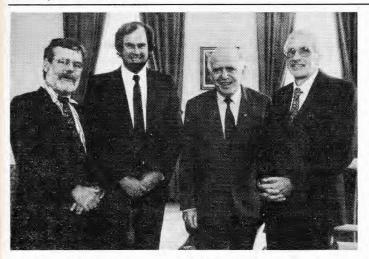
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Mr Raymond Ackerman, founder and chairman of Pick'n Pay Stores, recently visited Rhodes to deliver a lecture to second year Management students. Mr Ackerman (third from the left) is seen with (from the left): Professor Gavin Stewart, Head of the Department of Journalism and Media Studies; Professor Gavin Staude, Head of the Department of Management; and the Vice-Principal, Dr Michael Smout.

Mr S Moni

by Mark Hazel

Stish (Chawe) as he was known to many people died last month of pulmonary tuberculosis.

He began work at Rhodes in the Grounds and Gardens section in 1972. He worked at different times as a gardener, an assistant on the tractors, and as a mower operator. He spent a brief spell in the nursery putting to good use the skills which he'd been taught as a younger man, whilst working at one of the nurseries which flourished in Grahamstown in the years gone by.

He struggled against the disease which eventually claimed his life and, despite obvious discomfort, he kept coming to work until a few weeks ago, when he was admitted to Temba. His last working area was that of the Great Hall. It was in this area that he showed his skill in turning a barren area into a blooming garden. This was before the water restrictions put paid to his efforts. His cheerful smile and willingness to help will be missed.

The sympathy of the staff at Grounds and Gardens goes to his family.

Applications for CSD Awards

Please note that application forms for doctoral bursaries and scholarships are available from the Bursaries Office.

Application forms for grants are available from the Deputy Registrar.

You are reminded that the closing date is June 22, and that late applications will not be considered.

A Full and Productive Year

The Centre for Social Development (CSD) has had a full and productive year, with the introduction of several new projects, said the Director, Mrs Thelma Henderson, in her annual report.

The Pre-School Programme has seen the number of Home Care groups increased to eight. The homes provide full day care and breakfast, lunch and afternoon snacks for about 98 children between three and six years of age.

Six Pre-School Centres, serving some 370 children and established by the CSD, now operate in Grahamstown.

The CSD offers three Training Programmes: Basic Training Courses; Orientation Training Courses and In-Service Training. A number of people in Grahamstown, Bathurst, Alexandria and Kenton received certificates for meeting the requirements of the Basic Training or Orientation Training courses. In-service Training is given in the form of workshops, training meetings, and evaluation.

The CSD's Rural Outreach programme is one of its most successful endeavours. The number of disadvantaged rural women and children reached grows steadily each year. The Rural Outreach programme covers farms in an area which extends from Grahamstown to Alexandria, including farms in the Kenton, Southwell, Bathurst and Port Alfred districts. The Food Aid Development programme, started in May 1992, has strengthened. It began with 150 children in Alexandria, 150 in Kenton, 150 in Port Alfred and 300 on farm schools. Today, two cooked meals and a snack are provided for 1 068 children under the guidance of Mrs Woolf, the Rural Co-ordinator.

In the context of the Centre's Community Based Projects catering for school-going children from disadvantaged backgrounds, adults, the aged and mentally handicapped children food is provided on a daily basis and children are clothed. Attendance throughout the year has been good.

The annual report lists several new initiatives which will be explored and evaluated during the coming period. Amongst these are the Albany Technical Initiative and the issue of the provision of Technical Training facilities in Grahamstown.

Director retires

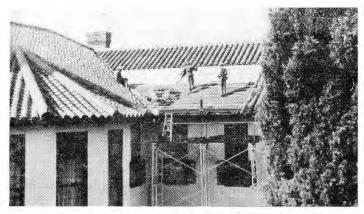
Mr Richard Buckland, Director of Public Relations, has retired after 14 years of service.

He is succeeded by Mrs Annette Clifford-Vaughan, who hails from the University of Durban Westville. Concurrently with her appointment the division is being merged with the Development Division.

