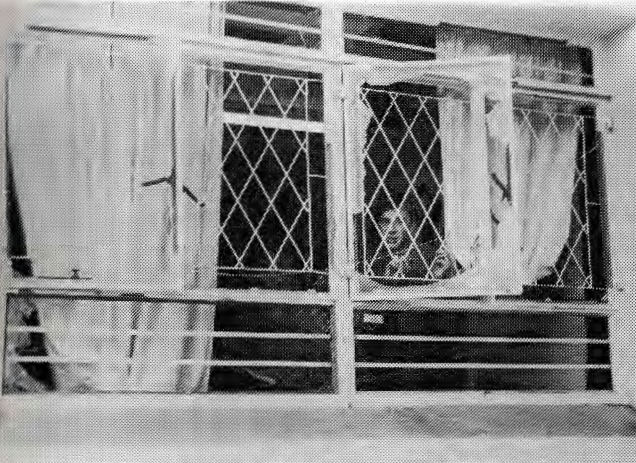




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At the time of going to press we have no further news on who set the bomb at the Rhodes Union last week. The police and the Campus Protection Unit would be grateful to hear from anyone who saw or heard anything unusual in the hours before the big bang.

Long-service Awards

Congratulations to the service staff members who qualified for Long Service Awards, (15 years) at the end of last year. They are:

Non-Residence:

Mrs Florence Planga
Mrs Mavis Duruwe
Mr Bobby Khuhlani
Mr Victor Gacula
Mr Welcome Sam
Mr Matthews Bacela
Mrs Shirley Hulu
Mr William Kofi

Mr Galpin Mbabela
Mr Patrick Phetshwa
Mr Matthews Buwa
Mr Riebeeck Kiti
Mr Reginald Prince
Mr Alfred Xashi
Mr Thomas Peter
Mr Wellington Ngandi
Mrs Sanna Matroos

Residence:

Mrs Ellen Biyana
Mr Stanley Mbuyepi

Another winner at Rhodes!

Last year the Centre for Science Development ran a National Essay Competition. Students and junior staff were invited to submit a philosophical essay on *The Idea of a New South Africa*.

Pam Sykes, a third-year Philosophy student at Rhodes, received a cash prize of R3 000.00 for the best essay.

Congratulations

to Prof Mike and Mrs Cindy Brown on the engagement of their son Richard to Ruth van Hoogstraten of Johannesburg.

Sympathy

to Mr Ephraim Lesoro of the Department of African Languages, whose wife died in December and his grandson and son-in-law in January.

RUSA news

by Mary Allen

The Rhodes University Staff Association (RUSA) welcomes all new staff members to the University.

1992 began with RUSA's involvement in the New Lecturers' Orientation programme (NLOC). During the final afternoon of the programme RUSA provided general information on facilities at Rhodes and on issues relating to employment conditions.

An invitation to this part of the programme was extended to all staff members who had joined the Rhodes team within the past nine months.

Speakers included the Director of Personnel, Mr Bruce Smith, and one of the Deputy Registrars (Finance), Mr Les Reynolds, covering such matters as the structure and hierarchy of the University, terms and conditions of employment, opportunities, salaries, housing subsidies, loans, remission of fees and the car purchase scheme.

Information on recreational facilities was provided by Mr Steve Olivier of the Sports Administration.

Further information on insurance, medical aid, Group Life and on the Union of Democratic University Staff Associations (UDUSA) was provided by members of the RUSA executive.

A walking tour of campus was arranged by Mr John Eller, of the RUSA executive and Public Relations. Such tours are arranged during the year for staff who wish to familiarize themselves with campus.

The PC Support division of the Computer Centre also arranged to introduce staff members to the facilities available.

The RUSA contribution culminated in a Cheese and Wine Party which provided some light relief after three days of intense workshops and lectures for the new lecturers.

Comments by staff members of long standing who attended the

RUSA programme on general affairs indicated that they had learnt a lot.

