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## Research bodies unite



THE INSTITUTE for Water Research was launched at Rhodes on Tuesday, July 9. The launch co-incided with a conference on aquatic (marine estuarine and freshwater) ecosystems, which was held at the university from July 9 to 11. The Institute is an amalgamation of the former Hydrological Research Unit and the Institute for Freshwater Studies.

The prime objective of the IWR is to promote an understanding of natural water resources and to contribute to the knowledge of these resources in southern Africa.

The Institute staff contribute to teaching and are well placed to bridge the gap between fundamental research and applied problem solving.

Staff members have expertise in several areas within the broad field of water research. These include physical hydrology, computer-based modelling of hydrological systems, freshwater ecology and limnology.

At the launching of the Institute for Water Research were (from left) Professor Denis Hughes, former Director of the Hydrological Research Unit and newly-appointed Director of the IWR, Dr Derek Henderson, and Dr Jay O'Keeffe, former Director of the Institute for Freshwater Studies.



## Guy Butler honoured by Shakespeare society

On his retirement as National President of the Shakespeare Society of Southern Africa, Professor Emeritus Guy Butler was unanimously elected Honorary Life President, in recognition of his valuable service to the Society in its formative years.

The election took place during the Society's second triennial congress which was held part of the National Arts Festival. Professor Butler has been President of the Society since its inception in 1984.

In his report, Professor Butler stated that the Society has several worthwhile achievements to its credit in the short period of its existence. Some highlights were the Society's success in attracting a succession of renowned Shakespearean scholars to South Africa, among them M C Bradbrook, M M

Mahood, J L Styant, Stanley Wells, and, as keynote speaker for the 1991 Triennial Congress, Sir Frank Kermode. The series of school Shakespeare texts for second language learners, being developed by the Institute for the Study of English in Africa (ISEA) on behalf of the Society, should make an enduring contribution to the educational future of South Africa. The Society's journal, *Shakespeare in Southern Africa*, has been firmly established both in South Africa and abroad, and there was a pleasing upswing in the level of activity in the society's branches in Johannesburg, Durban and Grahamstown.

Professor Butler is succeeded as President of the Shakespeare Society of Southern Africa by Mr Bruce Mann, President of the Port Elizabeth Shakespearean Festival

## Butler and Van Heerden published

The third volume of Professor Guy Butler's autobiography, *A Local Habitation*, was launched during the recent National Arts Festival.

The book covers the years 1945 to 1990 and will be of interest to present and past members of staff and students.

It reflects the range of Butler's interests - from Shakespeare to carpentry - and his achievements: his years at Oxford, Wits and Rhodes, his campaign to promote SA English literature in schools and universities, his devotion to the teaching of English as a first and second language, his poetry and

plays and the friendships all these activities engendered.

Those who enjoyed *Karoo Morning* and *Bursting World* would be wise to add *A Local Habitation* to their bookshelves.

Ettienne van Heerden is another staff member who has recently published a book. His fans will be happy to know that they now have a 639 page novel, *Casspirs and Campari's*, in which to indulge.

Van Heerden's third novel focusses on 1980s South Africa - yuppie ad agency copy writers mingle with political activists and try to provide insight in the confusing, nonsensical scenario.

**Congratulations** to Dr Brian La Trobe and Mrs La Trobe on the news that their son, Andrew, has received a Master of Science degree in Industrial Relations with distinction from London University.

**OOPS!** We apologize for an error in the last edition of *Rhodos*. Professor Peter Surtees will be acting Dean of Commerce from August 1 to November 15. He will not be Dean of Commerce from 1992, though. This onerous task will continue to be shouldered by Professor Philip van der Watt. We apologize for the consternation experienced by both gentlemen.



# A tribute to Kevin Carlean

by Kerry Swift

How does one remember a colleague in 500 words and do him any justice? I write this brief tribute to Kevin Carlean knowing he deserves a good deal more.

From his first visit to the Provincial Hospital in Port Elizabeth, Kevin knew he was dying. He talked about it quite openly and without anger or a hint of self-pity. He hoped to win through, of course, but it was not to be. Yet as the cancer triumphed and his will to resist diminished, it was as if a veil lifted on his life. Kevin found peace and his strength flowed among his friends like a rich wine.

We may have lost a colleague and friend and Rhodes may have lost one of its brightest young men, but we were all enriched by him.

I remember Kevin best for his great fortitude and courage during this final trial, but also for the freshness of thought and strength of attitude he brought to the university.

He was forthright to a fault, neither suffering fools gladly nor offering excuses for his own shortcomings. There were no sides to Kevin, you took him as you found him and for those who did, there was much to discover.

He believed passionately in the maintenance of academic standards and in the idea of intellectual integrity. He despised humbug and pretension. And, more than any other young academic I know, he believed in the mission of teaching, and particularly in our society. Despite his growing number of academic publications, Kevin was primarily a teacher because that is where he got greatest satisfaction from his job and that is where his heart really lay. Little wonder then that his students responded with equal enthusiasm.

He described his final lecture to me in great detail during one of our trips to the Provincial Hospital. It turned on Norman Mailer's autobiographical novel, *The Armies of the Night*, the title of which Kevin had traced to a poem by Matthew Arnold. He described how he ended this lecture series by launching three lines from Arnold into the waiting silence of the lecture hall.

*And we are here as on a darkling plain*

*Swept with confused alarms of struggle and flight,*

*Where ignorant armies clash by night.*

Perhaps Kevin knew even then that he had given his last lecture and recalling those lines gave him great delight for they somehow encapsulated his own worldview, a world of

sterile ideologies and ignorant men locked in perpetual struggle. This is what gave him such a sardonic outlook on life. It was the root of his own wisdom and the source of his individualism.

