the rules under which the University would finance the purchase of cars. The new rules will help a wider spread of staff to acquire transport and will be strictly applied. The committee which previously examined the credit-worthiness of the applicant and required the car to be checked and insured, will continue its work.

The revised rules are:

- Interest will be charged at "prescribed rates" - presently 19% a year.
- Vehicles not older than five years qualify, generally, for participation.
- Vehicles older than five years will be considered on the merits of each application but
  - \* Comprehensive insurance must be obtained (for all vehicles)

- \* A comprehensive road-worthy report must be obtained prior to the transaction being finalized.
  - Maximum finance periods are:
    - \* Cars up to and including five years - 84 months
    - \* Cars six years old and older - 48 months, provided the car is not older than 12 years, when the finance period ends.
  - The committee controlling the scheme will consider each case on its merits and any decision not to approve a loan facility will be final.
  - All other terms, including the length of qualifying service at Rhodes etc. will continue to apply.
- RUSA is trying to set up an office which will be open on a part-time basis. Until then Dr Gruber will answer all queries.



## From the potting bench

by Mark Hazell

Well, who would have thought that in the middle of winter we would experience temperatures of 180°C!! Thank you, Editor, for your apology - I hope no-one has steam-cleaned their plants in attempting to keep the chill off.

Talking of chill, it reminds me that the winter winds have by now blown away all the autumn leaves and left your fruit trees bare and ready for pruning.

Pruning at this time of the year will ensure healthy growth in spring and will encourage better fruiting. As a rule of thumb, prune fruit trees into an open vase shape so as to ensure that the sunlight gets into the minor parts of the tree, thereby improving growth and fruiting. Always remove dead and diseased wood first, and thereafter do your corrective pruning. It is advisable to remove as many inward growing branches as possible so as to encourage good growth. Another rule of thumb: remove branches that are growing vertically to the main frame and leave those which are growing horizontally. If these basic rules confuse you please give us a ring and we can advise you on how to go ahead.

This is a good time to prune your summer flowering shrubs such as hydrangeas. Don't be hesitant to do a heavy pruning - especially if you haven't done so before or if the plants are very old and tired. Remove a half to two thirds of the plant. Remember to clear out any dead and diseased wood. If you have planted any young trees during this past season do remember to keep giving them water during the winter months even though there is no sign of topgrowth. The root zone is still active and a strong root zone will ensure healthier growth in spring.



"Professor Caswell tells me this THING happens to be a Ubangi symbol of fertility."

## Caterer/Supervisor

Applications are invited for the following post from August 1, or as soon as possible thereafter.

Caterer/Supervisor — Rhodes Union and Rhodes University Club.

Candidates should have the ability to organize the preparation and service of meals and to supervise and motivate staff. Additional duties include the purchasing of stock, the planning and costing of menus and prepared foods, and stocktaking.

Benefits include either free accommodation, electricity and water at the University throughout the year, or a living-out allowance.

Application forms and further information from Mrs S Stephenson, ext 115.

**Closing date: July 23**

## Closure of Diagonal Road

by Mark Hazell

Diagonal Road has been closed from June 29, for construction work to create additional parking bays in Drostdy Road. Should you need parking please use the conveniently arranged car park behind the museum and enjoy a brisk walk from there to your office.

## SMALLS

### House/Flat wanted

Lecturer and wife seek house or flat (2 bedrooms) to rent, preferably near University. Max rent R400. Please contact Martin Chee, ext 328, or 23011.

### For Sale

Piano Keyboard, Hohner PK 100, 61 keys, 60 voices, 20 rhythms, many special effects, MIDI-interface, incl. music stand, AC adapter. Hardly used. R1 400. Please contact Martin Chee, ext 328, or 23011

### Found

Pair sunglasses. Left in press office. Phone 517 and identify.

### To Rent

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20 Aug	30 Aug
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17 Sep	27 Sep
1 Oct	11 Oct
15 Oct	25 Oct
5 Nov	15 Nov
19 Nov	29 Nov

## LETTERS

Dear Editor

I find cartoons and jokes pertaining to God, His Holy Word or His Church (*Rhodos* June 14) distasteful to say the least. There are other objects or subjects that can be used constructively, if jokes must be a part of your paper. I am sure there are other followers of Christ that will agree with this. God is a supreme being, holy and majestic and therefore not to be used in jesting. May God bless you.

Christian

Dear Menelaus

You might be interested to learn that the person responsible for the shipping disaster at the harbour has lent her name to a new unit of measurement.

The "millihelen" is a unit of beauty of enough power to launch one ship.

Yours etc

Archimedes

(this is, of course, a pseudonym but the above episode has led me to direct my thinking towards some other phenomena of displacement).

### Recycling tips

Margarine, cottage cheese and yoghurt containers can be used to raise seedlings, once a few drainage holes have been punched in the bottom.

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