All contributors to the RUSA programme have indicated that they are available at any time to respond to questions on issues raised at this session or any other matter of concern.

Plans for 1992 included ongoing investigation into the issue of sexual harassment, the extension of housing subsidies to married women, the extension of the group life scheme to spouses.

RUSA is here to assist staff members on all matters involving the university and where RUSA is unable to directly assist will direct enquiries to the relevant person. Car scheme enquiries should be directed to Mr John Eller.

For those interested in joining RUSA, membership forms may be obtained from Personnel or the chairperson of RUSA.

Your 1992 executive is represented by:

Mrs Mary Allen (Chairperson)	Ext 216/218
Dr Gina Buijs (Co-Chairperson)	Ext 231
Mr John Eller (Treasurer)	Ext 518
Mrs Glynn Armstrong	Ext 325
Mr Mark Hazell	Ext 240/241
Mr John Landman	Ext 469
Mr Daryll McLean	Ext 105/106
Ms Sarah Murray	Ext 390
Mr Gary Norton	Ext 504
Ms Maxine Reitzes (UDUSA)	Ext 356

Lecturers' Representatives to Senate

Mr Harold Cooper (East London)	0431-22539
Mr Peter Glover	Ext 386
Mr John McNeill	Ext 244/247
Mr D Sewry	Ext 297
Mr George Wells	Ext 296

Information you won't find in the General Information Booklet

An occasional series by Robin Palmer

Registering your assets

The Assets Register at Rhodes meticulously records all University property for insurance purposes. Anything that is held on campus but is not in the register, i.e., personal property, is not insured, with one exception: in the case of damage or destruction, for example by fire, for which the University could be held responsible, affected personal property not on the Assets Register, such as clothes, books, typewriters, computers, cameras, etc., would be covered. Otherwise, the University is not responsible for personal possessions of staff and students which might be damaged or stolen whilst retained on campus. Students and staff are therefore encouraged to make their own 'all risks' insurance arrangements to cover such items.

There is, however, a grey area in which personal possessions and Rhodes assets may be seen to merge for insurance purposes. Items such as books and personal computers, in the case of academics, and tools, in the case of technicians, may be regarded as moveable assets of the University. For, although such items may be personal possessions, they are regularly used by staff in the course of their work and are maintained in their studies and offices on a semi-permanent basis.

If these items are not insured already - a big 'if' because it is a criminal offence to claim twice for the same item - they may be added to the Assets Register and insured

by the University. But - and a big 'but' - personal possessions insured in this way are only covered whilst they are on campus. If you take your pc or tools home for the weekend or the vacation, they are covered neither at your home nor in transit to your home or back again to your office on campus. To be fully covered these items would need to be included in your domestic 'all risks' policy, which means they would also be covered whilst in your office, and so having them insured by Rhodes would be redundant.

Not all categories of personal possessions which may be held on campus are registerable. Computer software, pens, paper-weights, briefcases, handbags, purses, wallets, jackets, etc., cannot be covered by the University's insurers. And parts of computers, such as monitors or keyboards, or individual books are only claimable if they are individually registered. Thus, when listing 'books' or 'tools' to the value of RX 000, it is advisable to single out the more valuable items for special mention.

Should you still wish to have personal items which you keep on campus and use in the course of your work, this is the procedure to follow:

Write to Liz Reynolds, Finance Division, giving your name, department or division and room number, a full description of the item(s), including serial numbers (where relevant), estimation of value, and a motivation for their inclusion in the Assets Register.

Where has the water gone?

by Mark Hazell

You may be wondering why Rhodes is looking so dry when we have eight boreholes.

Unfortunately, our boreholes have succumbed to the drought. Their status is as follows:

One is completely dry; three are capable of a few hours pumping a day; one is delivering less and less water and it too may run dry.

The remainder do not have pumps or a power supply.

The picture is not happy.

There is, however, some hope.