That is how I shall always remember Kevin, as a rugged individual. When I think of him, I shall dig into Matthew Arnold once more, for this was his favoured poet. And I think these few lines best capture the freedom one always felt raging triumphant in Kevin:

*The will is free:*

*Strong is the soul, and wise, and beautiful;*

*The seeds of godlike power are in us still;*

*Gods are we, bards, saints, heroes, if we will!*



Mr Kevin Carlean, lecturer in the Department of Journalism and Media Studies, died recently. He was being treated for cancer in the Port Elizabeth Provincial Hospital.

Mr Carlean completed a BJourn at Rhodes in 1982 and an Honours degree in English in 1983, before joining the staff of the department as a Junior Lecturer.

He enrolled for an MA in English, exploring his interest in non-fictional narrative, and completed a dissertation on *The functions of non-fiction narrative*. In 1987, he was awarded his MA with distinction and was promoted to lecturer.

While working on his MA he took History I and II, completing History III in 1988 and going on to a History Honours, which he completed last year, also with distinction. Earlier this year he enrolled for an LLB and was awarded Academic Colours.

Mr Carlean had published several papers, including *The Narrative Functions of Elsa Joubert's Poppie Nongena* in English in Africa, and *A case for a South African New Journalism* and *The Guardian in South Africa* in the *Southern Africa Review of Books*, London.

Mr Carlean's other great passion was soccer. An active player for many years, he was a past chairman of the Rhodes Soccer Club and was active in the Law Faculty soccer team before his death.

In April he married Miss Elmine Streicher, a Rhodes graduate in Arts and Law.

Before his death, Mr Carlean asked that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to a bursary fund in the Department of Journalism, account 3783001276.



## Ex-Gratia Incentive Payments: Alty Awards

by Bruce Smith

Director of Personnel

COUNCIL, at its meeting on May 3, 1990, approved the recommendation that ex-gratia incentive payments (Thomas Alty Awards) be made with effect from January 1, 1990, to permanent full-time members of staff who have been employed by the University for not less than one year and who are awarded a higher degree or equivalent qualification while in the service of the University. At its meeting on June 27, 1991, Council approved the recommendation that any full-time member of staff employed on temporary/contractual terms and who

has been in the employ of the University for a minimum of three years, shall also be considered by the Administrative Sub-Committee of Council for an Alty Award.

The proposal be accepted with retrospective effect from January 1, 1990, ie when the Alty Awards were introduced for permanent members of staff.

Accordingly, any member of staff who has been employed on contract at Rhodes University for at least three years and who has been awarded a higher degree may submit an application to the Director of Personnel for the consideration of the Administrative Sub-Committee of Council.

## Medical Aid subscriptions to go up

The university was recently notified that, with effect from August 1, 1991, the medical aid subscriptions for Unimed and Economed will be increased by about 22% and 23% respectively.

The reasons given were:

- claims during the first five months of 1991 far exceeded budget
- Value added tax (VAT), to be implemented from September 1, will be applied to all claims and expenses

- due to the rapid increase in members, the member reserve level, as required by legislation, needs to be increased

The only other change, apart from the increase in subscriptions, will effect Unimed members: the levy on prescribed medicines will be changing to 10% of the value of the prescription with a minimum of R10 per prescription.

Applications are invited from staff and senior students for several part-time posts in the residence system from January 1, 1992 for:

### Wardens - men's or women's houses

Single or married persons will be considered. No salary is attached to these posts, but entertainment expenses will be refunded up to a specified amount. In addition, free accommodation, electricity and water throughout the year and free meals and laundry during University terms and when available during vacations are provided.

Applicants should ideally have lived in a University residence or have had close contact with young people. Possession of academic qualifications would be a strong recommendation.

Application forms may be obtained from Mr Patrick Phillips in Personnel, to whom completed applications should be sent by August 9, 1991.

Applications are invited for the following post from September 1 1991 or as early date as possible thereafter:

### Senior Campus Protection Officer in the Registrar's Division

The Campus protection Unit is responsible to the Registrar for the security of university and student property. The successful candidate will be required to assist the Chief Campus Protection Officer and previous experience in security work would be a strong recommendation.

Closing date: August 9, 1991

Salary particulars and application forms available from Mrs S Stephenson, Personnel Division (ext 115).



## Obituary

### Dr Louise Dubb

Dr Louis Dubb, a member of the Rhodes University Council from 1959 to 1978, died last week at the Red Cross old age home in Port Elizabeth.

Dr Dubb was born in Lithuania in 1903. He matriculated from Grey High School in Port Elizabeth and enrolled at what was then Rhodes University College, where he attained a BSc degree in 1923. He later obtained an LLB degree through the University of South Africa.

He was President of the Midland Chamber of Industries from 1951 to 1953, Mayor of Port Elizabeth from 1954 to 1956, President of the South African Footwear Manufacturers Association from 1957 to 1959, and a member of the Rhodes University Council from 1959 to 1978. He spent two and a half years as Chairman and a number of years as Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

He was founder and President of United Hebrew Institutions, Chairman of the Port Elizabeth Hebrew School, founding member and Chairman of the Community Chest and Chairman of the Boy Scouts Association, as well as being on numerous other committees.

He received an honorary doctorate from Rhodes in 1980.



# Much more fun for researchers

RHODES recently took possession of a state-of-the-art nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectrometer which will provide a much-needed service to active research groups on the campus.

NMR spectroscopy is the single most powerful, general technique available for establishing the structure of organic molecules. The related technique known as magnetic resonance imaging has important applications in medicine.

