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Editorial

THE editor had a few rather peevish telephone calls after the appearance of the last issue of *Rhodos*, asking why two pages were missing. Until almost the last moment, the last issue of *Rhodos* was a non-event, but was saved by that gallant knight, Bruce Smith, who galloped into the *Rhodos* offices at the eleventh hour bearing a pile of job advertisements! This made it possible for us to produce two pages.

Rhodos is unlike any other newspaper in the world - it has no full-time staff and its readers are its reporters. We are most grateful to the faithful few who regularly send us articles, letters, reports, cartoons, and ideas.

There are odd moments when we are able to go out after copy for *Rhodos*, but as *Rhodos* is a part-time activity, we depend heavily on staff members for support and information.

Don't complain if news and views from your Department or section are not covered by *Rhodos* - send us the goods. We have had copy on disk, on the backs of envelopes, beautifully typed and scrawled in chinagraph. If it is printable, we'll use it.

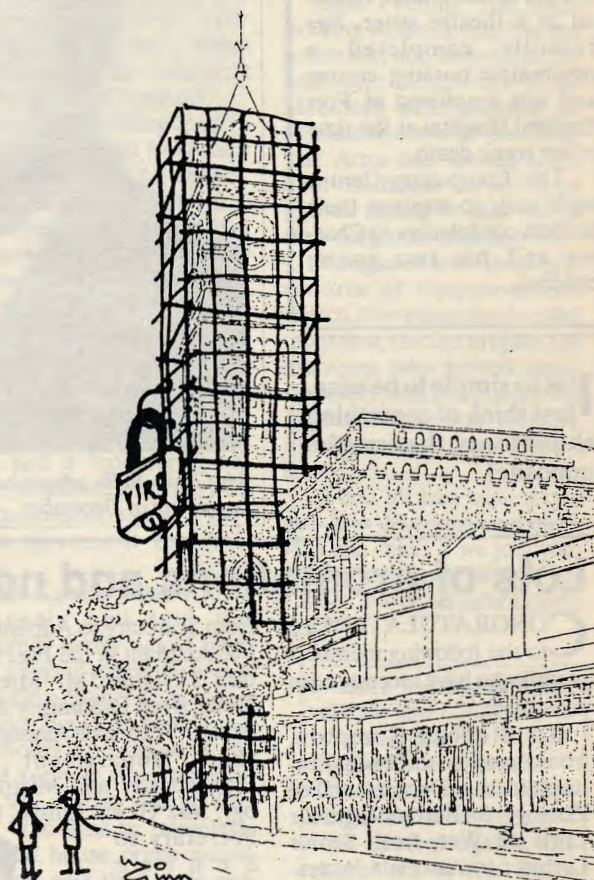
Those peevish 'phone calls were quite encouraging - some of you missed the two pages!

While some were festiving or resting their exam script-slash-ing arms, others were beaver-ing away at running the School Science Festival, the Legal Careers Programme and the Maths Winter School. The SAALA Congress was held at that big building on top of Gunfire Hill. In pouring rain and howling winds the new ILAM building was opened with much foot-stomping delight. If we have left any other activities out - you didn't tell us about them.

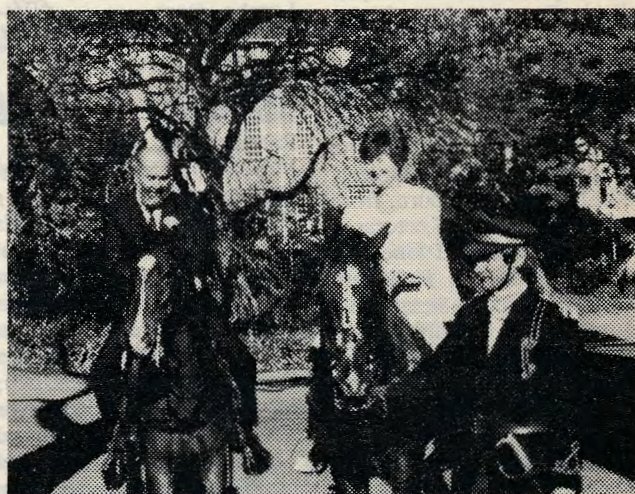
Congratulations

BETTER late than not at all - congratulations to Errol and Desiree Wicks on the arrival of little Lauren, who has joined Donna as the centre of the family universe.

On June 20, Professor Philip van der Watt and Aletta Elliot were married in Cape Town. Congratulations from all your friends who have been waiting for this for years.



