



RHODOS

STAFF NEWSLETTER

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A New Generation of Environmental Professionals at Rhodes

A new programme of environmental studies is going to give Rhodes the competitive edge in this popular and fast-moving field.

According to Christo Fabricius (Associate Professor and Head of the Environmental Science Programme), the newly established programme will attract students who would not necessarily have come to Rhodes. "We want to teach students to think in new ways, and to respect and understand different viewpoints about the environment. They need to become leaders who can build bridges between different role players; professionals who understand sustainable development. We'd like our students to be prepared for the real world when they leave here; people who can analyse problems critically but sensitively, and who can work in teams. To do this we will build on the many strengths which already exist at Rhodes but also bring in specialists from outside if necessary. We also have to consult with employers and donors to see what their needs are. But we must take care to build on our reputation as a "centre of excellence" which can measure up to international standards."

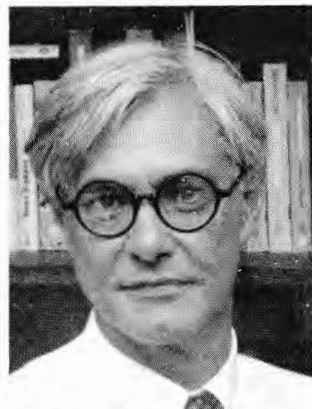
According to the Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Eastern Cape Department of

Economic Affairs, Environment and Tourism, Maria Mbengashe: "There is a great need in the Eastern Cape for education, training and capacity-building in a number of areas involving the human and natural environments. These include sustainable development, environmental impact analysis, pollution control, environmental health, natural resources management, and community participation in environmental and economic decision making. There is also a need for co-ordination of the efforts of a number of tertiary institutions and private institutions in the overall area of integrated environmental development."

Apart from focusing on the management of our plant, animal and earth resources, the course also allows students to specialise in Environmental Law and Policy (in collaboration with the Law Department), Environment and Society (in collaboration with Anthropology and Geography), Coastal Resource Management (in collaboration with Botany and Zoology) and Environmental Economics (in collaboration with the Economics Department). Another speciality direction, Sustainable Water Resource Management, is planned and is being developed together with Zoology and Geography.

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The PRU leads the way



One of Rhodes University's high profile research institutes is set to receive more public attention, as Port Elizabeth's demographic projections up to 2021, carried out by the Population Research Unit at Rhodes East London campus, gets set to publish its final results.

The Port Elizabeth demographic projection project was funded by SEDA and the Hifab consultancy- both Swedish donor foundations - and is part of Port Elizabeth's Comprehensive Urban Plan (CUP).

The Population Research Unit (PRU), directed by Dr Rob Shell, is one of three new units which are funded by the Centre for Science Development (CSD) in Pretoria. They are national, not provincial units, which produce component projections of urban and rural areas and do a full range of demographic research. These projections forecast major trends in the location and growth of workforces

and migration into the cities, factors that will affect the growth, in this case, of the greater Port Elizabeth metropolitan area. The recent completed project has provided estimates of the greater Port Elizabeth area of 1,960,000 in the year 2021, "though this figure is dependent on PE's aggressive intervention in the AIDS epidemic," said Dr Shell.

Part of the PRU's portfolio is HIV/AIDS surveillance of the Eastern Cape, an under-studied subject in the region. Using data collected by the Port Elizabeth ATICC clinic, Dr Shell and his intern, Nomonde Qaga, have created a database of HIV cases, and some shocking results have already emerged.

Dr Shell likens the spread of AIDS within the Eastern Cape to a 'viral holocaust' - a disaster that will ultimately affect more people than the six million Jews killed in the thirties and forties. According to Peter Doyle's projections, by 2006 AIDS deaths will outnumber all other deaths. By 2021 the life expectancy within the province may drop below 40 years. These projections may, with some certainty, be extrapolated to other provinces, and indeed the whole country. According to Dr Shell, AIDS patients currently occupy 30% of all beds in some hospitals. The expense of AIDS treatment is