The head of the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Professor Lambe Parolis, described NMR spectroscopy as a powerful and indispensable tool for obtaining new chemical information which might otherwise have been inaccessible.

The new Rhodes 400 MHz NMR spectrometer, which has a helium cooled super-conducting magnet, will enable experiments to be conducted on the campus. The university previously used spectrometers at the CSIR and at other universities. With the new machine, which is the most flexible and up-to-date in the country, Rhodes researchers can run experiments that other organisations are unable to do.

"Had Rhodes not invested in this machine, our research would have been severely inhibited and could have ground to a halt," Prof Parolis said.

"I believe this new machine will stimulate our research and we will be able to take on projects which previously were impossible."

Professor Perry Kaye, professor of organic chemistry, explained that in order to publish any experimental data relating to the identification of organic compounds, NMR spectroscopic data was essential.

"Previously, samples had to be sent to other universities and, with the pressure of their own work, our analyses could take several months to be processed," he said.



An engineer from the Bruker factory in Karlsruhe, Germany, visited the university in April to install the machine and conduct a training workshop. The technician at Rhodes responsible for its maintenance, Mr Andrew Soper, will be sent to Germany in the near future to gain further expertise on the spectrometer.

The divisions of pharmaceutical chemistry and organic chemistry, as well as researchers in microbiology and biochemistry, will be the major users of the instrument.

Professor Parolis added that the NMR spectrometer would stimulate research at Rhodes as well as saving between three and six months' work on a Masters degree and up to one year on research for a PhD.



## RUSA news

by John Eller, Chairman of RUSA

RUSA was disappointed that an official notice about the new Vice-Chancellor's Award was omitted from *Rhodos* in error. The first paragraph of the notice reads as follows "Following representation from the Staff Association, the University has agreed to introduce a new award, similar to the Thomas Alty Awards, for members of staff who have obtained a recognised professional qualification." Failure to publish the notice meant that RUSA received no credit for its initiative.

There is another matter connected to this award which needs to be raised.

When RUSA motivated for recognition to be given to ALL categories of staff, and not only academics, who improved their qualifications to the benefit of the University and the individual, it had in mind that the opportunity should be given to service staff to achieve a similar recognition.

Were they to improve their potential for promotion by gaining a standard 8 and/or a standard 10 level of education, it would certainly increase their value to Rhodes and would deserve such recognition.

RUSA has been led to believe that "a recognised professional qualification" does not include a matric qualification and certainly not a standard 8.

Therefore, RUSA will immediately seek to persuade the administration to introduce another award which will encourage members of staff to improve themselves and consequently improve their earning potential as well.

## Vice-Chancellor's Research Award

The purpose of this award is to stimulate research and research related scholarly activities among staff members under the age of 40.

Deans of Faculties, Heads of Departments and Directors of Research Institutes may nominate candidates who are of exceptional quality and proven achievement with sustained records of scholarship. Staff members may also apply to be considered. Nominations and applications must be accompanied by a CV, details and reviews of publications and other evidence of distinction, and the names of three referees.

"Research" will be regarded in the broader sense to mean all creative endeavour including the performing arts and the fine arts.

The Committee will invite referees to comment on candidates and their work and reserve the

right to call for assessor reports or interview the candidate/nominee. Work done at Rhodes and elsewhere will be considered.

The award, valued at R15 000 (or an amount determined by Council), may be used for research or creative endeavour and shall be for any legitimate research expenses.

Closing date: August 31, 1991 in the Registrar's Office.



**What do some Rhodians have in common? They...**

- Hate frustration
- Work efficiently
- Are sceptical
- Have freedom of choice
- Insist on quality
- Believe in honesty
- Get what they order
- Make the right decisions
- Don't get red faces
- Think of their future
- Plan years ahead
- Support Grahamstown
- Are respected Citizens
- Smile often
- Use a **Comulab system**
- Are the right people to join!

**Gertie Jasson, eienaar van Comulab:**

"Kan u weg-gooi produkte bekostig?  
Die meeste mense doen dit. En doen dit graag.  
Sommige mense doen dit nie. En wil ook nie.  
Die meeste mense is nie ons kliente nie.  
Sommige mense is wel."  
lets om aan te dink?

# Network News

by Mike Lawrie

THE Uninet-za network, which is a project of the Foundation for Research Development, continues to expand. Rhodes is an active participant, and the facilities of this network are available to staff and students.

The latest expansion is the forthcoming installation of a dedicated circuit from Rhodes to the USA. This will allow South African researchers to access computers on the huge Internet in the USA and elsewhere. Access would be for inter-active logging into those computers for which you have a username, and for obtaining a huge amount of public domain software from those sites that provide an anonymous FTP service. The volume of such software is quite overwhelming - much of it is suitable for PCs. Similarly, it becomes possible to make your data instantly available to any selected users of those computers.

This dedicated circuit is a major breakthrough in networking, and

makes Rhodes University part of what is described as the Global Network Village. Instant access to more than 300 000 computers will be possible. Messages will flow immediately as you send them, and will be received immediately as they are sent to you. Also, you may be able to conduct interactive screen conversations with anyone on the Internet who has the correct software (a program called 'talk' - similar but superior to the Plato term-talk facility).

Also, Rhodes gains recognition by being the South African gateway to the world's networks. Apart from being the channel for all international Uninet-za traffic, there are links to Namibia, Botswana, Kenya and Ethiopia. A link to Zimbabwe is planned.

There have been several enquiries on how to use Rhodes as the conduit into other parts of Africa.

