



## New PABX only weeks away

It doesn't make the coffee; it won't wake you in the morning and it is not known for its ability to read music.

The new switchboard on campus is, however, designed to make everyone's life a little easier and especially to take some of the pressure off our telephonists.

Due for commissioning on 15 July, the Siemens EMS 601 Digital PABX is equipped with a host of features which will make for greater efficiency.

### New number

The most noticeable change in our life will be that our prime telephone number will change - to 31 8111. Concurrently we will achieve the situation whereby outside callers will be able to dial staff members directly, cutting out the switchboard.

With one exception the last three digits of our current extension numbers will remain unchanged; the 2 prefix will be replaced by 31 8. Thus if your current extension is 123, it will, after mid-July, be accessible directly from the outside on 31 8123. The exception is Brenda Potgieter's extension in the reception office which will change its number to 31 8000.

### Prefix plus old number

When dialling internally one will have to prefix the original extension number being sought with the figure 8; all extensions will now have 4 digits.

While this is all very convenient, the downside is that, when an outside caller dials a staff member's extension number direct and that staff member is not at his or her desk, the number will ring unattended and the call will not revert to the switchboard. Bear in mind that this can lead to frustration on the part of the caller who may wish to leave a message.

The way around this is to rely, as we have been doing until now, on the goodwill of colleagues and for

there to be reciprocity in taking each other's calls and messages.

The new PABX, however, has a feature which will assist in this; it involves the identification of what are called 'pickup' groups. This will mean that groups of extensions can be nominated and each member extension number may be answered from any other instrument in the group by dialling a code. So instead of having to leave your desk, as has been the case in the past when dealing with instruments not on a plan system, one can now take messages for colleagues from one's own desk or work station.

### Ring back when free

There are several other useful features, one of which will make history of wearing out your finger trying to dial that colleague whose line seems permanently engaged. If you're like me, you eventually 'forget' after several attempts. The new PABX has a 'ring back when free' capability. If a colleague's extension is engaged one dials a code and replaces the handset. When the called extension is free and the handset replaced, that of the new caller will ring. On lifting the handset the desired connection will be made.

### 'Follow Me'

Another capability is the 'follow me' or 'call forward' feature. If you are expecting a call but need to go to another office, you can divert your incoming calls to another extension. These will then come through, either to the office or desk to which you have proceeded or to another extension where you may have made an arrangement to have messages kept.

One can also block incoming calls and not be disturbed while in meetings. In both this and the previous case, however, it is obviously important to remember to deactivate the appropriate commands when there is no longer need for them.

## "It's about Communication"

Mrs Annette Clifford-Vaughan has taken up the new position of Director of Public Relations and Development.

She comes to Rhodes with considerable experience of public relations in universities, her last position being that of Senior Public Relations Officer at the University of Durban-Westville.

Prior to entering the academic world she worked in the public relations field in commerce and industry, in South Africa and London. Her specialisation is publications.

"Public Relations is about communication," she says. "So my priority is to get to know Rhodes and its various publics in order to be able to assess attitudes towards the University from within and without. This will be a first step towards planning an integrated public relations programme.

"I'm looking forward to meeting a wide spectrum of staff, to discuss ways in which we can improve communication, both within the University and with the wider community."



Annette Clifford-Vaughan

The system has a conference facility which can allow up to eight users to participate in group discussions - up to three of these may be outside exchange lines - and the PABX is compatible with modem usage. It also has a speed dialling feature whereby commonly used numbers may be allocated codes far shorter than the usual numbers which have to be dialled.

### Trunk barring

The system has many levels of barring of outgoing calls and Rhodes will continue to apply those currently in use. There is more sophistication than on our existing exchange, however, and very specific area codes may be identified and enabled allowing, as an example, one who has regular dealings with our East London campus to dial East London while still being barred from contact with, say, Johannesburg and other 'trunk' calls.

The suppliers of the system, Siemens, are going to provide training on the system to departmental secretaries and other interested people; the idea is to 'cascade' the information to all staff members in as short a period as possible. As mentioned, the projected date of commissioning is July 15th, although Telkom have advised that, while they anticipate no problems, they do have the demands of the Festival to accommodate at the same period and there may be a hiccup or two!