Consultants are examining the possibility of using raw water from the Municipal dams, Slaaikraal.

The feasibility of this, and in particular, cost implications are being investigated.

This may be our only hope if we wish to maintain what many regard as being one of our most valuable assets - the gardens.

Grounds and Gardens are working on making optimum use of this scarce resource.



The gardening team in the Administration area won the 1991 Grounds and Gardens Annual Gardening competition. The winning team were: Mr J Qubuda (holding trophy) Mr M Sheleni and Mr M Lurwayi. With them are Dr M Smout, Vice-Principal; Mr X L Nojoko, Personnel Officer; and Mr Mark Hazell

Applications are invited for the following post from April 1, 1992.

TELEPHONIST/RECEPTIONIST

The successful candidate will be required to operate a PABX system consisting of approximately 50 exchange lines with 400 extensions. Applicants should be bilingual, able to deal with people at all levels and have a pleasant telephone manner.

Application forms, salary and further particulars may be obtained from Mrs Sandy Stephenson, Personnel Division, 6140, ext 115. Closing date: 2 March 1992.

Problems with MEDDENT Medical Scheme

by Dave Sewry

It will shortly be a year since the University's official medical aid scheme was changed from SOMS to Meddent.

Initially most staff members were pleased with the change - lower subscription rates, increased University contribution, fast response to claims - notwithstanding the initial 30% portion for which staff members are responsible. But a number of subsequent developments have generated discontent among staff members.

These include:

- increased subscription rates,
- increased thresholds,
- slow/no response to claims,
- less frequent payouts,
- inconsistencies in methods of payment (sometimes to the medical practitioner, sometimes to the patient regardless of "contracted-in" or "contracted-out"), and
- minimal communication with

members (regarding increased rates and thresholds, and other changes to the scheme's rules and regulations).

Should staff members have any problems, complaints or wish to express dissatisfaction with the scheme, such comment can be directed at any one of a number of people.

Representatives of Meddent are on campus once a month. The dates for 1992 appear in 'What's On'.

If the complaint cannot wait, Patrick Phillips of the Personnel Division (ext 116) can be contacted.

RUSA is also particularly interested in comments on Meddent. (RUSA was party to the decision to opt for Meddent).

Contact David Sewry, Computer Science Department (ext 297).

An OR returns to Lecture

by Kelli Hardman

Mr Andrew Buckland, an Old Rhodesian and well-known actor, playwright, mime and director, will join the Drama Department as a senior lecturer in July.

He studied drama at Rhodes and was a Junior Lecturer from 1980 - 1981. He then joined the Performing Arts Council of the Transvaal (PACT), where he began his apprenticeship in professional theatre, first as an actor, later as an assistant director and choreographer and then director and playwright.

Once his three-year contract with PACT was completed, he worked as a freelance artist, as he was keen to gain experience as a film and television performer.

Andrew performed in several advertisements made for television,

film and radio, as well as 'voice overs' for film documentaries. He also played Hamlet on TV.

Andrew has either appeared in, or directed, many other TV and film productions. He is most well-known as the mime figure in the Allied Bank commercials.

Andrew has also had considerable teaching experience at many drama institutions where he has taught a wide range of topics, including dramatic literature, theory of the stage, drama and theatre education, history and theory of movement for the stage, and principles of voice and speech.

"Andrew Buckland is going to be an exciting and valuable addition to Rhodes' Drama Department," said Miss Jane Osborne, a senior lecturer in drama.

Community Radio on the Horizon?

At the end of January a conference was held in Cape Town to discuss the media in transition. Resolutions from the Media in Transition conference were taken forward to CODESA for consideration by an Interim Government.

A number of delegates to this conference have met and discussed community radio for South Africa.

It was resolved that the SABC should no longer control the airwaves. It was said that CODESA should appoint an interim Independent Communication Authority to regulate broadcasting and that community stations should get a license to broadcast.