If you need to maintain contact with colleagues overseas, keep in touch with international researchers in your field, keep up to date with

the various news groups, or share your knowledge and experience, then you should investigate how to use the electronic mail systems at Rhodes. Any PC on a Novell network can be used to send or receive this mail, and any person who uses any of the computers on campus can use email. News and Talk are currently restricted to users of the SUN computers known as Hippo and Alpha.

Of course, email can be used to maintain contact around the campus, or even around the country. Emailing files to your department secretary for formatting and printing is simple. Maybe one day you will even be able to email your articles to the *Rhodes* Editor. There are 20-odd sites in South Africa that are connected to the Uninet-za network.

Courses in using email are offered by the Computing Centre - it will be a pleasure to get you going on this medium.

And use of email costs you nothing - the end user pays not a cent.

## Rhodes in the Thirties

If first impressions of the buildings and the campus of the college in those early days were somewhat mixed, impressions of the staff, and of the students, were distinctly favorable.

As a group, the staff seemed distinctly young, only one or two of the senior professors being even middle-aged. Of course there were far fewer of them, as, numerically, the college was still very small. When I arrived in 1936 student numbers were still under 500, and there were no faculties of divinity, pharmacy or social science, and no department of physical education, anthropology, African languages, journalism, statistics, librarianship or microbiology. Hence it was easily possible to know every member of the academic staff, especially as virtually everyone came to mid-morning tea in the staffroom. There being no out-lying departments, the furthest department from the Arts block, was the art school. I was a bit shaken when I learned that the staffing of my department (Education) amounted to a total of one and a half, the half being a half-share of Miss Hendriks, the other half being with Professor Dingemans of the Dutch department. (It became Nederlands-Afrikaans some years later).

At least two of the senior professors, Dingemans and Lord, undertook to "put me wise" not merely about the college, but about Grahamstown. There were almost a family atmosphere about the staff group, and this even seemed to include the students, for it was a settled custom for some of the senior students, and members of the S.R.C. and house committees, to drop in on a Sunday afternoon on Prof. and Mrs Bowles. He was the Master of the College, and was very popular with the students, being a very genial, un-stiff and easy-going man. (With some people in the city he was credited with being too un-ambitious for the college, and not as much of a driving force as he ought to be). Actually he was officially chairman of senate elected annually, and it was only on his retirement, and the end of 1936, that the college council decided to appoint a Master, so that Dr J. Smeath Thomas took over as a full-time Master of Rhodes in January 1938. This naturally initiated a new era for Rhodes, as Smeath, as he was familiarly called, had considerable driving force, and plenty of worth-while ideas. He quit, having consciously modelled himself on his fellow-countryman Lloyd George. He was not averse to a fight, and on one occasion he told

me that he would rather get his own way by a warm "show-down", that by cautious discussion and consultation. Senate meetings were, during his period liable to have quite heated periods, and I can recollect several occasions when normally equable senior professors walked out of senate meetings after heated altercations with Smeath. But he had the great merit of dropping all hostilities as soon as the meeting was over. An interesting usage that I took part in immediately term started was what was called "the board of studies". This was no more than some 6-8 professors who interviewed new students, to advise them on their choice of subjects in view of their plans for a career. It was not a burdensome task, as in 1936 we interviewed a total of 55 men students, and, I presume, roughly the same number of women students. According to Prof. Lord, one young hopeful, when asked what he was hoping to do, or become, said he was planning to be Prime Minister, and when Lord said, "A very worthy ambition. Prime Minister of South Africa I presume?" he got the reply, "No, of Britain". He had to satisfy himself with becoming a professor in a Commonwealth country, and the author of several books.

The most important and the best known figure at the college in those days was the registrar, Major Eric Bolinbroke Walker, who had been severely wounded in the 1914 war, and was in every respect a military man. A bachelor, a thorough-going male chauvinist, he was distinctly anti-feminist. Women were never in the staff room - there were very few on the staff in those days, and the lady wardens had a hard time in dealing with him.

He was very popular in the town, especially with ex-servicemen, and was called upon, on occasions, to lay foundation stones. He accumulated a great collection of domestic and other odds and ends, stored in an old barn-like building close to Milner house, on the site of what is now the zoology building. When he died, in the early fifties, it took three days to complete the sale of all his effects. Typical of what you might expect was a collection of six or seven mouse traps, some of them very sophisticated.

He was very popular with men students, presiding at meals in the one and only dining hall for men, now Founders Dining Hall. He presided at the high table, booming



# Computerized circulation system for library

by Mr Michael Berning  
Deputy Librarian

## The new system

THE URICA Library System is being installed in stages in the Library. The next stage to be implemented will be the Circulation Module which will come into use from August 30, 1991.

After that date, most loans from the Main Circulation Desk will be computerized. Some loans, e.g. Short Loan transactions, will continue to be manual for some time but these too will be phased out.

From August 30, the On-Line Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) terminals will indicate when any item listed is "on loan."

For the computerized circulation system to work each item to be loaned must be identified by a barcode and each borrower must have a barcode.

## Cards and pockets

Book Cards - After computerization the white or blue cards in the back of each book will no longer need to

be signed and will probably be removed gradually. They will have no function in computerized issue.

Staff Borrowers' Pockets - The green pockets used by staff for some years will fall away from August 30. They will have no function in computerized issue and will not be used for any manual issues after that date. Staff may then destroy pockets or return them to the Library.

Staff Borrowers' Cards - From August 30 Rhodes Staff will need a new barcoded Borrower's Card. Each borrower will need only one card which will have to be used each time an item is borrowed. Cards will be obtainable from the Library as part of the computer registration process (see below). Cards will be retained by the borrower and not kept at the Circulation Desk.

## Re-Registration: The Process

All Rhodes Staff who are Library users will be asked to re-register during July or August. There will be

two stages consisting of a new registration form and registration on computer.