### Should not confuse

The system is extremely user friendly and is not expected to confuse even the least technological of us.

We will obviously, however, until such time as modern electronics are trained to indulge in certain more humane practices, have to apply the 'follow me' feature to the urns around the place. We're still going to have make our own tea!



## Letters to the Editor

The Editor,

The letter by Ms Beard expressing strong disapproval of the administration's action in locking doors and gates on the occasion of a recent demonstration, (allegedly, probably genuinely, to be peaceful, as all demonstrations now are) causes for some rejoinder: so, here goes.

I think that it is probable that if Ms Beard had been living recently for just a few months in Cape Town, she would have somewhat different views. It doesn't take long for one living in Cape Town to realise that it is virtually impossible to ensure that a demonstration will be entirely peaceful, in that no personal injuries or damage to property takes place. Even the "gentlemanly and intelligent" students of UCT contributed quite a lot to the injuries and severe damage to property some eighteen months ago. Is one to assume that, in the interest of that impossible objective, complete freedom of action for every individual, no precautions should be taken? The locking of doors, to do something towards protecting one's own property, seems a very justifiable thing to do. And as for students taking part in political activity, of any sort whatever, I remember that, when I came to RUC in the mid-thirties, all political activity was banned for the students; and, as far as I remember, there was no voiced objection from the students. It is a strange reflection on that state of affairs that the only graduates of the RUC and RU, who achieved cabinet rank, came from that early period, namely Mr Eric Louw, for many years South Africa's Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Mr Ian Smith, who became Prime Minister of Rhodesia.

It is now generally accepted that irrespective of the peaceful intentions of the protesters and marchers, they are likely to attract less worthy hangers-on, who seize the opportunity of creating riot, and causing injuries to people and damage to property. Giving them a free hand to go where they like, and do what they like, regardless of the community's rights to safeguard their own personalities and their own property, is not likely to provide a safe-guard, - if one wishes to find one.

It is a pity that we have come to disregard, and/or to object to, the

view of the ancient Greeks, which they put into practice, that the young were too mentally and socially immature and inexperienced to take part in politics, or to be subjected to the wear and tear of strenuous athletic competitions, which were likely to damage their growing bones, muscles and ligaments.

Mr Pach's contribution is just too silly for words. To maintain, - I presume seriously - that "to promote peace and harmony it is necessary merely to ban locks and keys, and to impose severe penalties on those found guilty of wielding such unpeaceful and undemocratic weapons" is just plain stupidity. Mr Pach is clearly completely out of touch with the realities of contemporary society, like his admired predecessor Rousseau, whose life history, and writings show his complete incompetence as a member of human society.

Dan M Morton

The Editor,

Dave Craven's letter contains sensationalist and misleading comments and thinly-veiled racism.

The phrase "considerable damage done to property and fittings" is certainly a distortion of the facts. There was damage, it was deplorable but almost certainly accidental, and by no stretch of the imagination could it be called "considerable".

To talk about the Herbert Baker building as likely to have long ago been "devastated" is irresponsible and highly insulting to our students and employees. To talk loosely about damage done during the marches after Hani's assassination is to focus only on the actions of criminals and conveniently ignore the tens of thousands of decent people who maintained a dignified demeanour and the many, many marches that were held without any damage at all. Furthermore to insinuate that such damage is necessarily the consequence of any march held by (mainly black) people has racist overtones.

Finally, it is interesting to note that the gates proved totally useless if their purpose is to protect the Administration Building from unwelcome approaches by students and/or employees as witness the recent sit-in in Dr Smout's office.

Margot Beard

## New Association President

The Director of the Albany Museum in Grahamstown, Mr Brian Wilmot, was elected President of the South African Museum's Association (SAMA) at the annual conference of the Association held recently in the Eastern Transvaal.

Three other Albany Museum staff members, all alumni of Rhodes University, were also elected to serve on the Council.

Mr Wouter Holleman, Deputy Director of the Albany Museum, has the portfolio of Special Projects. Mr Gerard Corsane, Head of the History Division, was elected Honorary Secretary and Mrs Fleur Way-Jones, Registrar in the History Division, was elected to be the regional representative for the Eastern Cape. All members will serve a two-year term of office.

