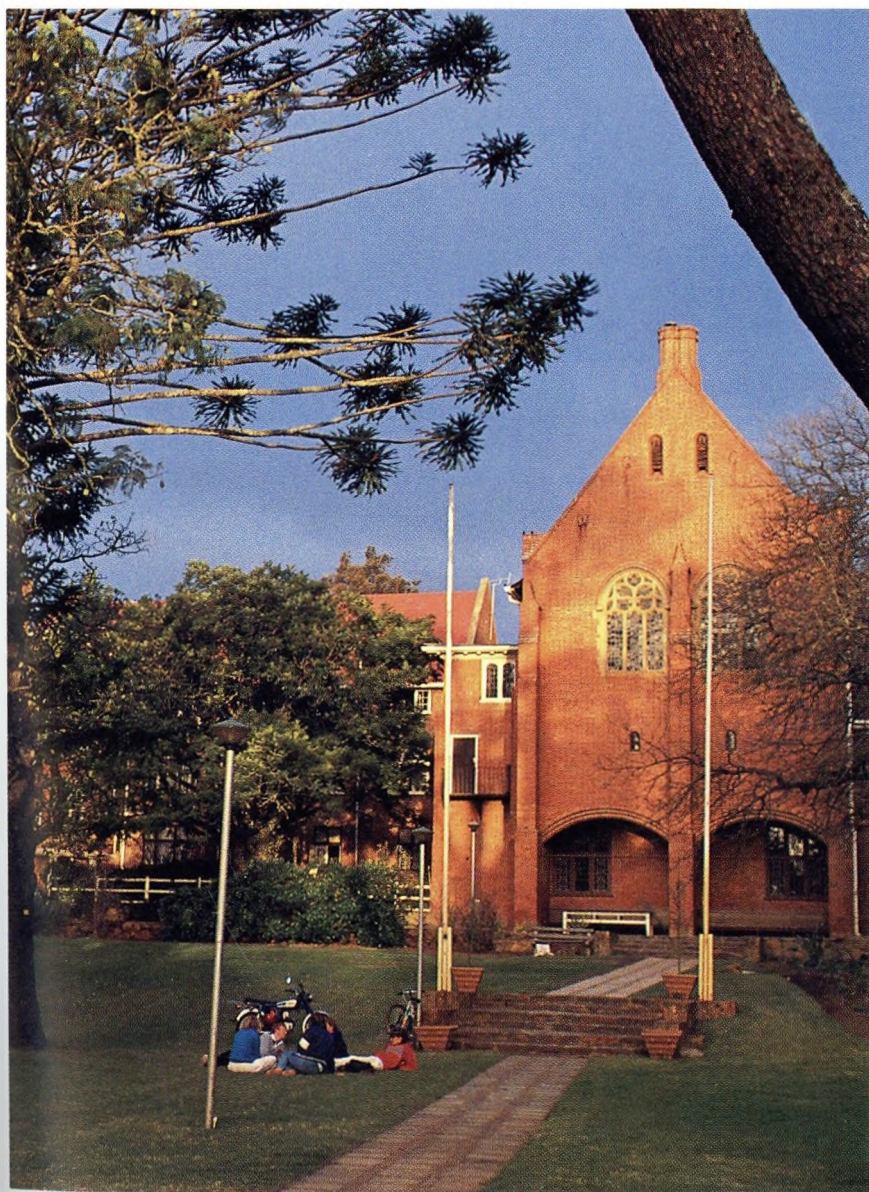




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Dr D S Henderson

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Rhodes University

Founded in	1904
Students	4232
Men	2108
Women	2124
Grahamstown	3844
East London	388
Academic Staff	298
Student/Staff Ratio	14:1
Halls of Residence	8
Residences	33
Students in Residence	1940
Grounds (hectares)	203