## Registration Form

Staff will be asked to sign a new form, take official receipt of their Borrower's Cards and to agree to the Library Rules. As many Staff Cards as possible will be prepared, but in some cases staff may have to wait while a card is prepared for them. This process will take less time than the issue of the old pockets.

## URICA Registration

Some borrower details will have to be fed into the data-base or confirmed. As much of this as possible will be done in advance, but staff will be asked to supply missing information and to confirm details like addresses and telephone numbers.

## Other Library Users

The procedures outlined above will in general apply to all users of the Library.

Rhodes students will use their Student Identity Cards as Library Borrower's Cards. They will have to register on computer, but will not need to sign a new registration form. Computer registration will begin from the Third Term.

Visiting Borrowers will have to re-register and be issued with a new Borrower's Card. Cards will cost R5 and carry a photograph of the visitor.

## Circulation Routines

In general, routines will remain the same. No alterations have been made to loan periods, book allocations, fine levels, etc. as a result of computerization. Users will, however, notice that computerization has enforced a more logical and less eccentric application of routines than was the case in the past.

A major benefit to all users will be the abolition of the present impossibly clumsy procedures for locating a work not on the shelves.

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out the short grace "Benedictus benedictat" as a sign that the meal might begin. He was a very firm but fair disciplinarian, and he could be relied upon to come to any student's rescue if he got difficulties down town, and then gave him a verbal drubbing when he got back to Milner.

Of the students, my first impressions, which, I ought to say, lasted a long time - very few were favorable. The students seemed - and indeed were - a well set up, socially well adjusted set and at ease with everyone, bright and generally well-doing. There was, in those days, an annual award for the best dressed man student, (how times have changed), awarded at what were called "dancing classes" held in the great hall most Saturday nights. Most of the men students were dressed in dinner jackets, with black bow ties and the music was provided by a dance orchestra from the town.

One or two lady wardens were usually present, and the younger members of the staff were well presented. A platform party consisted of any wardens who happened to be present, and the senior student members, and there was no social gap apparent, the staff danc-

ing with the senior women students without condensation. The same easy social intercourse was in practice in the kaif, where lasting friendships were built up between the junior members of the staff and the senior students. I myself acted as best man at the wedding of no fewer than three students whom I had got friendly with in the late thirties. In the men's residences there was a rule of "silence" in the evenings between certain times. I cannot remember when, I think at 10.30. This rule of silence was not very strictly observed, and was "on the way out" when I was a house warden. At that period there were lectures on Saturday mornings, and very few students had cars. In 1936 there were only three cars at Rhodes. Rules in the women's residences were by present day standards distinctly strict. Doors were locked at a certain hour, not really on application, presumably to the lady warden. One of the rules was, that if a woman student went down town, she must either wear a gown (a student gown) or put on a hat.

If there should be a holiday weekend, a party for the sea-side could be arranged, with a chaperon: and if students were planning to go out for the day, they had to have

permission (perhaps approval is the proper word) from the house warden. For the most part, the great majority of the students accepted the regulations without any outspoken complaints. They were naturally a law-abiding group. Sunday observance was still taken seriously, and playing games on Sundays was "not on". The S.R.C., wishing to be correct in this matter, noting that a number of students were making use of the tennis courts on Sundays, petitioned the senate for permission to have the courts open on Sundays, and a considerable number of senate members, including, I suspect, Prof. Bowles, would have preferred to merely turn a blind eye, but there was a fair representation of Sunday observers who objected strongly.

I remember the warm discussion in the senate, and in particular, the speech by Prof. Dingemans, who tried to forestall any charge of intolerance by arguing that it was not he and those who thought like him who were intolerant, but the students, who had no consideration for the injured feelings of those who, like him, considered that the Sabbath should be a day of complete rest. I was surprised that no one laughed, or snorted, at this display of sophistry.

Yes, Rhodes was different in those days. It was war, and the coming of hundreds of ex-service men, that brought about a great social change. There had been an air-force camp at Grahamstown during the war, and the women students had become more "modernized" by association with the men in uniform. Then, when the ex-service men came in large numbers, they changed the social tone, objecting, as more mature men who had seen a bit of the world, to being subjected to petty regulations and social usages that belonged to a past era. I remember my reactions when, after a period in the air force, I returned to Rhodes along with other ex-service men, and went to a Saturday evening dance in the great hall. I immediately realized that the situation was completely changed. The new, more mature students had obviously no intention of "fraternizing" with members of staff, and what was left of a platform party was clearly deemed to consist of social untouchables. I resolved never to go to a students dance again. The old easy, friendly atmosphere was gone, and gone forever. The generation gap, and the cult of youth (like sex, as a student once said to me) are here to stay.



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# Printing is easy!

MANY queries are received by PC Support regarding printer problems. It is often possible to solve the problem telephonically if you can provide information regarding the setup of your printers.

Here are some of the questions you might be asked.

### Parallel or serial printers?

You can tell which type of printer you have by examining the plugs at the back of the printer. A parallel cable usually clips into the printer. This plug is also wider than the plug used for a serial printer. A serial printer uses a plug which has 25 pins, while a parallel printer plug has a central band of flat metal connectors.

### WordPerfect and printers

WordPerfect needs to be set up so that it can send the information to the printer correctly. Once you have ascertained what port your printer is using (ie whether it is a parallel or serial printer) you can give the correct settings in WordPerfect.

The parallel port is called LPT1 (if you have two parallel ports, the second is called LPT2). The serial port is called COM1 (and COM2 if you have a second one).