At a function to mark Richard's departure the Vice-Chancellor paid tribute to him for his many years of dedicated service and presented him with a water colour painted by Mike Ginn showing the University's frontage, subscribed to by his colleagues and friends.



Richard Buckland at his retirement party, with his daughter, Nickie Turner and her husband, Glenn. Both are State Advocates in Grahamstown.



The re-roofing of the south-east wing of Rhodes University's Administration building in progress.

Score one in Green!

During the two-month period from March 15 to May 14, Rhodes University has gathered and sold for recycling no less than 5 348 kilogrammes of used paper. Congratulations to all concerned.

New tiles follow long innings

The famous architect, Sir Herbert Baker, would have been proud had he known that the rooftiles on the south-east wing of the administration building, designed by his firm, had lasted well over 60 years.

The clay tiles have bravely faced the harshness of the African elements for several decades, but recently the inevitable signs of decay have started to show. They have become brittle and the roofing nails have rusted, with the result that some tiles were beginning to slip off the roof; others had cracked and were allowing access to the elements.

They are being replaced by concrete tiles.

"The new tiles match those used on the Geography and English departments," said Mr Ken Murdoch, Architectural Technologis in the Estates Division.

According to Mr Murdoch, the whole re-roofing operation would take three months.

According to an article, which appeared in the 1986 Rhodes Review, by Mr Jan van Heerden, Resident Architect at Rhodes at the time, the south-east wing, which was built in 1914, was the first Herbert Baker building on campus. The building, which today houses the Department of Accounting and various administration offices, was then known as the Arts Hall.

Watch it! There are thieves about

by Erica Meaker, Crime Reporter

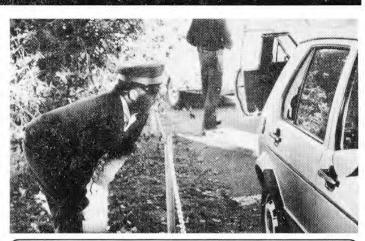
A car was broken into in the parking area in front of the Administration Building on Monday, May 24.

Two men had just broken the small triangular rear window of the Purdon's metallic grey Golf, when they were caught red handed by Carryn Purdon. Realizing what was going on, she immediately ran back to Jenny, who phoned Campus Protection. They responded quickly, but the men had already gone, fortunately without stealing anything.

Chief Campus Protection Officer, Mr Dave Charteris, said, "The lesson to be learnt, is that people must not leave anything in a car which is visible to a would-be thief. People who own cars with burglar alarms must not be complacent, because thieves have been known to break a small window and climb in through the large one without setting off the alarm."

Two members of the Campus Protection Unit, Mr Patrick Katiya and Mr David Brown, guarded the car until the police arrived.

Seen in the photograph (above, right) looking through the window which was shattered when the would be thieves apparently saw some items on the back seat is the CPU's Mr David Brown.



Holiday Accommodation in Natal

Technikon Natal is offering holiday accommodation in Durban at very reasonable tariffs for the period 19 June to 11 July 1993.

The accommodation is in the Technikon Natal hostels which can cater for families, conference delegates, and sporting and cultural groups.

We are few minutes' drive from Durban's beautiful beach front where you can swim, surf, boardsail, parasail or simply relax in the summer sun.

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- * Accommodation in single or double rooms with shared bathrooms.
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- * A swimming pool during December and tennis court on the Berea campus.
 - * Free parking * Full English breakfast (Regrettably, we do not cater for specific or religious diets).
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 - * Minimum stay of 3 nights. R 45,00 per person including VAT.
 - * From June 19 to July 11 1993.

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Old Dictionary?

To those of you who have recently invested in the new 'for the 1990s' edition of the Concise Oxford Dictionary, what became of your old one?

Priscilla Hall of the Community Outreach Programme would dearly love it and any other dictionaries which you can spare as well.

Under the auspices of the programme, some half dozen Honours students (Linguistics) are presenting a fairly intensive course to 28 workers on the Rhodes campus in basic English skills. The programme runs over 12 sessions.

An integral part of the course is the encouragement of library usage by students. The dictionaries are, obviously, a vital tool in the development of reading and understanding.

Staff members and their friends who can assist with the donation of old dictionaries are asked to contact Priscilla Hall on ext 239 to help this very worthy effort.