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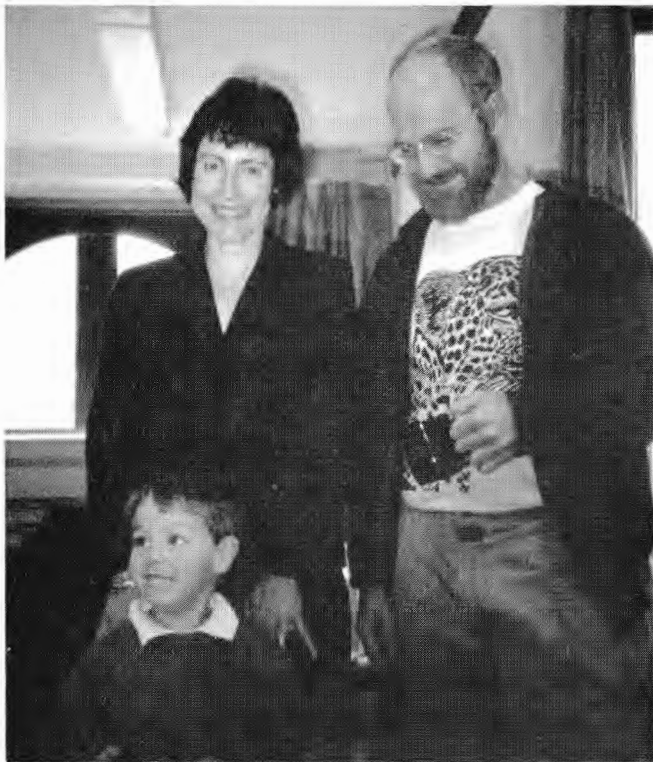
Visiting Author

Dan Wylie, English Department

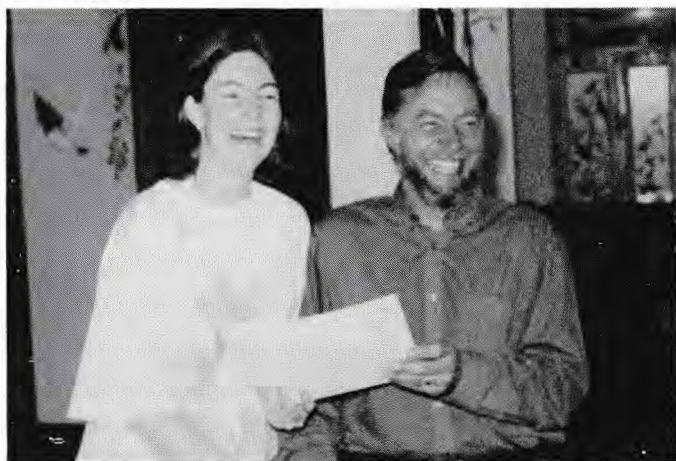
What a pleasure to re-encounter a comrade from the old days, the star of "our" Honours Year-1983. Elleke Boehmer and I "did" English together at Rhodes, have had no contact since, and look much the same as we did then. Elleke, enviably, has had a more productive and successful literary career than I have, having published two novels (*Screens against the Sky* and *An Immaculate Figure*), a study of Colonial and Postcolonial Literature, and, just off the press, an anthology of Empire Writing (dedicated to her three-year-old son, Thomas).

She has shelved a third novel, and has been in South Africa for two months on a British Arts Council writer's grant to research yet another, tentatively entitled *Fatality*. This is a many-tiered account, mostly of the Irish contingent which took part in the Anglo-Boer war, told mostly in the voices of four women swept up in events. She is more interested, Elleke says, in the history of what happened in the kitchens behind the usual historical scenes of battle and grand politics.

She returns with our blessings (and an ink-blot of envy) to her lecturing post at the University of Leeds, and her home in Oxford, where (at Oxford Brookes) her husband Steve Matthews also lectures in English.



Physics Achievers



Kristie Johnson shares a joke with Paul Nathanson during the presentation of the Alexander Ogg prize for top marks in Physics 3. Two years ago, Kristie was the recipient of the Georg Gruber prize for Physics 1L, and intends pursuing a career in Physics.

At a recent luncheon held at the Settlers Inn Motel, Department of Physics and Electronics Head Dr Paul Nathanson made presentations of certificates to outstanding Physics students from the 1997 academic year.

The winning students not only gained the highest marks in their Physics courses, but the standard was high as well, both being specific criteria for the awards. The students must therefore rank amongst the top most promising young talents in the Science Faculty.