WordPerfect comes set correctly for printers connected to LPT1. You

need only adjust the set up of your printer in WordPerfect if you are printing using a serial cable (eg a Olympia typewriter). Setting up a serial printer requires some extra information which can usually be found in the printer manual.

The following guidelines show how to go about settings a printer for WordPerfect.

### Setting up a serial printer in WordPerfect

In WordPerfect set up the printer as follows:

Press **Shift F7**, (**S**)elect, move to the printer you want to set, (**E**)dit, (**P**)ort. Select the port corresponding to the printer.

It is seldom that an Olympia typewriter is set for a parallel port. If you have selected a serial port (COM1, COM2) you will be prompted for more information. The following describes settings that are standard for most Olympia typewriters connected to computers at Rhodes:

The (**B**)aud (1) or speed at which information is sent to the printer. Most typewriters are set at 1200 (5). Laser printers and dot matrix are usually 9600 (8).

If your printer is set to use 9600 baud, it is recommended that you also set (X)ON/XOFF to "Yes".

Press **F7** twice to return to the menu and (**S**)elect (1) the printer.

Attempt to print a document. Should the document not print, check the Printer Control (**Shift F7**, 4). If the Message informs you that the printer is not accepting characters, it is possible that you have not selected the correct port (check first that the printer is on-line and that all the plugs are secure). If you follow the above steps to change the port again, ensure that you have cancelled the first print job (**Shift F7**, 4, 1) before sending a new test to the printer.

With the correct combination of the plug in the correct port and the printer set up correctly in WordPerfect you should be printing within a very short while.

Once you have correctly set up your printer(s), make a note of each of them, including: the port that they each use and other information eg. baud etc. Keep this information handy as it will be useful should you experience any problems or should you require to set up another printer.

The information provided is intended as a guideline. Should you still experience any difficulties contact Tracey Chambers at PC Support (Ext. 288).

## Rhodes rowers for Olympic Games?

SHOULD South Africa be invited to the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona, two Rhodes rowers are well on their way to booking their seats for the grand re-entry.

John Stapleton and Andrew MacLachlan recently received Trident colours for their victory in their pairs at the National Performance Regatta on the Roodeplaat Dam in Johannesburg.

Against a top class field, the two finished over a length ahead of nearest rivals Callie and Gearing of Pietermaritzburg. MacLachlan received further recognition in being awarded Trident colours for his triumph in the sculls event.

The dedicated rowers now form part of the Trident squad and gain automatic selection for further Springbok trials should a tour or Barcelona be on the cards. The Rhodes Rowing club boats one of the top crews in the country and it will come as no surprise if further members of the men's A VIII get to wear the green and gold.

Luc Hartley, Grant Hartley, Owen Schultz and Nic Leck (cox) were all absent from the National Performance Regatta, but their sterling efforts for the Rhodes crew cannot be ignored.

Another Rhodian to achieve at the Regatta was Kirsty Burrows, finishing second in the ladies pairs,

partnered by Wendy Hutton (Swartkops Rowing Club), and second in the fours.

The students will now focus their attention on the Port Alfred Boat Race which takes place in the first week of September.

## Howlers

- On the box of a clockwork toy made in Hong Kong: "Guaranteed to work through out its useful life."

- Detour sign in Japan: "Stop. Drive sideways."

- In a Swiss mountain inn: "Special today. No ice cream."

- In a Bangkok temple: "It is forbidden to enter a woman even a foreigner if dressed as a man."

- In a Bucharest hotel lobby: "The lift is being fixed for the next day. During that time we regret that you will be unbearable."

- In a Leipzig lift: "Do not enter the lift backwards, and only when lit up."

- In a hotel in an Austrian ski resort: "Not to perambulate the corridors in the hours of repose in the boots of ascension."

- On the menu of a Swiss restaurant: "Our wines leave you nothing to hope for."

- On the menu of a Polish hotel: "Salad a firm's own make; limp red beet soup with cheesy dumplings in the form of a finger; roasted duck let loose; beef rashers beaten up in the country people's fashion."



# LETTERS

✉ The Editor,

I was most disappointed to see that the attached notice was not published in the July 11 issue of *Rhodos*. It may be that by reporting on the first award that the matter had been adequately dealt with. I cannot agree with this view. Firstly, as an official notice it should have been printed without question. Secondly, the report omitted any mention of the contents of the first paragraph of the notice, an omission which will cause RUSA and the Personnel Division some embarrassment. I would be most grateful if you could find some way to correct the position in the next *Rhodos*.

John Eller - Chairman of RUSA

(If all notices were printed in full in *Rhodos*, there would be little space for anything else. We believe that we edit notices responsibly. In this case we felt that the information on how to apply for the award and to whom it was open was most important. See RUSA News for the paragraph referred to. - Ed)

✉ The Editor,

I found the letters regarding dogs very interesting, and I wish to chuck a little thought into the argument.

The days when I was a little dog, I wagged my tail and barked my good morning to my boss and master. But now that I have grown up and become a boss myself, I found to my dismay that the little dogs have completely lost their tails and wags and their good morning bark. This may be the reason why so many of the older senior staff need to bring their doggie along so they can see a friendly and loyal face.

I feel very strongly about obtaining at least one friendly face to accompany me through my day. Or perhaps we should all have a chat with the professor at Psychology.

Mr F J Kotze

✉ The Editor,

As a letter to which I was a signatory (*Rhodos*, June 20) has generated some opprobrium (July 11), I would like to make four observations.

1. Although the three other signatories were not in any sense draftees, I was the progenitor of the idea of writing, and of the letter itself. Any flack should therefore be laid at my door (T8, third floor, Pharmacy/Chemistry Building).