Research Institutes and other organizations

Academic Development Programme including

- ♦ the Computer-based Education Unit

Albany Museum

Biopharmaceutics Research Institute

Centre for Social Development

Hermann Ohlthaver Institute for

Aeronomy

JLB Smith Institute of Ichthyology

Library

LIRI Technologies

Institute for Water Research

National English Literary Museum

Institute of Social and Economic Research including

- ♦ the Development Studies Unit
- ♦ and the International Library of African Music

The Gold Fields Centre for English including

- ♦ the Institute for the Study of English in Africa
- ♦ the Dictionary Unit for South African English
- ♦ and the Grahamstown regional office of the Molteno Project

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT



Many South Africans might have agreed with Queen Elizabeth II when she described 1992 as an "annus horribilis". We certainly witnessed the turbulent birth pangs of a new South Africa struggling to emerge, but despite all this, it was a fruitful year for Rhodes University.

The pass rate for our first-year students continues to be encouraging. This is a positive reflection of student quality, and the excellent standard of teaching maintained by our academic staff.

In recognition of the latter, the University introduced the Distinguished Teaching Award and the Distinguished Research Award which went to Professors E E Baart, head of the Department of Physics and Electronics, and C D McQuaid, of the Department of Zoology and Entomology respectively.

Several other academics also received credit for their achievements. The Foundation for Research Development recognized Professor H Parolis and Professor I Kanfer,

both of the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, as the top researchers in their fields. During the year, Professor E R van Heerden of the Department of Afrikaans & Nederlands, received several awards for his work.

Ms F E de Wet and Mr A F Buckland, of the Department of Drama, also both received awards for their recent works.

At graduation ceremonies in April, in Grahamstown and in May, in East London, honorary degrees were conferred upon Mrs M Dakile, Professor Emeritus B Allanson, Mr P Searle and Dr C Crocker.

The composition of the student body in 1992 reflected meaningful changes, most notably the significant increase in the number of black students registered at Rhodes. For several years, about a quarter of our students have been black. This year, 35 per cent of new students were black. This proportion of new students could rise to half in the near future, although a major constraint is the increased demand for places in residence and the exorbitant cost of building.

BROADENING HORIZONS

Nonetheless, a new women's residence in Drostdy Hall will soon be opened, and building of another men's residence in Jan Smuts Hall for 120 students has begun. It is likely that further expansion will take place in our city campus in East London, where expenditure can be concentrated on academic facilities rather than residences. A proposed phase two development there should serve our needs for the next few years.

The combined number of students at Rhodes in Grahamstown and East London increased slightly over the previous year, reflecting a total of 4 232. Of these, over 1 000 were graduate students. The year 1992 also saw the University broadening its hori-

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zons with a large number of our academic staff visiting universities in other countries. The number of visitors to Rhodes from other countries tripled to 148 in 1992. Senior Lecturer in Photography in the Department of Fine Art, Mr P C J Oberholzer was invited to Hamburg, Germany, for an exhibition of his work.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Rhodes Photography students scooped the four top prizes in the student category of the Ilford Profoto competition.

Our Chamber Choir enjoyed a successful tour to Zimbabwe for the first time, while the Rhodes Mens' and Women's Hockey team toured Europe in December.

Rhodes sportsmen and women excelled in several areas during the year. Three students, namely Mr A Maclachlan (Rowing), Mr N Leck (Rowing) and Mr G Ferrans (Hockey) gained full National Colours, with several others representing South Africa at various age group levels. Approximately 70 sportspersons at the University played provincial sport during the year. Highlights of the year included the third consecutive victory at the IGI Rowing Regatta, as well as a Hockey tour to Europe. In 1991, Rhodes became the first university in South Africa to introduce development sports bursaries for students who have been disadvantaged in terms of equipment, facilities and coaching.

The University continued to extend its facilities to the broader community, and the Mathematics Winter School and the School Science Festival were as successful as they were in previous years. The Adult Education Committee ran a series of lectures and exhibitions called 'Rhodesfest' during the National Festival of the Arts in July. This drew much favourable comment from many

festival-goers.