All the students attained first class passes, and in addition to the certificates, received cash awards of R300 each. They were: Justin Jordaan, who received the Georg Gruber prize for Physics 1L; Ingrid Sabbach, who was presented with the Arthur Trevor Williams prize for Physics 1S; Holger Winnemoller, who also received an Arthur Trevor Williams prize for top marks in Physics 2, while the Alexander Ogg prize for Physics 3 went

Information Systems Short Courses

The East London Information Systems Division has run another successful year of computer-related short courses. This is the second year that these courses have been run and, according to Professor Rinette Roets, Lecturer-in-Charge, "These courses are achieving a good standard and have filled a need in the community".

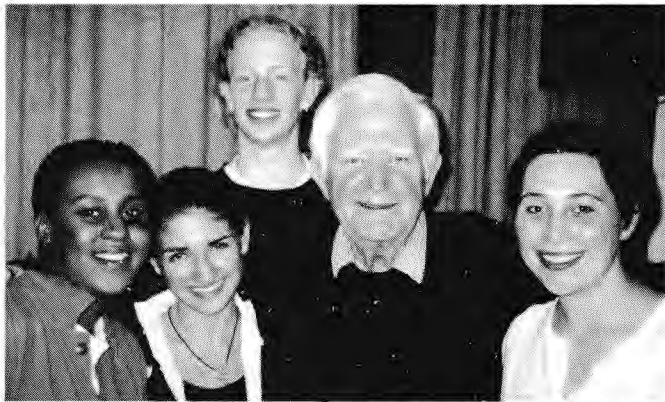
The courses were divided into two groups: Basic Computer Literacy and Specialised Courses. The former attracted people ranging from the unemployed who were taking steps to make themselves more marketable to bankers, teachers and government employees. Two parallel programmes were run over a 30 week period, with most

students being over 40 years of age. "It was so satisfying seeing them getting into databases and spreadsheets, but most of all it was their enthusiasm and eagerness to learn that I found so rewarding," said Professor Roets.

The Specialised Courses included Visual Basic Programming and Networking. The Web Design and Marketing Course is about to take place. These courses attract mostly professionals wanting to upgrade their skills and enhance their business. "We receive numerous requests for specialised courses but we are desperately short of facilities and resources," said Professor Roets. "The demand is definitely there and it is our challenge to meet it."

to Kristie Johnson. Two years ago, Kristie was the recipient of the Georg Gruber prize for Physics 1L, a course designed for people not continuing in Physics. As a result of this success, Kristie made a career change at the end of her first year, clearly an inspired decision, as she now intends to register for an MSc in Physics in 1999.

Poetry Performance



Prize-winners with Professor Guy Butler: Unathi Malunga, Natasha Mansour, Matthew Roberts and Michelle Ferguson.

Towards the end of last term the English Department held their annual Poetry Performance Contest where 12 performers demonstrated their acting expertise in a Cabaret atmosphere. The judges, Prof Guy Butler, Ms Beth Dickenson and Mr Chris Mann, had a difficult time choosing the winners. After much debate they agreed on Michelle Ferguson who performed the poem *If you forget me* by Pablo Neruda and Natasha Mansour's performance of the poem *Da Same, Da Same* by Siphos Sepamla as joint winners. Joint runners up were Matthew Roberts for *Hotknife* by Sydney Clouts and Unathi Malunga for her rendition of *Da Same, Da Same*.

Part-time Honours

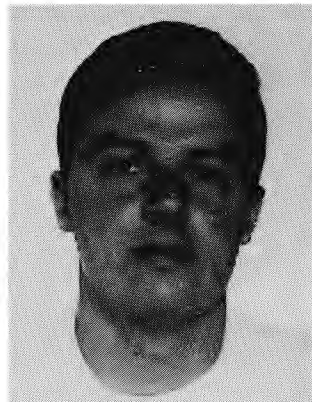
A part-time honours course in Information Systems was introduced at the East London campus this year. According to Lecturer-in-Charge, Professor Rinette Roets, "The course has been extremely successful, especially in exposing our Honours students to a different lecturing style, as well as an international perspective".

Earlier this year, Dr Scott Overmyer of Drexel University, Pennsylvania, visited the Department to conduct a series of seminars for the IS Honours students. Dr Overmyer has a PhD in Human Computer Interaction and is considered to be an authority in this field.