Mr Wilmot who succeeds Dr Mike Raath, another old Rhodian and Director of the Port Elizabeth Museum, served as President of the Association in 1988/1989 and is only the second representative of the Albany Museum to hold this office. Professor Percival Kirby, a former Head of the Department of Music at the University of the Witwatersrand, who served five terms as President of SAMA, represented the Albany Museum in his capacity as a Trustee in 1957 and 1963.

## Gratifying praise

The Dean of Pharmacy, Dr B J Wilson, is in receipt of a most gratifying letter from the Transvaal Provincial Hospitals' Benoni Hospital superintendent.

It records the fact that the hospital has had three Rhodes graduates in recent years and that he is:

"... thrilled to inform you that all these individuals have kept your flag flying high".

He goes on to say that "Their clinical knowledge, general pharmacy practice, patient care, insight and the manner in which daily tasks are executed are of a high standard. In the rendering of ward and theatre service, their input is constructive and it positively reflects the image of the profession".

The superintendent closes on behalf of his hospital by looking forward to more of Rhodes' aspiring and talented pharmacists.

## 40 years on

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Rhodes Chamber Choir.

The 1992 Choir Committee felt that it would be an appropriate time to launch a Guild of past choir members. To launch the Guild officially the choir has planned a reunion for the weekend of June 19 to 20, with past members from over South Africa, including some founder members, attending.

No comprehensive list of members existed, but concert programmes from past years provided a good starting point. A word of mouth further extended the list.

Apart from the social side of reunion, all those attending will form a 'reunion choir' which will spend time rehearsing some music for public performance at a concert on Sunday afternoon, sharing the programme with the present Rhodes Chamber Choir.

The Rhodes Chamber Choir was founded in March 1953 when George Gruber, previously of the Vienna Boys Choir, joined the staff of Rhodes University. The first concert, under the auspices of the Grahamstown Music Society, took place in June of that year. The choir's reputation grew steadily and from 1957 onwards, annual tours have been undertaken throughout the Republic, visiting all the major centres and many smaller towns. Between 1960 and 1969 the choir toured Europe frequently, appearing with much acclaim in Austria, Belgium, England, Germany and Holland.

Professor Rupert Mayr directed the choir from 1974 till his retirement as Head of the Music Department at Rhodes in 1984. Since then the choir has been directed by Christopher Cockburn, a lecturer in the Music Department and Organist and Choirmaster at the Grahamstown Cathedral. Throughout these years the choir has continued to tour extensively and has broadcast regularly for SABC. Since 1990 it has been one of the invited choirs at the annual KUESTA universities choir festival, and last year it undertook a highly successful tour of Zimbabwe.

The choir concert will take place on Sunday afternoon at 3.30 pm in the Rhodes Chapel. Grahamstown music lovers are invited to share in this unique event.



## A quirk of collectives?

We invite readers to forward to *Rhodos*, for publication, their favourite, non-legitimate collective nouns - these always make fun reading.

Nothing like the gaggle of geese or the school (or should that be pod?) of whales, you understand.

Rather, we are looking for such as a clique of photographers and a copse of tree-fellers.

Contributions to the Editor at the Public Relations and Development Division would be appreciated.

## O! Die Donkie.

When they built the new highway through to Pampoenpoort, they offered to buy Lappies' little farm, because the road would go right through the middle of it.

"Ag no, man", said Lappies, "I'm not leaving here. You just make me a place where I can cross the new road safely and I'll be happy."

So they built a neat little bridge over the dry river bed that runs across the farm, to allow Lappies to go from one side of the road to the other without getting in the way of the traffic.

One day the road inspector found Lappies hard at work, chipping two grooves into the concrete of the bridge. "Hey, what are you doing, Lappies?" he asked.

"Meneer, you know how difficult donkeys are. Well, when I try to make my donkey walk under this bridge, his ears touch the top and he refuses to go further. Now I'm making two grooves in the concrete so his ears won't touch."