"We had to do something! It was planning to swop halls with the Pietermaritzburg tower during the Festival."



Professor Ralph Kirby and Alice Ballard were married, by the Revd Tom Cunningham, in the Rhodes Chapel of St Mary and All the Angels, on June 23. We believe that they were last seen riding off into the sunset together...

Obituary

Tragic loss

by Mike Lawrie

NATALIE Winifred de Vos, wife of Charles de Vos, died suddenly in the early hours of July 6. Natalie was a qualified nursing sister, and had worked at the Settlers Hospital as a theatre sister. She recently completed a psychiatric nursing course and was employed at Fort England Hospital at the time of her tragic death.

The Computing Centre staff wish to express their deepest condolences to Charles and his two young children.

It is so simple to be wise. Just think of something stupid to say, then say the opposite!



Mr Gavin Relly, who takes on the Chancellorship at the beginning of December.

Dean of Students appointed

DR Moosa Motara has been appointed as Dean of Students and will take up the post at the beginning of 1991. Many members of staff will remember Dr Motara, who was a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Zoology and Entomology and Warden of Jan Smuts Hall until 1985, when he moved to the University of Durban-Westville as Professor and Head of the Department of Zoology.

Dr Motara completed BSc, Honours and MSc degrees at the University of the Punjab before moving to the University of the Witwatersrand, where he began reading for a PhD degree. He next moved to the University of Notre Dame, where he completed his PhD.

During his previous stay at Rhodes, Dr Motara was a member of the Executive Committee of RULA, and the School Science Festival Committee.

Lots of promotions and new staff

CONGRATULATIONS to the following members of staff who have recently been promoted:

Dr Stephen Compton, from Lecturer to Senior Lecturer in the Department of Zoology & Entomology; Dr Chris de Wet, from Senior Lecturer to Associate Professor in the Department of Anthropology; Miss Beth Dickerson, from Senior Lecturer to Associate Professor in the Department of Drama; Dr Fabio Frescura, from Senior Lecturer to Associate Professor in the Department of Physics & Electronics; Ms Julia Segar, from Junior Lecturer to Lecturer in the Department of Anthropology; Mr Dominic Thorburn, from Lecturer to Senior Lecturer in the Department of Fine Art; Mr Etienne van Heerden, from Lecturer to Senior Lecturer in the Department of Afrikaans en Nederlands; Mr Matthew Bacela, from Printing Attendant to Printing Assistant in the Printing Unit; Mr Neil Cannon, from Technical Assistant to Technical Officer in the Electron Microscopy Unit; Mrs Lorraine Denison,

from Secretary to Administrative Assistant at the East London Division; Mr Michael Dude, from Laboratory Assistant to Technical Assistant in the Department of Biochemistry and Microbiology; Mrs Gloria Emslie, from Secretary to Senior Secretary in the Department of Divinity; Mr Raymond Lombo, from Printing Attendant to Printing Assistant in the Printing Unit; Mrs Isobel McLean, from Housekeeper to Senior Housekeeper in Oriel Hall; Mr Norman Mka, from Clerical Assistant to Senior Clerical Assistant at the SRC; Mr Johnson Moli, from Stores Assistant to Senior Stores Assistant in the Department of Chemistry; Mrs Sally Morley, from Senior Technical Officer to Principal Technical Officer in the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences; Mr Welcome Ngxizele, from Printing Assistant to Senior

Printing Assistant in the Printing Unit; Mr Thobile Nontyi, from Technical Assistant to Technical Officer in the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences; Ms Moira Pogrud, from Principal Technical Officer to Chief Technical Officer in the



Department of Biochemistry and Microbiology; Mr Welcome Sam, from Printing Assistant to Senior Printing Assistant in the Printing Unit; Mr Phillip Vena, from Office Equip-

ment Technician to Senior Office Equipment Technician in the Electronic Services Group.

We welcome the following "newies" and hope their stay will be long, happy and productive:

Mrs Eleanor Anderton, as Secretary to the General Manager, Catering and Housekeeping Services; Mr Christopher Bode, as Senior Technical Assistant and Draughtsperson in the Busi-

ness Affairs Division; Mr Ronald Burger, as Carpenter in the Building Maintenance Section; Ms Nicky Cattaneo, as Junior Lecturer in the Department of Economics and Economic History; Miss Anne Collins, as Junior Lecturer in the Department of Fine Art; Miss Nicky Davidson, as Secretary in the Johannesburg Office of the Public Relations Division; Mr Deon Els, as Caterer; Mr Leslie Evans, as Supervisor, Cleaning Services; Miss Karen Fillis, as Assistant Caterer; Mrs Selina Harper, as Secretary at ILAM; Mr Charles Kunn, as Director of Electronic Services; Mr Robert Lowis, as Chief Caterer/Controller, Food Services; Miss Mavis Mesani, as Assistant Caterer; Mr Robert Prikril, as Caterer in Kimberley Hall; Mrs Ruth Stafford, as Switchboard Telephonist/Receptionist; Miss Sandra Strydom, as Admissions Assistant in the Admissions Section.