Seen above with Dr Overmyer (second from left) are East London Information Systems staff members John Roberts, Rinette Roets and Mark Maritz.

Visiting Researcher



Dr Laurent Améglio will be at Rhodes for two years on a Post-doctoral Fellowship. He is a French researcher in the Department of Geology.

Laurent obtained a PhD in geophysics and structural geology in March 1998 jointly from Toulouse and Nancy Universities (France). His research mainly focuses on the ascent and emplacement of granitic magmas. Using geophysical tools, combining gravity and Anisotropy of Magnetic Susceptibility (AMS) methods, he particularly addresses: (i) the mechanisms of space creation in the continental crust to allow pluton emplacement, and (ii) the 3-D

geometry of the igneous bodies below surface in order to help determine the source and possible movement of associated hydrothermal fluids.

While at Rhodes he will conduct a project focusing on the links between igneous intrusions and ore bodies. The region of interest is located around Karibib in the Central Damara Orogen of Namibia. His colleagues in the Department, Professors John Moore and Roger Jacob, already have extensive experience in gold mineralisation in that area as a result of ongoing research around the Navachab gold deposit. This research project is also part of a collaborative programme between Rhodes University and Paul Sabatier University (France) initiated in 1996 by Doctor B Ferré from the Department of Geology. This linkage also enabled Dr Améglio to visit Rhodes University between May and July 1997 on a fellowship from Paul Sabatier University. His last visit was focused on the 3-D geometry of the George pluton on which Dr Ferré has been running a research project for the last two years.

International Recognition

The Department of Religion and Theology Studies' Professor Brian Gaybba has recently gained international recognition, after an excerpt from his 1987 book *The Spirit of Love* was chosen for inclusion in a French book on the best texts on the Holy Spirit in the past 2000 years. His work has been singled out as one of the four best books, within Catholicism, on the Holy Spirit in the last 25 years. It has been called by French theologian Rene Laurentin: "a rare perfection of information, clarity, balance and pedagogy." With 1998 having been declared the year of the Holy Spirit by the Pope, this is indeed an honour for Professor Gaybba.

Professor Gaybba has also recently finished his fourth book, a treatise on Theology and the Experience of God in Medieval Times. Due out later this month, and published by UNISA, the book looks at the role of love in uniting humanity with the divine, "...allowing for what was called 'the tasting of God', an experience that facilitated a greater understanding of God not only through a direct contact with God, but also and especially because anyone who loves becomes more like God, since God is love." Professor Gaybba lectured on topics dealt with in his latest book at this year's Winter School over the National Arts Festival.

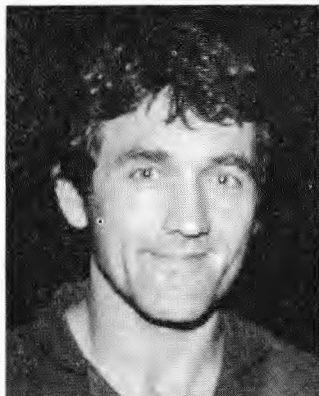
Chemistry Winners



The international chemical supplier, Merck, recently sponsored prizes for the Chemistry III Industrial projects. According to Merck Regional Sales Manager, Noordien Sain: "Merck is proud to be associated with the Rhodes Chemistry Department and particularly to recognise third-year students who are going to continue studying in the field of science." The Anglo American De Beers Educational Trust provides the funding for the projects while Merck provides the prizes. The winning team designed a plant to make acrylonitrile, an industrial chemical used in plastics. Above they are seen with Professor Perry Kaye of the Chemistry Department, Noordien Sain (third from left) and Tino van der Zyde, project co-ordinator (right). The students are: (Back from left to right): H Hango, E Lamprecht, E Mabhunguza, and in front, S Sayed and V Hulley.

Buckland at Edinburgh Arts Festival

Professor Andrew Buckland's links with the Edinburgh Arts Festival stretch back some nine years to 1989, when one of his pieces first appeared at the Traverse Theatre. With its focus on new writing, the Traverse Theatre were eager to welcome Buckland back this year with *The Water Juggler*, a one-man play that he refers to as the 'youngest' show he's ever performed at the Edinburgh Festival. It received a wide range of reviews from various publications, meeting moderate success. The range of critiques is as important as the range of critics, he feels, and was greatly appreciated. There seems to be an increase in the number of actors, directors and the like writing about theatre, resulting in 'a jolt of meta-theatrical writ-



ing.'