June Prune

The pruning of the Bougainvillaeas alongside the Drostdy Lawns is planned for late June\early July.

The severe pruning is being done to remove old moribund growth in order to revitalize the plants, as well as to improve their appearance and the view of both the lawns and main Admin Building.

The work will require the closure of a number of parking bays at a time to facilitate ease of working and to reduce risk of damage to vehicles.

Studies in a Jam? Just leave it to good old Gran!

By Ramsay Milne of The Star

NEW YORK - A University of Illinois psychology professor, using an electronic-mail network to solicit heads of other departments for examples of excuses why students failed to complete homework or attend lectures, discovered an old truth: that grandmothers die in large numbers just before exams.

The professor, Dr Douglas Bernstein, reported that one professor's class established what must be a world record when 14 out of 250 students claimed that their grandmothers had unexpectedly passed away just before their final examinations.

In another class, one student said he could not sit the mid-term exams because - what else? - his grandmother had died.

When the lecturer expressed his condolences a week later, the student replied: "Oh, don't worry. She was terminal, but she's feeling much better now."

Other examples:

- * "I had an accident, the police impounded my car, and my (homework) paper is in the glove compartment."
- * "I can't be at the exam because my cat is having kittens and I am her coach."
- * "I need to take the final (exam) early because the husband of the woman I am seeing is threatening to kill me."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Editor,

"... Nor Iron Bars a Cage ..."

Before retiring, I was one of those concerned with the planning and protection of the Administration Building and its environs and I should appreciate the opportunity of commenting on Ms Beard's curious and somewhat naive outlook on the need. (Rhodos May 6)

Ms Beard's memory must be short. Some three plus years ago a 'peaceful' march on the Admin Block culminated in the invasion of the building and considerable damage done to property and fittings.

Several members of the staff were considerably shocked and had to be sent home - those in the vulnerable areas are still sent home when 'peaceful' marches are known to be in the offing.

One has only to read reports of the damage running into many millions of rands caused to premises without gates and bars along the routes taken by 'peaceful' mourners at the late Chris Hani's funeral - and supporting rallies around the country - to see how ludicrous it would be NOT to secure the Admin Building.

Whether she likes it or not, Ms Beard's very being at Rhodes is controlled from there, as is that of ALL staff and students.

Unprotected, Herbert Baker's rather elegant building would long ago have been devastated.

Wherever they occur - South Africa, America, India, Britain and world-wide - 'peaceful' events can be transformed within seconds into full-blooded, destructive mayhem by a few mischief makers.

In the 18th century, Swift commented in his *Polite Conversations*, "There's none so blind..."

I wonder.

Dave Craven

- * "I missed the final because when I went to the store yesterday, it was robbed and the robber locked me and the Clerk in the basement until this morning" (five days later)
- * "My paper is late because I lost a pair of eyeballs and I couldn't do anything else until I found them." (The student worked in an eye bank.)
- "I'm too depressed to take the exam, I just found my girlfriend in bed with another man."

Finally, there is the excuse given by two students who, after sitting next to each other during an exam, were asked why their papers contained identical answers.

They replied: "We studied together."

The Fisherman

Lo, the fisherman.

He riseth at an early hour and upsetteth the whole household.

Great are his expectations and his heart is full of hope.

He goeth forth.

He returneth home late at night, smelling of strong drink.

And the truth is not in him!

TAILPIECE Definition of fishing:

A delusion entirely surrounded by lies and smelly clothes.

Daily Dispatch, May 8, 1993

Professor Tom Hecht comments: "I fully endorse this! For example, in the 11 years that I have been at Rhodes, we (the DIFS staff) have never lost a fishing competition against our students."

Entrepreneur Required

Rhodesfest will be happening again during the Grahamstown Festival this year and there is an opportunity for an entrepreneurial soul and his or her partners to assist and bring in a bit of pocket money in the process.

Rhodesfest seeks someone to operate the fast food outlet in the School of Art building in Somerset Street. This caterer will be expected to provide, from the small kitchen, a 'hatch' type of take away service.