2. Although the School of Pharmacy was mentioned at the bottom of the letter, it has nothing to with the views expressed. The same is true of the University itself. We assumed that this would be implicitly understood in any reaction to our letter. We seem to have been wrong in respect of at least one reader.

3. None of the four signatories to the letter was, or is, lacking in sympathy for victims of sexual harassment. (Two of our female colleagues were entirely happy to add their names to the letter. We decided to exclude them on sexist grounds, and this didn't seem to faze

them in the least. Neither did we expect it to). We believe that setting up committees to deal with such things, in an institution already overburdened with committees, is not only the wrong approach, but is perhaps counterproductive to the circumstances desired by us no less than by those who are harassed.

4. While we may indeed have an impoverished sense of humour, we consider it pleasing and remarkable, given the circumstances of society

in its largest context, that we have any left at all. We are greatly cheered by verbal reactions from several people (representing both sexes) who appear to have derived some passing amusement from our letter, and thus to have reacted to it in ways fully consistent with our own intent. We accept that one can't amuse everybody.

Sirion Robertson



## What's on ?

### Thursday, July 25

- Political Studies Film: *Animal Farm* (73 mins). Animated version of George Orwell's famous book. GLT - 4.05pm
- Underwater Club Lecture Zoo 01 - 5pm
- Drama Dept: *My Mother said I never should* by British playwright, Charlotte Keatley. Directed by Mary-Anne Naude. The Box - 8.15pm
- Zoology Dept seminar: Prof C McQuaid and Dr R Perissinotto on *Antarctic marine ecosystems* Zoo minor. 4pm

### Friday, July 26

- Drama Dept: *My Mother said I never should* The Box. 8.15pm
- Hobson Hall Ball 8pm

### Saturday, July 27

- Drama Dept: *My Mother said I never should* The Box - 8.15pm
- Oriel Hall Ball 8pm

### Monday, July 29

- Underwater Club Lecture Zoo 01 - 5pm

### Sunday, July 28

- British humour/SRC video Arts Major - 3.00pm

### Monday, July 29

- Underwater Club Lecture Zoo 01 - 5.00pm

### Tuesday, July 30

- Underwater Club Lecture Zoo 01. 5pm
- AIESEC: Stock Exchange game Arts major. 7pm
- Jazz Society: lecture Zoo major. 7pm

### Wednesday, July 31

- Underwater Club Lecture Zoo 01 - 5pm
- Journalism film Arts Major - 5.00pm

### Thursday, August 1

- Underwater Club Lecture Zoo 01 - 5pm
- Political Studies Film: *Warsaw Ghetto* (52 mins)

### Friday, August 2

- Kimberley Hall Ball 8pm

### Saturday, August 3

- Founders Hall Ball. 8pm

### Sunday, August 4

- British humour/SRC video Arts major - 3.00pm

### Monday, August 5

- Underwater Club Lecture Zoo 01. 5pm

### Tuesday, August 6

- Underwater Club Lecture Zoo 01. 5pm

### Wednesday, August 7

- RAG - mini bleed. Great Hall. 1-6pm
- Underwater Club Lecture Zoo 01. 5pm
- Journalism film Arts Major 5.00pm

### Thursday, August 8

- Political Studies Film: *A Long Hour's Walk* (26 mins) GLT - 4.05pm
- and *Remember Me* (16 mins) GLT - 4.21pm
- Underwater Club Lecture Zoo 01 - 5pm

### Friday, August 9

- Graham House Disco Great Hall - 8pm

### Saturday, August 10

- Hellenic Society Disco Great Hall - 8pm

### Sunday, August 11

- British humour/SRC video Arts Major - 3.00pm

### Monday, August 12

- Underwater Club Lecture Zoo 01 - 5.00pm

### Tuesday, August 13

- Underwater Club Lecture Zoo 01 - 5.00pm

### Thursday, August 15

- Visit from Zoology Dept, UPE: Postgraduate seminars Zoo 02 - 4.00pm

## Rhodos Deadlines

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# Sports Fixtures

## Thursday, July 25

### SQUASH

- RU staff vs RU 1 men  
*Home*
- RU 2 men vs Old Grey 3  
*Home*

## Saturday, July 27

### TENNIS

- RU 1 vs Carlisle Bridge  
*Away*
- RU 2 vs Seven Fountains  
*Home*

### GOLF

- RU /PE Tech /UPE /RU EL Div.  
*Fish River Sun*

### RUGBY

- RU 1 vs Humansdorp  
*Away*
- RU 2 vs Humansdorp  
*Away*
- RU 3 vs Humansdorp  
*Away*

### SOCCER

- RU 1 vs Hotspurs  
*Away*
- RU 2 vs Royals  
*King Field. 3pm*
- RU 3 vs Young Pros  
*Away*

### HOCKEY

- RU 1 men vs UPE B  
*Away*
- RU 2 men vs UPE  
*Away*
- RU 1 women vs PEG A  
*Away*
- RU women vs Humansdorp A  
*Away*
- RU 2 women vs Clancy A  
*Away*

## Sunday, July 28

### SOCCER

- RU 1 vs Man City  
*King Field. 3.30pm*

### HOCKEY

- RU 1 men vs Sadlers  
*Great Field. 11am*
- RU 2 men vs Walmer B  
*Away*

### BASKETBALL

- RU women vs Dynamos  
*Alec Mullins. 10am*
- RU men vs Dynamos  
*Alec Mullins. 11am*
- RU Women vs Blue Streaks  
*Alec Mullins. 2pm*
- RU men vs Blue Streaks  
*Alec Mullins. 3pm*