However, Professor Buckland feels that the opportunity for networking with peers in the industry, and seeing them at work, has made the most significant impact. He spoke to representatives from festivals from New Zealand, Singapore, Toronto and Amsterdam. He has also benefitted from conducting some informal research into

the direction new theatre is heading, with the intent of deriving themes for his course, Contemporary European Theatre.

He feels that the direction seems to be away from realistic, naturalistic theatre, towards a 'theatre of shock'-viewing theatre as an event. There seems to be a revival of performance art, of the circus of horrors, and a move to enhance or involve more virtuosity in theatre production, with an emphasis on smaller companies.

Ever the perfectionist, Professor Buckland is reworking *The Water Juggler*, with the possibility of opening the Market Theatre season next year, and working with long-time collaborator and co-conspirator Lionel Newton.

Environmental Science is of course an ideal foundation for MEd Environmental Education students and new linkages with Education are being developed all the time. "There is also a need to focus our attention on sustainable tourism studies, to which many Departments at Rhodes can contribute. Tourism is bound to become a booming industry in this country, but there are also many pitfalls," said Prof Fabricius.

The concept of an Environment and Development Research Institute was the brainchild of the late Brian Peckham. According to Prof Fabricius: "Brian was a good friend; it is in tribute to him that we are taking this programme forward. One of the exciting aspects of this course is that it will move across disciplines which will result in co-operative benefits. For example, we will now have law students involved in the sciences and visa versa. To me the programme will be successful once it has facilitated working and profitable links between those departments (and individuals) on campus who are interested in environmental issues, so that we can make the best of the many opportunities for collaborative teaching and research."

Thoughts.....

The trouble with doing something right the first time is that nobody appreciates how difficult it was.

For every action, there is an equal and opposite criticism.

Success always occurs in private, and failure in full view.

Mouthpeace presents Andrew Buckland's 1998 fringe festival smash hit *The Water Juggler*. The Friday and Saturday performances commence at 19:30 whilst the Sunday evening performance will start at 18:00 - ticket prices are R15.00 for public and R10.00 for students and scholars. Tickets are available from the Drama Department Secretary, Barbara Price, on ext 8538 or on e-mail: sdbp@warthog.ru.ac.za - tickets will also be sold at the front of house desk prior to the performance. Rhodes University Theatre.

NEW GROUND

THE FIRST SOUTH AFRICAN PRINTMAKING CONFERENCE

Common Ground

The groundbreaking First South African Printmaking Conference, titled *New Ground - Common Ground*, was held from Thursday 17 to Saturday 19 September 1998 at Rhodes. Hosted by the Graphic Art Section and Fine Line Press and Print Research Unit, of the School of Fine Art, the conference brought 160 graphic artists and arts educators together for the first time in the history of printmaking in the country. While the conference had a national focus it was undoubtedly international - both in the calibre of the programme and with attendant delegates from the USA, United Kingdom and former USSR. The conference offered a unique forum for discourse and debate and also celebrated the 200th anniversary of the invention of lithography as a printing medium. Topics from the potato print to pixel painting were discussed in roundtable discussions and academic papers. Centred on the historic St Peters Campus the conference included valuable hands-on studio workshops in the newly expanded professional research studios. Ten exhibitions were curated to run concurrently in support of the conference and included lithographic prints from the permanent collection of the King George VI Art Gallery, contemporary lithographs from USA, prints by South African women printmakers, and *Printexchange '98* - a portfolio exhibition of graphic work from twelve South African tertiary institutions.



Rich Alderton from the University of the West of England holding a silkscreen printing workshop demonstration.

Conference convenor, Prof Dominic Thorburn, was upbeat about the success of the conference - "I believe that the print medium is experiencing its own 'mini renaissance' in South Africa due to its accessibility, mobility and income generating potential. Our graphics are also making their way into the galleries of the global cultural village and holding their own very comfortably. I think that this conference, having been the first within the discipline, will undoubtedly have an important catalytic effect on our visual arts". The Permanent Secretary of the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture, Ms Lindiwe Msengana-Ndlela, in her inspired opening address at the conference also noted the "creative versatility" and "formidable voice" that characterises the printmaking medium in South Africa. Keynote speaker Prof Lynne Allen, from the Rutgers Centre for Innovative Print and Paper at Rutgers University in USA, supported these sentiments with enthusiastic observations of the richly layered work produced within our diverse society.