The Grahamstown Community Radio Working Group will hold a meeting to talk about starting a Community Radio Station in the Albany District on Wednesday March 4, at the Nombulelo High School Hall from 6 - 7:30 pm.

The Agenda for the evening is as follows:

What is a community radio station?

How can we start a community radio station?

Community radio and distance education

Plans for a national meeting and workshop on radio to be held in Grahamstown.

All those interested are invited to attend the meeting.



I've been replaced by someone who's on the way down.

Graduation Ceremonies: 1992

In order to facilitate arrangements for speakers at the Graduation Ceremonies in April, it has become necessary to move the Faculty of Divinity from the morning session on Saturday to the morning session on Friday.

The revised programme is as follows:

April 10, Friday

10:30 - Arts and Divinity

20:15 - Science, Social Science and Pharmacy

April 11, Saturday

10:30 - Law, Education and Commerce

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Tea-time at the Lodge

Members of the Hill Street Service Centre were entertained at the Vice-Chancellor's home on February 18.

Mark Hazell, of Grounds and Gardens, led a garden tour during which he explained the layout and the reasons why certain plants have thrived

or succumbed in the drought..

A sumptuous tea was served, prepared by Mr Deon Barkhuizen and staff from the Rhodes Club. The tea "was beautifully presented and thoroughly enjoyed," said Mrs Thelma Henderson, the hostess.

Priscilla Hall, Adult Education co-ordinator, now has a permanent extension. Her new number is ext 239.

The ISER takes on African Studies Journal

by Kelli Hardman

Staff and associates of The Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER) at Rhodes are the new editors of the *Journal of Contemporary African Studies*. Their first edition, Volume 10 Number 1, was published in December last year.

Professors Patrick McAllister (Director of the ISER), Roger Southall, Richard Haines, Chris de Wet and Dr John Daniel (Former head of the Department of Geography) the new editorial team, believe the Journal will flourish and will play a very important linking role between other parts of Africa and South Africa.

Dr Denis Venter, of the Africa Institute of South Africa, the previous editor and founder of the Journal, will put his expertise at their disposal as a consulting editor, and as the chairperson of the newly-formed African Studies Association of South Africa.

The Journal is a twice-yearly publication of research and writing in the human sciences - economics, political science, international affairs, modern history, urban studies, law, military strategy, sociology, industrial relations, demography, social anthropology, literature, development studies and related fields - and aims to promote an understanding of development and change in Africa.

Articles published range from *Foreign Policy Orientations of the P W Botha Regime* to *The Value of Studying Micro-Level Support Systems in the Development of Rural Health Care*.

Book reviews also take up a large portion of the Journal. Books reviewed in the first ISER issue range from *The Biography of Samora Machel* to *Cultural Forces in World Politics*, all of which have been reviewed by professionals.

It was decided in 1991 by the Africa Institute to discontinue publication of the *Journal of Contemporary African Studies*. Dr Venter went to a great deal of trouble to find an alternative home for the journal, and found the ISER at Rhodes to be a suitable choice.

The editors feel that it is ironic that the Journal of Contemporary African Studies should have come so near closure in the very year when South Africa is on the verge of reincorporation into the rest of the continent.

WHAT'S ON



Thursday, February 27

What is AISEC? cocktail party

- Great Hall, 18:30 - 20:00

Big Bleed

- Great Hall, 10:00 - 18:00

Friday, February 28

Rag Disco

- Great Hall, 19:30 - 24:00

Saturday, February 29

Rag Disco

- Great Hall, 19:30 - 24:00

Cricket

RU 1 vs Cross Pool Playoffs

RU 2 vs Albany

- Prospect 9:30

RU 3 vs Albany

- King Field 10:30

Tennis

RU A men vs UPEA

- Home

RU B men vs Prisons

- Away

RU women vs UPE

- Away

Sunday, March 1

Oppi Video

- Arts Major, 20:00

Cricket

RU 1 vs Cross Pool Playoffs

RU 2 vs Sidbury

- Away

Tuesday, March 3

Squash Super League

Rhodes vs Londt Park

- Away

Wednesday, March 4

Rag "Cupid" Evening

- Great Hall, 19:30 - 24:00

Indoor Hockey

RU vs UPE A

- Uitenhage, 18:30

RU vs Walmer

- Uitenhage, 21:30

Friday, March 6

Killing in Self-defence, by Seumas Miller, Philosophy Department

- staff seminar room, 16:30.