Moved - Mrs Flick Heideman-Garrett, from the Admissions Office to the Student Adviser's Office as Secretary.

RUSA NEWS

Married Student Accommodation Allocation

RUSA is pleased to announce that the rules relating to the allocation of accommodation have been revised.

With immediate effect married men and women students will both be considered equally for accommodation. This was confirmed by a spokesman for the Business Affairs Division.

Any inconvenience caused by reference to graduate assistants in the June issue of *Rhodos* is regretted.

Check your insurance

THE Salaries Office has given *Rhodos* a letter from Glenvaal Insurance Brokers which reads: "As you will be aware, Sums Insured under your Policy are reviewed annually on July 1. In previous years an increase of 15% has been applied to Sums Insured in respect of Buildings and Contents. However, in an attempt to combat the effects of inflation, the increase this year will be 20% which will in addition apply to Specified items under the All Risks Section of your Policy.

Please ensure that you possess a Valuation Certificate of not more than 2 years standing, which, in the event of a claim, will provide proof of the value of your jewellery or other specified items at the time of loss. The premiums appearing on your bank account will, with effect from July 1, 1990, therefore reflect the 20% increase in Sums insured in respect of Houseowners (Buildings), Householders (Contents) and all Risks (Specified items).

If you would like to amend this adjustment, please convey your instructions by telephone to the IMP Department of your local Glenvaal Office."

Are you creative?

HERE'S something to stretch your mind over the next fortnight. It comes from an Old Mutual newsletter and is said to be a test of creativity - defined as combining the practical with the original and forming new combinations of old elements.

If you are highly creative you'll find this easy.

Go about it by filling in each space with a word in common with the three given. For example, the answer to number one is BATH - creating bathrobe, steambath and birdbath. Time does not seem to be an issue.

Answers in the next *Rhodos*.

1. Robe, steam, bird
2. Book, post, tour
3. Fly, shoe, radish
4. Dew, bee, comb
5. Bag, coffee, stalk
6. Key, wall, cold
7. Leaf, parking, window
8. Up, hot, life
9. Down, stone, golden
10. Cake, blue, cottage
11. Hut, skirt, roots
12. Table, court, elbow
13. Line, light, dress
14. End, shelf, maker
15. Hole, fire, servant
16. Wash, pool, cable
17. Line, busy, spelling
18. Fore, bowl, painting
19. Day, house, weight
20. Made, cuff, left

A Move with the Times

by Geoff Lucas

DANIE and Estelle lived on the other side of the street, a couple of houses up from mine. They were Afrikaans-speaking South Africans and, although liberal enough to have bought a house on the edge of the "coloured area", Estelle longed for the plaas and Danie longed for a small town, (for Grahamstown wasn't small enough), where he could start his own electrical business.

For two years they tried to sell their house, but lovely as it was, there were no takers. Agents pursed their lips (as is their wont), and said if it had been a hundred metres further into the "white" area they could have named their price.

Miraculously, one day Danie was offered a job in Oudtshoorn with a house on the outskirts. Estelle was ecstatic to be returning to the plaas and a "coloured" colleague, a fellow electrician with the Rini council, signed a purchase agreement for their house.

The Agents pursed their lips again and said the "coloured" family would have to get a permit to buy the house and live in a "white" area, so the Mentoor family visited all the neighbours and asked if we would support their application. We all did, except The Ones Who Shall be Nameless, who said house prices would plummet and they were not having a bunch of ... etc. Fortunately, The Nameless Ones were too far down the street to pose any threat, the application

was duly sent to the Regional Council in Port Elizabeth, and the Mentoots agreed to rent the house pending the outcome of their application.

The furniture van suddenly arrived one evening and Danie and Estelle waved us all a fond farewell as they drove away into the sunset.

That evening, the hard-working students who live opposite me, and were to be the next door neighbours of the Mentoots, were preparing assignments down at the Cathcart Arms and arrived home near midnight to see dark figures flitting in and out of their neighbour's house.