A highlight was the conference dinner - a 'Frontier Feast'

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already affecting strained Provincial health budgets. "The government programmes in place have yet to slow the epidemic," he says. Deputy President Thabo Mbeki's recent "Beyond Awareness" speech marked the beginning of the "Partnership against AIDS", a campaign that is sorely needed. Dr Shell equates the cost of monthly treatment for one terminal AIDS patient with that of sending 22 children through primary school for a month. "We have to intervene now to save lives let alone to save money."

He also lays out some interesting factors in the spread of AIDS, for example, that military bases in the region may be a significant and overlooked vector of this, the fiercest epidemic in human history. Many of our soldiers saw service in central Africa but unlike their Cuban counterparts were not rigorously tested on their return home (positive Cuban vets were quarantined). Instead, our untested veterans were perfectly randomly distributed throughout the country. Communities near bases in Forest Hill in PE and in Grahamstown have nearly double the provincial incidence of AIDS. In addition, common folklore around the virus has also assisted in the spread of the epidemic into the most innocent age cohorts. The belief that unprotected sex with virgins cures AIDS has led to the sad fact that among 5-14 year old

positives, girls are eight times more numerous than boys.

With such frightening statistics staring at him from his computer screen, Dr Shell is moving towards other vitally needed research within the region. The PRU has set up six internships within their Population Studies programme. "We are dedicated to capacity-building in the province and would like to be thought of as a center of excellence which grows its own timber." Their lab, proudly referred to by Dr Shell as 'the hottest lab in the Eastern Cape' was donated by the UN Population Development Fund and now has GIS capabilities and the beginnings of an electronic CD ROM library.

The PRU is keen on collaboration and teamwork with Grahamstown scholars. For example, Dr Gary Baines of the History Department wrote the history chapter and the bibliography for the Port Elizabeth study. "Sandy Rowoldt in the Cory Library has been invaluable to the Unit as our archivist and librarian and keeps us up to speed on the Web. We also have strong links and a friendly rivalry with the Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER) and like to present our research there," said Dr Shell. The PRU has been chosen to evaluate the census of 1996. "We expect to be pretty busy in 1999, busier than this year though this hardly seems possible."

held at Fort Selwyn on Gunfire Hill, overlooking Grahamstown. The Fort was decorated to resemble a settler trading store and historic re-enactment was carried out including the firing of flint lock muskets and cannon. Local beadwork and handcrafts were displayed for sale. Brett Bailey's performers, of Ipi Zombi fame, kept delegates entertained while sheep on the spit and traditional Xhosa fare was served. As the evening progressed visitors danced to local hit group Itolofia. A truly memorable Eastern Cape happening that has kept visitors buzzing countrywide for weeks afterwards.

The National Arts Council, Eastern Cape Provincial Arts Council, and Arts & Culture Trust of the President were essential sponsors of the conference.

Obituary Barbara Bosch



Professor Barbara Bosch (47), former Head of the Department of Afrikaans & Netherlandic Studies at Rhodes, died at her home on October 15 after a long and courageous struggle with cancer.

She leaves her husband, Tommy, and sons Christoff (19) and Matthys (13).

Professor Bosch was born in Cape Town and grew up in Robertson. She matriculated from Jan van Riebeeck High in Cape Town and went on to complete BA and Honours degrees at Stellenbosch University, both in the first class.

She joined the staff of the department of Afrikaans & Nederlands at Rhodes in 1974 as a Junior Lecturer and was promoted to lecturer in 1977. She completed an MA with distinction at Rhodes in

1980 and followed this with a PhD in 1985.

She was promoted to Senior Lecturer in 1985 and Associate Professor in 1991, when she also became Head of the department of Afrikaans & Netherlandic Studies. Professor Bosch was promoted to full Professor in 1995. At the end of 1997, she became a Professor in the Department of Linguistics and English Language as a result of restructuring in the Faculty of Arts.