The inspector shook his head in disbelief. "But Lappies, why don't you just scrape away some of the sand from the bed of the river instead of hammering away at that hard concrete?"

Lappies looked at the man for a long while.

"Meneer, you don't seem to understand the problem. Its the donkey's EARS, not his feet, that are sticking."

## OBITUARIES

### Grace Tindall

Grace Tindall, who died on Friday June 4, 1993, was perhaps a surprising person to have served on this University's staff. When she came to South Africa in the 1930s from her home in the north of England, it was to be the wife of Father Gordon Tindall, a missionary priest in the Anglican Diocese of Kimberley and Kuruman, and she had been a needlework teacher.

She worked as wife and mother to the Tindall family at various places in that Diocese and from 1950 in the Diocese in Grahamstown. In 1964 Father Gordon was elected as Bishop of Grahamstown and Grace's life took on wider Diocesan responsibilities. Then, quite suddenly in 1969, her life as it had been ended when Bishop Tindall died in office.

Shortly after this, Grace Tindall began to work in the Rhodes University Library as a Circulation Assistant, first as a casual worker, but from 1973 as a contracted staff member. She continued in that capacity until she was forced to retire in the Library financial crisis of late 1985. Characteristically her letter accepting retirement makes little reference to her own circumstances but noted that she had "enjoyed my contacts with the students and academic staff" and expresses the hope that reduced library hours will not lead to "the students being too much inconvenienced at a time when books are becoming increasingly expensive".

She had herself been the mother of two students, Mary (1962) and John (1963), but they were here before her own Rhodes days.

Grace Tindall brought particular qualities to a never easy job: a north country caniness coupled with humour and a personal authority rarely challenged by library users high or lowly, an orderly mind but above all a concern for people as people. No student ever became merely a circulation statistic. She will be long remembered by the staff and students who used the Library in the 16 years which she served it and the University.

MB

### Charlie Childs

Charlie Childs first came to Grahamstown in 1942, when he came out with a batch of airmen in the RAF.

During the time he was here he met Cynthia Wenning a farmer's daughter from Carlisle Bridge. Charlie was posted from Grahamstown to the Indian Command, but kept up correspondence with Cynthia. He came back to South Africa and married her in 1949. He farmed on the family farm for many years.

They returned to Grahamstown to live and Charlie applied to Rhodes for a position in security. Security was headed by another ex RAF, Fred Perry.

He stayed at Rhodes until retirement age. In the later years of his life he suffered from emphysema. He bore this illness with great fortitude but he died on Monday June 7, 1993.

JP

## Prof Marsh now Regional MASA Representative

The Dean of Education at Rhodes University, Professor Terry Marsh, was elected Regional Representative to the Interim National Council of the Association for Mathematics Education of South Africa (AMESA), at a meeting held at Fort Hare University recently.

AMESA is a newly-formed body amalgamating the Mathematical Association of Southern Africa (MASA), the National Education Co-ordinating Committee (NECC) Maths Commission, and several other associations and interest groups. It will be formally constituted and launched at a meeting in Bloemfontein on July 8.

The Interim National Council will consist of 17 representatives, one national representative from each of the nine participating associations and interest groups, and one representative from each of eight loosely defined regions.

Professor Marsh has been elected Regional Representative for the Border region, which stretches from Grahamstown through Ciskei to East London. He is now the Chairman of MASA in this region.

## Shades of the Seventies

The long awaited reunion of Old Rhodians of the early seventies is ready to happen and an exciting programme has been arranged.

Starting on June 29th and continuing (deliberately) until the Festival begins, the programme will allow ORs to re-acquaint themselves with the campus and its developments since they left.

The culmination of the events is a dinner dance at Kimberley Hall at which Prof Vivian de Klerk will be the speaker.

Prof Chris Hummel, the OR President, ably assisted by Jenny Purdon and Lesley Harper, have put together a full programme, the content of which was influenced by requests from those who are attending. Thus one finds certain priorities well catered for in the form of a bar lunch at the Cathcart Arms, a folk music festival and, may you believe, a lunch at that hostelry about and within which songs have been sung and stories told: the Pig and Whistle in Bathurst.