Being well versed in the procedures of Neighbourhood Watch, they immediately called the police, the fire brigade and the army, who arrived simultaneously, and surrounded the Mentoor family now, completing their move into Danie's house.

When all had been sorted out Mrs Mentoor remarked, "Do you mind if we join your Neighbourhood Watch Mr Lucas? We'd feel safer belonging ..."

Is there something wrong with me that I find humour in strange places?

Festival Goers Beware!

The Society for the Abolition of the Death Penalty ... "will protest against the retention of the death penalty during the Festival..."

(Front page *Grocott's Mail* June 15 1990)

Plant a tree on Arbor Day, 10 August

by Mark Hazell

The objective of this day is to highlight the importance of trees to our survival and the well-being of our environment.

So, if you care for your survival and ours, join us on Arbor Day and plant a tree. This year is the year of the oak. It is not essential to plant an oak, however, any other tree will do.

There are many super indigenous trees which will give you delight for years. If you have a small garden, there are even some trees for those too. Some suggestions are: *Dais cotonifolia* (Pompom tree); *Cussonia sp.* (cabbage tree); *Vepris undulata* (white ironwood); *Erythrina humeana* (dwarf erythrina); *Loxostylis alata*.

Become a long term investor - invest in the environment and plant a tree this Arbor Day.

Rhodes and the FRD



by Jenny Purdon

RHODES, together with the Universities of the Witwatersrand and the Orange Free State, is involved in the Foundation for Research Development, (FRD) multidisciplinary waste management programme. Experimental work will be carried out at three or four municipal landfill sites. Selected researchers and institutions abroad will be visited to assess the latest techniques in waste management. Aspects which will receive particular attention in the course of this study include the use of selected strains of micro-organisms for biological degradation of waste, the extraction of landfill gas and the use of the energy produced, and the combating of water pollution in the process of waste management.

Prof Peter Clayton of the Department of Computer Science is involved in the FRD's Programme for the advanced training of computer scientists. The FRD plans to invest almost R1 million over the next three years in advanced training in computer sciences at three South African universities, Rhodes, the Rand Afrikaans University and the University of Cape Town. The main objective of this project is to promote the training of re-

search manpower in the field at an advanced level, as well as to establish a research infrastructure for computer sciences in South Africa. Technology transfer between the academic world and the computer industry is another important facet of the programme.

At the recent unveiling ceremony to commemorate the official opening of the FRD/UCT Radiogenic Isotope Facility were Professor Dave Woods (Old Rhodian, 1959) who is presently the Deputy Vice-Chancellor at UCT, and Professor Cliff Moran (Old Rhodian, 1956, and past member of staff) who is the Dean of Science at UCT.

The Radiogenic Isotope Facility is the first truly multi-user or inter-university facility funded by the FRD and qualified as such on the basis of projected use of the equipment by geoscientists from the Universities of Cape Town, Rhodes and Stellenbosch.

Involved in the FRD's programme for the development of Research Manpower in Computer Science are, from left: Professors P Clayton (Rhodes), SH von Solms (RAU), JD van Wyk (FRD) and P Kritzing (UCT).

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Exam bloos

by DC

WHAT a delightful picture is conjured up by Dr Robertson's alternative suggestion (*Rhodos*, June 28) for the satisfactory performance of natural functions during the course of examinations.

Picture row upon row of potties - blue for the boys and pink for the girls - ranged across the stage of the Great Hall. With the recent deep freeze in Grahamstown, one would have difficulty in distinguishing where the blue botty ends and the blue potty begins.

Imagine, too, the difficulty of concentrating on answering learned questions in these circumstances.

It would not, of course, be permissible for the candidates to bring their own accessories - an ordinary toilet roll would be an excellent crib, while one of the jumbo rolls hi-jacked from

academic loos could be a veritable encyclopaedia of crib notes.

On a more serious note, I cannot concur with Sirion's conclusion "... I think that the rules pertaining to all aspects of the system are good and reflect the University's recognition of the importance of security." The writer having conducted the survey mentioned, indicated several areas of weakness where examination questions might escape the net of confidentiality. Reference to the original report will show this. Unfortunately, Rhodes' recognition of the importance of security in this regard veers towards the *laissez-faire*, sometimes encountered in other areas of the security field.

To mix a few quotes: "Things they are a-changing - but they grind exceeding slow."

Applications are invited for the following posts:

- Faculty Officer in the Registrar's Division from 1 October 1990

(The successful candidate will assist with the administration of some of the University's major faculties. Experience of committee work and a knowledge of word processing would be a distinct advantage).