Professor Bosch was awarded the prestigious Association of Commonwealth Universities Fellowship and had planned to use this to spend eight weeks at the University of Southern Queensland researching distance education at tertiary level. Unfortunately, her illness made this trip impossible.

She was a member of a number of associations of language professionals, both South African and international.

Within the University, Professor Bosch served on a large number of Senate committees and was also a Fellow of both the Founders' and St Mary Halls.

Within the Grahamstown community, she served on various committees of Kleuterland Pre-primary School, P J Olivier High School and St Andrew's Preparatory School. She was also a member of Rotary.

Professor Bosch was a much sought after public speaker and addressed numerous cultural organisations, schools, women's associations and service organisations. She was regularly interviewed for the SABC programme "Die tale wat ons praat". She also lectured at the Winter School of the Standard Bank National Festival of the Arts and the National Schools' Festival of English.

She presented the results of her research at numerous conferences in South Africa and abroad and her work was published in learned journals in the fields of language and linguistics.

Professor Vivian de Klerk, Head of the Department of Linguistics and English Language at Rhodes, delivered a moving tribute at the memorial service for Barbara Bosch held in the Rhodes Chapel on 17 October, during which she outlined the qualities which made her an outstanding academic, home-

maker, wife and mother.

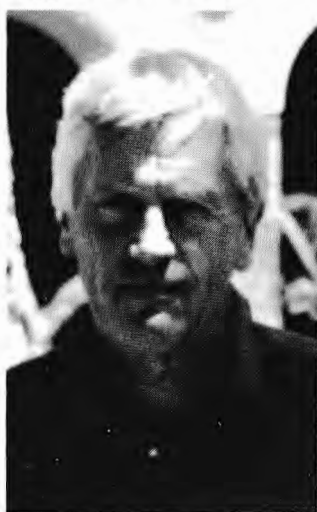
"There are few academics at Rhodes who could match the rate of output which she set over the past ten years", Professor De Klerk said. "In that short period she obtained the recognition of all her peers in South Africa, and her loss will leave a gaping hole."

"Sadly, Barbara was not able to enjoy the fruits of her labours, just when she was coming into that rewarding phase of life when others were starting to recognise her worth and opportunities for travel were opening up ... it wasn't easy at all for her to accept that [due to her illness] she simply could not go. We recognise that worth today, and honour her deeply for the contribution she has made to scholarship, especially Afrikaans scholarship, in the last ten years", she said.

"She touched our lives at Rhodes and we are all the better for having known her and enjoyed the pleasure of her caring company, her teaching and research, her cooking and her cheery greetings. We will all miss this wonderful woman", Professor De Klerk concluded.

Exchange Programme

Professor John Flower of the University of Kent, Cambridge, has been visiting with the French Department in Rhodes' School of Languages, for the past six weeks, and lecturing the second, third and Honours-year students on the Modern French Novel. His brief visit, as part of Rhodes University's ongoing academic exchange programme, has been a vastly successful one. Professor Flower lectured on the novels of Bernanose, Nizan



and Mauriac. He has two books due out in 1999, a critical edition of the correspondence between novelists Jean Paulhan and Francoise Mauriac and a study of Nizan's *La Conspiration*. These will be his thirteenth and fourteenth books. Professor Flower was awarded an MA from St Andrews, completed his PhD at Reading, and was named a Chevalier des Palmes Academique in 1990 by the French government. He frequently teaches in France.

NEW WORDS

AQUADEXTROUS

(ak wa deks' trus) adj.
Possessing the ability to turn the bathtub tap on and off with your toes.

CARPERPETUATION

(kar' pur pet u a shun) n.
The act, when vacuuming, of running over a string or a piece of lint at least a dozen times, reaching over and picking it up, examining it, then putting it back down to give the vacuum cleaner one more chance.

MA in Legal Social Work to empower social workers in court

Rhodes East London's Social Work Department offered an M Soc Sc with Legal Social Work as part of the degree for the first time in 1996. Since then, the 1998 intake has doubled, with 14 new Master's students. The degree aims to equip social workers with a solid knowledge of the legal justice system, enabling and empowering them in court situations. Thus, specifically legal issues such as divorce mediation, the requirements of an expert witness, pre-sentencing reports, custody and access are taught, in addition to psychosocial assessments, investigating community support and personality traits. This generates an awareness of the structures to be adhered to within the justice system, enabling social workers to tailor and later defend pre-sentencing reports within a trial. Legally trained social workers present more legally-effective reports in custody battles and access hearings.