## Monday, July 29

### SQUASH

- RU women vs Kenton 3  
*Away*
- RU staff vs KC 2  
*Away*

## Tuesday, July 30

### BADMINTON

- RU vs Vets  
*Away*

### SQUASH

- RU 1 men vs Londt Park  
*Away*
- RU 2 men vs Londt park  
*Away*

- RU women vs Westview  
*Away*

### VOLLEYBALL

- EP ladies vs UPE A  
*Away*
- RU A vs Spectrum  
*Away*

## Wednesday, July 31

### SOCCER

- RU 3 vs Shades  
*King Field. 7pm*

## Thursday, August 1

### SQUASH

- RU staff vs Seven Fountains 1  
*Home*
- RU 1 men vs Old Grey  
*Home*
- RU 2 men vs G R 1  
*Home*

## Saturday, August 3

### TENNIS

- RU 1 vs Sidbury 1  
*Home*
- RU 2 vs Sidbury 2  
*Home*

### HOCKEY

- RU 1 women vs Tech A  
*Great Field. 3pm*
- RU 2 women vs Schools A  
*Away*
- RU 3 women vs Crusaders C  
*Upper Barrat. 3pm*

### RUGBY

- RU 1 vs Patensie  
*Away*
- RU 2 vs Patensie  
*Away*
- RU 3 vs Patensie  
*Away*

### SOCCER

- RU 2 vs Bathurst 2  
*King Field. 2pm*
- RU 3 vs Teenagers  
*Away*

## Sunday, August 4

### SOCCER

- RU 1 vs Cambridge  
*King Field. 3.30pm*
- RU 2 vs Manchester  
*King Field. 2pm*
- RU 3 vs Bathurst 1  
*Lower Propsect. 2pm*

### HOCKEY

- RU 1 men vs Westview  
*Away*
- RU 2 men vs Old Grey B  
*Great Field. 9.30am*
- RU 2 men vs Old Grey A  
*Great Field. 2pm*

## Monday, August 5

### SQUASH

- RU 2 men vs St Andrews 2  
*Home*
- RU 1 women vs DSG 1  
*Home*
- RU staff vs St Andrews  
*Away*

## Tuesday, August 6

### BADMINTON

- RU vs Alex  
*Away*

### SQUASH

- RU 1 men vs Crusaders  
*Home*
- RU 2 men vs Crusaders  
*Home*
- RU women vs Walmer  
*Home*

## Wednesday, August 7

### RUGBY

- RU U20 A vs Despatch  
*Away*
- RU U20 B vs Uitenhage  
*Away*

### VOLLEYBALL

- RU B vs Tech B  
*Away*
- RU B vs Uitenhage B  
*Away*

## Thursday, August 8

### SQUASH

- RU 1 men vs Kenton 1  
*Away*
- RU 2 men vs Port Alfred 2  
*Home*

## Fri & Sat, August 9 & 10

- Intersarsity

## Sunday, August 11

### SOCCER

- RU 1 vs Black Chiefs  
*Away*
- RU 2 vs Black Aces  
*Away*

### HOCKEY

- RU 2 men vs Uitenhage  
*Away*

### TENNIS

- RU 1 vs RU 2

### BASKETBALL

- RU women vs Dynamos Uitenhage  
*Away*
- RU men vs Dynamos Uitenhage  
*Away*
- RU women vs Kentucky Uitenhage  
*Away*
- RU men vs Kentucky Uitenhage  
*Away*

## Monday, August 12

### SQUASH

- RU women vs GR2  
*Away*
- RU staff vs GL1  
*Home*

## Tuesday, August 13

### SQUASH

- RU 1 men vs Old Grey  
*Away*
- RU 2 men vs Old Grey  
*Away*

### VOLLEYBALL

- RU A vs UPE A  
*Away*
- EP women vs Spectrum  
*Away*

## Wednesday, August 14

### RUGBY

- RU u-20 A vs Sadlers  
*Great Field - 8.30pm*
- RU u-20 B vs Sadlers  
*Great Field - 7.00pm*

### HOCKEY

- RU 2 women vs Tech B  
*Great Field - 6.00pm*

## Thursday, August 15

### SQUASH

- RU staff vs Old Grey 2  
*Away*
- RU 1 men vs Old Grey 1  
*Away*

## Successful squash tour

Rhodes squash players recently returned from a highly successful Trustbank South African Universities squash tournament held in Durban.

The men's side finished in a creditable fifth position bettering their seeding by one, while the ladies were runners-up to the University of Cape Town line-up. Ably led by captain Kelly Hein, the team of Carolyn Handley, Wendy Loppnow, Jane McGregor, Nikki Patrick and Tory Crampton lost only to the eventual winners with McGregor and Patrick losing just one match apiece throughout the week.

Handley went on to gain selection as a reserve for the South African Universities Protea side.

The men were least expected to achieve as two of their regular players were not available, but some determined performances saw them end in the top five.

John Biggs, Dominic Marx, Paul Barrow, Chris Earl, Graeme Joffe and Gordon Macmillan made up the team.

Barrow and Joffe kept the Rhodians in the hunt at three and five respectively, both losing just twice, with Barrow recording the best victory of the tournament in a marathon five-setter against the Wits number three, Bruce Falcon.

**Rhodes results:** Men: bt Potchefstroom 4-1; bt Wits B 5-0; lost to Wits A 2-3; bt Stellenbosch 3-2; lost to UCT 0-5; lost to Durban 1-4; bt RAU 5-0; lost to Pietermaritzburg 1-4; bt Pretoria 4-1. Ladies: bt Durban 3-2; bt Pietermaritzburg 4-1; bt Pretoria 5-0; bt OFS 3-2; bt Stellenbosch 5-0; bt Wits 4-1; bt Potchefstroom 5-0; lost to UCT 0-5.