Closing date; August 3

- Flexi-time Circulation Assistant in the Library

This post offers stimulating opportunities for interaction with academic staff and students as a member of a dynamic circulation desk team. Previous experience of library work would be a recommendation but is not a requirement as on the job training is given. The post involves responsibility, under the direction of the Circulation Librarian, for the loan of library material and for basic assistance to users. The successful candidate will work for either 1 000 or 1 200 hours a year (approx 25 hours a week in morning, afternoon or evening shifts which are arranged by mutual agreement).

Closing date: July 31

- Professor and Head of the Department of Political Studies from 1 January 1991 or as soon as possible thereafter.

Closing Date: August 17

- Senior Lecturer/Lecturer in the Department of Law from 1 January 1991, or as soon as possible thereafter.

Closing date: August 17

Application forms and further particulars from Mrs S Stephenson, ext 115.

San Sisters' Column

Difficulties with dieting: why diet?

by Sister Gill Scott

WHY dieting does not always result in long term weight loss: Initially, the person on diet loses large quantities of water stored in fat. The dieter is much encouraged. In the second week this water loss slows down, weight can remain static. As soon as normal eating is resumed water is again stored. Many diets, such as the banana and milk diet, should be done for short periods only (7 - 10 days) because of the lack of essential nutrition. These diets invariably result in strong cravings which, if indulged, increase weight gain.

The real stumbling block with most diets is the food focus that evolves. Most overweight people already have a slight food focus and don't need it increased by the entire day being centred on the diet plan.

Researchers have discovered that after

the first week of dieting, metabolism slows down, so less food is needed! The metabolic rate does not necessarily speed up with increased food intake, so more fat is laid down.

Without regular exercise during dieting, muscle is lost first, later fat. Once dieting stops, the body stores fat first before muscle replacement.

Aids to dieters

1. Women only need 15mls of fat per day and men 20 - 25mls (butter, margarine, oil).

2. No sugar, cake, sweets or jam is needed. Fresh fruit provides all the sugar an average sedentary adult requires. If one develops the "shakes" a teaspoon of honey will restore the balance.

Calcium intake

Many dieters cut out all dairy products and

eggs. This is particularly serious in teenagers and women during menopause. Calcium deficiency results in osteoporosis, an altered condition of the bone density leading to fragile bones, 'dowager's hump' and lower back pain. Skimmed milk, low fat yoghurt, eggs and spinach are rich in calcium.

Unrefined foods, such as brown rice and wholewheat bread, fresh vegetables and bran cereals take longer to eat and metabolise, and have fewer kilojoules per unit than refined foods.

Refined foods such as fatty meat, gravy, cakes, mashed potato are quickly eaten so more is taken before feeling full. These foods raise the blood sugar level very quickly which stimulates insulin release so hunger pangs are felt sooner and stronger than with high bulk foods.

Is your crockery slowly killing you?

Many Americans have been asking themselves that unlikely question, anxiously aware of the latest dining hazard: lead, a toxic metal that can leach into food from improperly glazed ceramics.

Newsweek reports that lead is looking more hazardous all the time. The more lead a young child consumes, the

lower his IQ will be, according to recent studies. Other disorders of chronic lead indigestion include hearing loss, irritability and kidney damage. No surveys have measured just how much lead we are consuming from crockery but there's no question that some poorly glazed pottery can cause acute poisoning.

In this country amateur and

professional potters sell their wares in shops, school fetes, country markets and street markets. Do the public give enough attention to how well these ceramics are glazed? Are they aware of the dangers of lead poisoning from these pieces?

An American couple were near death from lead poisoning from many months of drinking

coffee from improperly glazed coffee mugs. In the USA companies are required to kiln their wares at temperatures high enough to prevent lead seepage. Who knows what the requirements are here? Or who can tell by looking at a piece of pottery at a street market whether it has been baked at a high enough temperature to prevent lead seepage?