Typically, this area is the domain of the family lawyer, but it has become apparent in the past few years that a new approach is necessary. Often the techniques of applying laws to a particular case with the single-minded intention of winning - a necessary fact within the justice system - preclude any compassion for those whom it will affect, and any consideration to their continued wellbeing. This is well within the domain of the social worker who is able to determine the long and short-term implications of placing a child or an individual in custody. With this in mind, the Department's Peter Clarke-McLeod has com-

Rural Development Masters Programme

The Rhodes University Sociology Department has recently launched a new Masters degree programme, specialising in Rural Development. It is a taught Masters, with four courses and a short dissertation, which can either be pursued over a one-year, full-time period, or part-time, over two years. This unique course also allows students to register for each of the individual courses on a certificate basis, or to complete only the four courses (without the dissertation) and receive a Postgraduate Diploma in Rural Development.

It is a very comprehensive programme, including within its scope the transfer of important skills such as quantitative analysis, networking and lobbying, participatory learning and even project design and funding.

In fact, the teaching of the management of rural development projects is a primary goal of the course co-ordinators Peter Alexander and Fred Hendricks. They feel that this element is often sorely lacking in the development industry today.

Another key feature is the course on Theories of Rural Development, which serves to put concepts like urbanisation, globalisation and the politics of develop-

ment, amongst others, into a local and rural context. This allows students to maintain an overview of development, so as to see the big picture. The programme also looks at Land and Labour issues, as well as Democracy and Delivery in Rural Development. The latter considers issues like community participation, educational and rural infrastructures and the role of policy makers in rural development. The programme also includes a practical component in which the students will be attached to an NGO.

Rhodes University is well placed to offer this programme, says Peter Alexander, because of specific expertise within the university and the strong NGO tradition that exists in the Grahamstown area. In addition, the geographical proximity of both the Transkei and 'white' farming areas, for instance the Albany District, as well as Grahamstown, an essentially 'rural' town, make the siting of the programme a fortuitous one. Basically, says Fred Hendricks, Rhodes is ideally situated as a top-class university in an impoverished rural environment.

The degree programme will be presented by the Sociology Department, with the assistance of other experts

both from within the university and externally, from professionals working with government, NGOs and development agencies. In addition, the course also features an international external examiner from Oxford University. The degree is targeted at a niche market - that of specifically rural development - and has already received a lot of interest both from Rhodes students, from other campuses and from the industry. Already three Rhodes students are on board for next year and another thirty people have asked for application forms. There is also the possibility of attracting overseas Development Studies students, given the *in loco* facilities of the degree programme and the exchange rate.

The Masters in Rural Development is recommended for qualified individuals looking for advancement or employment in the development industry, and for those interested in research into rural development. It aims to develop excellent practitioners and first-rate researchers within the field. The entry requirements - by and large, a good Honours degree - can be obtained from Peter Alexander at the Sociology Department.

pleted a 18 month intensive course under the auspices of the Law Society of SA, and has started his articles with a local law firm. Upon completion he will be one of only two dually qualified attorney/social workers in the country.

Peter runs the Legal Social Work Masters programme, and is responsible for setting up a Masters by coursework version, where Legal Social Work will be a full degree, to be ready by 2000. In the long term, the Department seeks official

recognition of the Legal Social Work specialisation. In the interim, they intend to maintain a healthy relationship with the legal system, even to the point of feeding results from various Masters theses into the system. A number of current theses concentrate on critical issues, for instance:

- * The role of the Social Worker as intermediary in child sex abuse cases, where the child gives testimony away from the

courtroom, often sequestered, through closed circuit video; or

- * Children's Perception of Access, in custody cases; to issues like
- * Intimate Femicide, the murder of a spouse; and
- * The factors which hinder or promote the success of correctional supervision for Youth at Risk.

Further details on the course can be obtained from Felicity Coughlan, Department of Social Work.

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Satellite Dish for French Department

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The Department is also contemplating a revamp of the School of Languages' language lab, which at the height of the Audio-Lingual era was a state-of-the-art facility, but now has potential to be turned into a multimedia language study centre. The satellite receiver and monitor would likely be included in this centre.

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