Other developments during the year included the establishment of the Gold Fields Centre for English in the completely renovated St Peter's Building. The Centre encompasses the Institute for the Study of English in Africa, the Dictionary Unit for South African English, and the Grahamstown regional office of the Molteno Project. It was opened by the Chairman of Gold Fields, Dr R Plumbridge, shortly before the building's centenary in July.

APPOINTMENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

Mr MM Hacksley was appointed Director of the National English Literary Museum on the retirement of Professor A de Villiers. Mr G Gordon was appointed Professor and Head of the Department of Drama. A former lecturer in that Department, Professor Gordon returned from some years in London to take up the position. Professor MEH Dickerson, a founder member of the department retired in September.

St Mary Hall celebrated its Jubilee, Hobson House its 25th anniversary and Canterbury House its 85th. All hosted tea parties which drew a number of former residents as well as present students.

As this broad overview indicates, 1992 for Rhodes University was far from the "annus horribilis" experienced by the British Royal Family. We are, however, very conscious of our good fortune in the present circumstances and we realize that we need to reassess our role to fit the changing circumstances of South Africa. To do this, we have expanded the Strategic Planning Committee and set up a working group to help us make good decisions in the decade ahead.

South African institutions of all kinds have had to learn some hard lessons, as they

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experience the consequences flowing from lack of emphasis on financial discipline. This is particularly relevant for universities since we believe we must be prepared for a continuing reduction in State finance. The reason for this is that South Africa already spends one fifth of its national budget on education. This is one of the highest proportions in the world, and cannot be expected to rise against competing demands such as housing and health.

Following the Minister of Education's announcement in September last year that there is likely to be one ministry of education (instead of 17) within 18 months or two

years, and the ANC's statement that "equality (in education) is meaningless without maintaining standards". I believe that Rhodes has a very good chance of being able to maintain its tradition of excellence.

Derek S. Henderson

D S Henderson



RHODES UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The summarized financial statements for the Foundation reflect that the value of the capital of the Foundation has decreased by R4 780 000. This decrease is due in part to distributions of R2 948 000 to the University from the capital of the Foundation to finance a new residence and extensions to an existing academic building. In addition, the market value of the Foundation investments has decreased when compared with the previous year. The Trustees are mindful of the need to maintain the value of the assets and are working hard at regaining lost values in the shortest possible time.

Donations to the Foundation for the year totalled R1 684 158 of which R508 315 was received for specific purposes and R1 175 843 for general purposes. The generosity of donors to the Foundation is acknowledged with gratitude as donations become more valuable in the light of declining State funding for universities.

I would like to welcome Dr Conrad Strauss to the board who joined during the year under review. I also wish to place on record my sincere thanks to my colleagues on the Board for their continued unselfish efforts on behalf of the Foundation and the University.

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SUMMARIZED INCOME STATEMENT

	R thousands	
	1991	1992
Income from Investments	4 401	3 403
Dividends	1 135	694
Interest	3 256	2 699
Other	10	10
Less expenses	320	124
Net Income	4 081	3 279
Less: Distributed to and expended for the benefit of Rhodes University and its bursary funds	2 500	2 545
Retained for re-investment	1 581	734

SUMMARIZED BALANCE SHEET (at market values)

	R thousands	
	1991	1992
Fundholders' capital employed		
Foundation	24 660	22 671
University and others	17 732	14 941
	42 392	37 612
Employment of capital		
Investments and cash	41 877	39 202
Accounts receivable	588	590
	42 465	39 792
Accounts payable	73	2 180
	42 392	37 612

COMPOSITION OF STUDENT BODY

Student Numbers 1992

		Commerce	Divinity	Education	Law	Pharmacy		Social Science	Occasional	Total
Undergraduates										
1991	1230	857	44	114	3	209	421	289	85	3252
1992	1175	845	47	116	3	262	426	257	87	3218
Graduates										
1991	330	53	35	159	93	14	234	27	-	945
1992	317	60	28	205	96	6	236	68	-	1016
Total										
1991	1560	910	79	273	96	223	655	316	85	4197
1992	1492	905	75	321	99	268	662	325	87	4234

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The financial report for 1992 highlights the need for careful planning required to manage the finances of the University. As the State subsidy continues to decline, it becomes increasingly difficult for the University to keep tuition and residence fees within the means of students and their parents. This was, however, achieved in 1992.