Sport Fixtures

Thursday 26 July

● **Badminton**
RU Mixed vs Trinity Alec Mullins. 6.00pm

Saturday 28 July

● **Tennis**
RU 1 vs Sidbury Home
RU 2 vs Carlisle Bridge Away
● **Rugby**
RU 1 vs Swifts Away
RU 2 vs Swifts Away
RU 3 vs Swifts Away

● **Volleyball**
RU 1 Men vs Tech Alec Mullins. 1.00pm
RU 1 Men vs Tech Alec Mullins. 4.00pm
RU Women vs Tech Alec Mullins. 1.00pm

● **Soccer**
RU 1 vs Drostdy Park King Field. 3.30pm
RU 2 vs Drostdy Park King Field. 2.00pm

● **Hockey**
RU 1 Women vs Crusaders Away
RU 2 Women vs Crusaders Away
RU 2 Men vs UPE Away

● **Cross Country**
Goodyear Open Uitenhage

Sunday 29 July

● **Hockey**
RU 1 vs Old Grey Great Field. 11.00am

Monday 30 July

● **Volleyball**
Grahamstown League Alec Mullins. 7.30pm

● Squash

RU 1 Men vs Walmer 1 Home
RU 2 Men vs Walmer 2 Home
RU Women vs Walmer Home

Wednesday 1 August

● **Hockey**
Grahamstown League :
Wyvern vs Staff L/Barratt. 5.30pm
Nomads vs Odds & Sods L/Barratt. 7.00pm

Thursday 2 August

● **Hockey**
RU 3 Women vs Westview Away

Friday 4 August

● **Rugby**
RU 1 vs Crusaders Great Field. 3.30pm
RU 2 vs Crusaders Great Field. 2.10pm
RU 3 vs Crusaders Great Field. 12.50pm

● Hockey

RU 1 Men vs UPE Away
RU 2 Women vs Schools Great Field. 2.00pm
● **Volleyball**
RU 1 Men vs Uitenhage A/Mullins. 2.00pm
RU 2 Men vs Uitenhage A/Mullins. 5.00pm
RU 1 Women vs Uitenhage A/Mullins. 3.30pm

Sunday 5 August

● **Hockey**
RU 1 Men vs Pirates Away
RU 2 Men vs Pirates Away
Grahamstown League :
Nomads B vs Staff L/Barratt. 10.00am

● Tennis

RU 1 vs Carlisle Bridge 1 Away
RU 2 vs Fort Brown Home

Monday 6 August

● **Volleyball**
Grahamstown League Alec Mullins. 7.30pm

Wednesday 8 August

● **Hockey**
Grahamstown League :
Staff vs Occasionals L/Barratt. 5.30pm
Nomads vs Nomads B L/Barratt. 7.00pm

Friday 10 & Saturday 11

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Saturday 11 August

● **Cross Country**
EP Champs PE

Sunday 12 August

● **Hockey**
RU 2 Men vs Occasionals Away

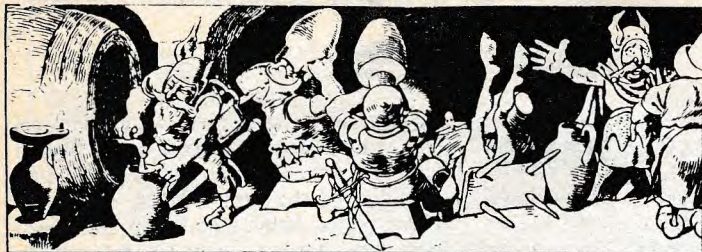
Monday 13 August

● **Squash**
RU 1 vs Old Grey Away
RU 2 vs Old Grey Away
RU Women vs Westview Away

Wednesday 15 August

● **Hockey**
Grahamstown League :
Oribis vs Staff L/Barratt. 7.00pm
RU 3 Women vs Tech B Away

Pubcultural studies



by Jane Burnett

I recently read an article which rated various occupations according to stress levels incurred and was interested to note that waitressing and barkeeping almost topped the ratings.

Having moonlighted in a popular "local" for several years, I would endorse those findings wholeheartedly. Nonetheless, the job does have its advantages. For anyone interested in cultural, sociological, anthropological or psychological studies, it's a plumb position for observing pubcultures.

Pubcultures are members of pubcultures, which abound in Grahamstown due to the dearth of other forms of entertainment. The pubculture species can be subdivided into numerous subspecies or pubtypes. Lets have a brief look at some of the archetypal pubtypes. The most common or garden variety of pubtype is typified by Pete*, a member of the legal fraternity. He's married but wishes he were single, and probably will be again before long. His greatest ambition is to be chosen to go on an overseas Castle pub tour. He is a living monument to the liver- tonic which guarantees that you can "drink yourself stukkend" and still feel as good as new by five the next day when the pubs reopen. Pete really enjoys his beers, but after six or seven, and a few challenges to prove his masculinity, he's onto the rums and later the tequilas. He thinks that eating supper is too much of a hassle (his wife probably agrees after 10 years of burned roasts and soggy vegetables) and is quite content to snack on a handful of peanuts, a plate of hot chips or a handful of Rennies. Pete loves telling jokes, particularly about blacks and gays, while his buddies pat him affectionately on the back, guffaw and rock to and fro on the balls of their feet.