The latter takes place during an organised visit to the coast and we are bound to wonder just how many ORs will see the ocean! There is an alternative on the same day which is a visit to the Journalism department but, given that this starts at 10:00 that morning, we suggest that those with an interest in the 4th Estate might just find their way to the Pig as well.

Any ORs still undecided about their attendance should contact Jenny Purdon and sign up (ext 516) without delay to ensure their dose of Donovan, their nip of nostalgia and their perambulation to the Pig. Lesley Harper on extension 138 will accept your bookings for the dinner dance on the evening of June 30th.

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exhibition of Radio Astronomy  
by the Rhodes Museum in  
conjunction with the Department  
of Physics

• Rhodes Museum,  
St Peter's Campus



*An Old Rhodian, Dr Annaro van der Merwe, recently conducted a seminar on "The Young Writer and the Publishing World" for the Creative Writing course in the Department of Afrikaans & Nederlands. Dr van der Merwe is seen here (second from left, back) with Prof Etienne van Heerden (fourth from left, back), who offers the course, and some of the students.*

## Travel Confusion!

The travel industry is renowned for its amusing literal translations found published as official notices and announcements throughout the world.

Here are some which have been collected originally by Air France employees. Do English compilers make so many mistakes when writing similar messages in foreign languages?

### TOKYO HOTEL

Is forbidden to steal hotel  
towels please. If you are not a  
person to do such thing is please  
not to read notis.

### BUCHAREST HOTEL

The lift is being fixed for the  
next day. During that time we  
regret you will be unbearable.

### LEIPZIG LIFT

Do not enter the lift backwards,  
and only then when lit up.

### BELGRADE LIFT

To move the cabin, push bottom  
for wishing floor. If the cabin  
should enter more persons, each  
one should press a number of  
wishing floor. Driving then going  
alphabetically by national order.

### YUGOSLAVIAN HOTEL

The flattening of underwear with  
pleasure is the job of the  
chambermaid.

### PARIS LIFT

Please leave your values at the  
front desk.

### ATHENS HOTEL

Visitors are expected to  
complain at the office between  
the hours of 9 and 11 am daily.

### JAPANESE HOTEL

You are invited to take advantage  
of the chambermaid.

### MOSCOW HOTEL

You are welcome to visit the  
cemetery where famous Russian  
and Soviet composers, artists are  
buried daily except Thursday.

### SWISS MENU

Our wines leave you nothing to  
hope for.

### AUSTRIAN SKI LODGE

Not to perambulate the corridors  
in the hours of repose in the boots  
of ascension.

## Cultural Comment from Down Under

Our Parliamentary correspondent  
(international) has gleaned from  
Canberra's Hansard an incident  
in which an MP was asked to  
explain his description, during an  
exchange of pleasantries, of  
another member as a "culinary"  
fool.

"Mr Speaker", he said by way  
of explanation, "Hon Member  
was born with a silver spoon in  
his mouth, he speaks with a  
forked tongue and he knives his

opponents in the back!"

Across the Tasman they're not  
much better: some years ago a  
future Prime Minister, while  
campaigning for that position  
described the then current  
incumbent as "...a mass of yellow  
shivers looking for a spine to run  
up!"

All this and more from the  
Antipodes where, we are assured,  
culture does exist. You buy it in  
the supermarket.

## 1993 Visiting Scholar Fellowship

The Committee on International  
Peace and Security of the Social  
Science Research Council invites  
applications for the 1993 Visiting  
Scholar Fellowship Competition

These three-month fellowships  
allow scholars, journalists, public  
servants, lawyers and others to  
pursue research on innovative  
topics in international peace and  
security studies at universities and  
major research centres outside their  
home regions.

### Eligibility

The competition is open to qualified  
nationals of Eastern and Central  
Europe and Africa who are residing  
in the countries of these regions.  
Post-doctoral researchers and junior  
faculty, as well as journalists, lawyers  
and others who can demonstrate  
comparable research experience, are  
eligible to apply.

The competition is designed for  
junior scholars in the first seven  
years of their post-doctoral careers  
and other eligible applicants at an  
equivalent stage.

Applications should be  
completed and returned to the  
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