The favourable rates of interest earned on the University's investments meant that it was possible for student fees to be held down.

With the continued drive by Government to curtail State expenditure more emphasis is placed on the need to generate a greater percentage of own income from investments

and other sources especially because of continued pressure on the University to pay staff more.

The University gratefully acknowledges the generosity of all who contribute to the finances of the University, either in the form of bursaries or grants. In particular, the part played by the Governors of the Rhodes University Foundation in this regard is a significant factor.

The residences are, as previously reported, run on a self supporting basis where residence fees are fixed at levels to meet running and maintenance costs.

Extra income, such as conference fees, is sought to build up our reserves in order to be able to maintain the fabric of the University.



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INCOME STATEMENT: UNIVERSITY

	1991	%	R millions	
			1992	%
Income	61,3	100	68,6	100
Government subsidies	39,8	65	42,9	62,5
Student fees	15,5	25	19,8	28,9
Investment income	4,4	7	3,9	5,7
Other	1,6	3	2,0	2,9
Expenditure	61,3	100	68,6	100
Salaries and benefits	40,7	66	45,1	65,8
Academic departments, research & library grants	5,3	9	5,5	8,0
Operating expenses -buildings, grounds & equipment	4,6	8	5,5	8,0
Central administration	4,5	7	4,6	6,7
Loan interest & redemption	2,7	4	2,8	4,1
Other	3,5	6	5,1	7,4

INCOME STATEMENT: RESIDENCES

	R thousands	
	1991	1992
Income	11 370	12 764
Residence fees	10 561	11 850
Other	809	914
Expenditure	11 370	12 764
Food	3 195	4 163
Salaries and wages	2 607	3 129
Power and water	1 222	1 384
Loan interest & redemption	445	434
Laundry	423	513
Replacement and maintenance provisions	2 664	2 163
Other	814	978

BURSARIES, SCHOLARSHIPS AND LOANS

R7 069 447

A) Awarded by the University from donations or from own funds	2 972 941
B) Awarded to students from outside bodies	3 485 348
C) Awarded by Provincial Administration, Public Services Commission, etc	310 663
D) Loans (Rhodes Loans)	112 600
(Independent Development Trust Loans)	187 895

GRADUATION APRIL 1993

As this report is printed before graduation, there may be changes to April 1993 awards. Final figures will appear in next year's report.

	Arts	Commerce	Divinity	Education	Law	Pharmacy	Science	Social Science	Total
Undergraduate diplomas & certificates									
1992	4	-	1	37	-	-	-	-	42
1993	3	-	-	29	-	-	-	-	32
Bachelors' degrees									
1992	266	150	4	8	-	22	85	70	605
1993	288	179	6	14	2	34	96	64	683
Postgraduate diplomas and certificates									
1992	21	20	-	43	-	-	-	-	84
1993	22	25	-	52	-	-	-	-	99
Second degrees									
1992	105	12	9	31	29	-	59	11	256
1993	94	14	2	12	28	-	66	17	233
Masters' degrees									
1992	18	3	2	29	-	5	40	4	101
1993	26	-	2	14	1	2	29	3	77
Doctorates									
1992	1	1	-	1	-	3	15	1	22
1993	3	-	-	-	-	-	17	-	20
Total diplomas and certificates									
1992	25	20	1	80	-	-	-	-	126
1993	25	25	-	81	-	-	-	-	131
Total degrees									
1992	390	166	15	69	29	30	199	86	984
1993	411	193	10	40	31	36	208	84	1013
Total awards									
1992	415	186	16	149	29	30	199	86	1110
1993	436	218	10	121	31	36	208	84	1144

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