He loves watching rugby, blue movies and gambling at the Fish River Sun. He hates the festival, students, and Sundays when the pubs don't open.

Another pubtype is typified by Rob*. He's a building contractor who's been based in Grahamstown for eight months. Like Pete, he has an eight to five job and a five to twelve drinking habit. He's slightly older but still aspires to being a "ruggerbugger". He's divorced but has a daughter my age, of which I constantly have to remind him as he sighs and says: "I wish I'd met you twenty years ago!"

He's always making loud suggestive remarks about my anatomy and looks mortally wounded if I show any signs of not being flattered to be the subject of his visual orgy. He firmly believes that any woman working in such an environment invites being treated with as much respect as a Scope floozy-of-the-month.

Rob loves whistling at school-girls, braais and golf. He hates paying maintenance, his job and the "last round bell".

Simon*, a lecturer, is yet another archetypal pubtype although not an archetypal lecturer. He's intelligent and witty, happily married and has snapshots of his two children (a pigeon pair) in his wallet.

Simon always offers me a drink and doesn't mind if I take the money instead: he understands why I'm working here in the first place. He loves the outdoors, good wine, his family. He hates cities, the Nats and wearing a tie.

Yes, the survey was right. Barkeeping is stressful and on the average night in an average Grahamstown pub, a barkeeper faces daunting situations requiring levels of diplomacy usually only acquired on a intensive public relations course. I'm currently brushing up on those skills but until I've mastered the art of detecting and dealing with our local pubtypes of pubculture, I'll continue being entertainer, marriage councillor, discjockey, and chief bottle washer as best I can. Cheers!

**names have been changed to prevent loss of revenue from tips.*



Over 600 high school pupils attended the Rhodes School Science Festival recently. TE Goodyer of St Andrew's College is seen discussing his project on chicory with Professor Ted Botha, Head of the Department of Botany.

Festival kept them hopping

by Jenny Purdon

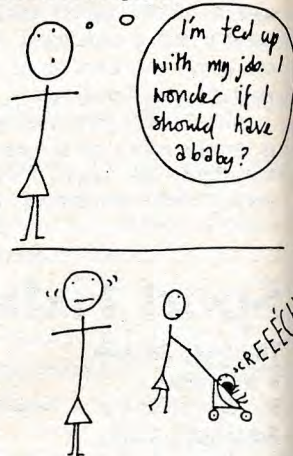
The Festival has come and gone and Grahamstown and Rhodes are gradually recovering from the onslaught. There have not been any serious complaints about the visitors to our residences but some members of staff were certainly kept hopping! Lesley Harper, the Conference Liaison Officer, was asked, at the

eleventh hour, to accommodate 81 dancers from Transkei. She managed, with great difficulty, to put them up in various residences. John Claughton had to 'phone for an ambulance in the middle of the night as one of the Johannesburg Art Gallery guests became seriously ill and had to be rushed to hospital.

Choir to honour founder

Dr Georg Gruber, who will be remembered by many as Professor of Music at Rhodes, will be honoured on July 31 at a concert celebrating fifty years of the Vienna Mozart Boys Choir, to be held in St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, Australia.

Dr Gruber founded the choir in the 1930's, after leaving the Vienna Boys Choir.



Wardens

Applications are invited from staff and senior students for several part-time posts in the residence system of

■ Wardens of either men's or women's houses from January 1, 1991

These posts are suitable for single people, but married applicants will also be considered.

No salary is attached to these posts, but entertainment expenses will be refunded up to a specified amount. Free accommodation, electricity and water is provided throughout the year, and free meals and laundry during the terms and when available during vacations.

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, of the Personnel Division (ext 116).

Closing date: August 17

LETTERS

The Editor

Irene de Moor's article in *Rhodos* Vol 2 no 9 certainly is deserving of comment.

The University's refuse removal is done by Grounds and Gardens and presently involves tying up a crew of three on a refuse truck for every working day of the year.

The Municipality of Grahamstown charges us about R12 000 a year for the privilege of dumping our refuse on their site. It is estimated that we dump about 10 - 12m³ of refuse each working day ie +/- 2 500 m³ per annum. Of this amount, anything between 50 - 70% could be dry waste such as paper and cardboard etc. It is self evident that we are throwing away vast sums of money each year.