Rag Party,

- Great Hall, 19:30 - 24:00

Saturday, March 7

Rag Procession,

- 9:00 to 10:00

Carnival,

- Kaif Lawns, 10:00 - 11:30

Beer Stube,

- Kaif Lawns, 11:30 - 16:00

Rag Party,

- Great Hall, 19:30 - 24:00

Cricket

RU 1 vs Good Hope

- Adcock 2

RU 2 vs Port Alfred

- away, 9:30

RU 3 vs C/Bridge,

- Prospect, 9:30

Tennis

RU A men vs RU B men

- home

Sunday, March 8

Cricket

RU 1 vs Good Hope,

- Adcock 2

RU 2 vs C/Bridge,

- Prospect, 9:30

Monday, March 9

Waterpolo

RU vs KO Cup 2nd round,

- away

Wednesday, March 11

Inaugural Lecture by Prof V de Klerk, *Power Play and the Changing Face of English*

- Arts Major, 20:15 - 21:00

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Protecting your PC against viruses

by Tim Bouwer

(continued from last issue)

Using SCAN on a hard drive computer

Each time the computer is turned on SCAN must scan at least the root directory of your hard drive.

You must also arrange for SCAN to scan the entire hard drive(s) on your computer.

This must be done as follows:

Use an ASCII editor (Norton Commander editor will do) to edit your autoexec.bat file.

In the autoexec.bat file insert the following commands. These must be at the beginning of the auto-exec.bat.

c:/bin/viralert

c:/bin/monday

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WANTED KNOWN

Gardener: Careful and neat worker wants work on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays at R2,50 an hour. Contact Buckland, ext 513/514

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if ERRORLEVEL= goto yesmon
c:/bin/scan c:/
goto nomon
:yesmon
c:/bin/scan c:
:nomon
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NB If you have a D drive on your hard drive the second last line must be as follows:

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C: bin/scan c: d:
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This will ensure that both your C and D drives are scanned.

Using VIRALERT on a hard drive computer.

Setting VIRALERT.COM to execute each time your computer is started can be achieved as follows:

As described, you can use an ASCII editor to edit your autoexec.bat file to automatically execute VIRALERT.COM each time you start your computer. Viralert must first be properly installed.

The following instruction must be the FIRST instruction in your autoexec.bat file (as indicated above)

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c:/bin/viralert
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The PC support staff in the Computing Centre will be willing assist you if you are not sure of how to get VIRALERT.COM to execute each time the menu is called.

Contact Tracey Chambers at ext 288 for assistance with this.

Scanning Floppy Disks

You must SCAN floppy disks in the following circumstances:

- Before a .COM or EXE file is to be copied from a floppy disk to the hard disk.
- Before a .COM or EXE file on the floppy disk is to be executed off the floppy directly (ie without copying it to the hard disk first).
- Before you boot your computer off a floppy (ie a floppy that you do not KNOW is clean).

Please note that a virus can be transmitted into a computer's memory if an infected disk is left in a closed A drive when the machine is turned on - even if the disk is not bootable.

As a matter of routine, you must SCAN floppy disks that have been used in computers outside your immediate working area, after they are returned to you.

Getting the latest copies of the virus detection programs

Ensure that you have up to date copies of the software: SCAN, CLEAN and VIRALERT.

Circulars will be sent to departments when updates of any of these programs are available.

The responsibility of collecting and installing these updates cannot be met by PC support.

A member of staff for your department, or individual computer users will have to take responsibility for this task.