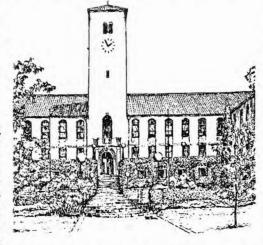
What's needed is something which will offer hot soups when the weather is cold; cold drinks when it is not, tea, coffee and healthy sandwiches and filled rolls using fresh ingredients. Anything else the caterer feels will be in demand by festival goers will be considered and discussed.

To explore this possibility further and to view the premises and facilities, contact Priscilla Hall at Community Outreach on ext 239.

Please don't use the wrong one any more!

Mike Ginn's drawing of the clock-tower and administration block has become a feature on the covers of a number of University publications, which has added an attractive dimension to the University's image.

Problems have arisen, however, with the control of the use of this drawing. People wishing to use it have taken to photocopying the drawing from other publications and third, fourth and fifth generation copies are now being used, with a consequent loss in quality.



Mike has done this new drawing, the original of which is kept in the Public Relations and Development Division. The Printing Unit will no longer accept photocopies of either this or the earlier version for printing.

Should you wish to use the drawing, please collect it from Public Relations and return it once the Printing Unit has made the copy needed.

This has become necessary in order to maintain the quality of reproduction. The drawing will be available to any member of the University Community who wishes to use it.

SMALLS

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and to ...

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FOUND

Our black and tan mongrel, Morgan, has been returned. Many thanks to all the people who helped search for her!

Nicci and Joy Hayes

Situations vacant

Applications are welcome from suitably qualified candidates for the following posts:

CLERK/TYPIST in the **Estates Division**

from as early a date as possible:

Duties include typing expenditure schedules, minutes using Plan Perfect/WordPerfect programmes; processing invoices and updating records of payments; general clerical and administrative work including filing.

SENIOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANT and DRAUGHTSPERSON in the Estates Division

from 1 July 1993:

Candidates should have at least five years experience in an Architects' Office with Architectural Draughting, Computer Aided Draughting, Administration and running of Building Contracts, Financial Control of Projects and ability to deal with people at all levels.

Application forms and salary particulars may be obtained from Miss D A Inge, Personnel Division, extension 115/117, to whom completed applications should be sent by 18 June 1993.

TV **Documentaries**

An independent film/TV company has informed the Public Relations and Development Division that there is a large market for television documentaries opening up at the moment.

The film company has recently submitted a proposal written by Robin Palmer, of the Anthropology Department, to the BBC.

If you have an idea for a documentary related to your research field, please speak to Mary Burnett in the Public Relations and Development Division.

Please remember that the 'visual' aspect of your idea is of paramount importance.

WHAT'S ON? June 4th - June 17th

Friday, June 4

Molteno Teacher Training Course

> St Peter's; Room 34, 8.00 am - 4.00 pm

Workshop presented by Professor Thomas Popkewitz of the University of Wisconsin-Madison on Research Trends and **Paradigms**

> · St Peter's; Room 36, 8.00 am

Saturday, June 5

Workshop presented by Professor Thomas Popkewitz of the University of Wisconsin-Madison on Educational Reforms.

> · St Peter's; Room 36, 1030 am

Sunday, June 6

Organ Recital: 20th Century by

Christopher Cockburn

· Cathedral, 4.00 pm

Oppie Video

· Arts Major, 7.30 pm

Wednesday, June 9

ADP Public Lecture by Professor Chris Kapp of the University of Stellenbosch on Perspectives of staff development in higher education: Policy, Practices and Procedures.

> · St Peter's: Room 36. 830 am

Sunday, June 13 Oppie Video

· Arts Major, 7.30 pm

June 17 - July 1

Certificate Programme in **Business Development**

· St Peter's



"One of these days I must get around to putting a little squiggle over the N"

CAPE TO CAIRO

Shy, retiring, soft-spoken photographer seeks well-funded scientist or other interesting character for a ten-month journey -Cape to Cairo - starting April 1994. No dancing girls.

Qualifications: Strong character, overall knowledge of everything, motor mechanic, first-aid trained, gun and bribery specialist.

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Apply to: The Editor, Rhodos Closing date: **End June**

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