If we could recycle most of this waste matter we would be better off financially as well as environmentally.

Where the difficulty arises,

however, is in the collection and storage of the waste material at the point of generation. The volumes generated at each site are presently too great to be stored until they can be collected. Furthermore, there is the safety factor in that storage of bulk combustible materials poses a fire risk. We at grounds and Gardens would value any ideas on ways and means that we could devise to ensure that we optimize the recollection of recyclable materials.

Further complicating our problem is the fact that departments are not all separating their litter into different classes to achieve this. We will require a massive education drive aimed at all levels of staff, and students.

I would be willing to be part of a discussion group to work out a plan of action to optimize the recycling of waste from the campus.

Mark Hazell

Florence
April 5, 1543

Dear Lady Capulet,

It is just as well you called me in to look at the balcony in Miss Juliet's bedroom because it might have collapsed any minute. The supporting column has been badly weakened. Someone has carved the initial "R" so deeply as to nearly sever it. Hearts have also been carved all over it and graffiti scratched on the surface, rubbish like, "O that I were a glove upon that hand that I might touch that cheek", etc. A rope has been fixed to the support and someone has been swinging from

it. There are a series of what look like nailmarks on the wall, as if a person was trying to claw their way up. It really is disgusting what these vandals get up to today. The trouble is, everyone is too soft with them. They should bring back the rack.

I have repaired the damage as far as possible, removed the rope and plastered over the filthy writing. But it is essential for the cement to harden properly, so the balcony must not be used for the next 24 hours. If anyone stands on it I shall not be answerable for the consequences.

Yours faithfully,
G Tomasino
Builder and decorator

The Editor

With reference to a previous letter in *Rhodos* concerning telephones in the University, I would like to raise another problem which causes even more inconvenience than having to wait for an outside line - this being the consistent inability of our PABX system to transfer an outside call received on one extension, to another extension. The problem is further exacerbated by not being able to get back to the original caller to explain the problem and perhaps take a message. This inefficiency is not only irritating but embarrassing.

Can this be rectified or is it just one of the many idiosyncracies of Rhodes with which we have to learn to live.

John Bell



"Where's the intellectual rigour in learning to tell the time by a digital watch?"

Smalls

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Cheerio, Heinz

RHODES said "good-bye" and good luck to Heinz Jasson, who left on July 20, after eight and one-half years service. Heinz helped to look after our PCs. He is happy to let everyone know that he will definitely not be leaving Grahamstown and is, in fact, opening up his own business in New Street.



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Staff Sport

by Doug Coghlan

GOLF must take pride of place this week as the staff team heads for the links at Humewood to do battle with UPE and PE Technikon. At stake is the Trust Bank Trophy which was won by Rhodes on the Grahamstown course last year. Humewood is one of the few true "links" courses in South Africa and will provide a real test for the team. The players are:

D Henderson, J Eller, N Papenfus,
M Young, H Eales, D Coghlan,
J Hubbard, T Perkins, R Walker,
J Welman, D Rivett and M Sainsbury.

A tremendous response has been received for the match versus Fort Hare at Fish River and with the addition of some of the colleagues from East London, it is confidently

expected that Rhodes will be able to raise two teams.

Chris Whiteley has recovered from his injuries and is back in training. He and Richard Foss are expected to take part in the Ford Marathon on 28 July.

The 2nd squash side, playing in the fifth league, are still unbeaten, and meet St Andrew's 8th side on Friday. The 1st side is in the 1st league, and on Friday have a tough match against St Andrew's 1sts. The staff hockey side has not played during the vacation, and returned to action on Wednesday July 18 in a game against Odds and Sods.

General

It was the intention of the Sports Administration to begin heating the pool this week, but Spoonnet made a "fishnet" of the cover, which has been sent away for repair, and

there will thus be a delay. Please be patient.

Meanwhile all staff are reminded that there are recreational facilities available to them on campus, under certain conditions including fitness training. Advice and information is available from the Sports Office.

Please feel free to walk around the sports fields but please DO NOT bring your dogs.

Please send me any information you may have about staff involved in sport.

Please see page 5 for sports fixtures



Wot's On

Thursday 26 July

Political Studies Film: "The Two Rivers". This South African documentary is a rural Black South African's perspective on the history of his people, the colonial era, the early apartheid era and the present day.

GLT. 4:05pm

Zoology Dept Seminar by Dr Christopher MacQuaid on "Optimal foraging theory and the feeding behaviour of Octopus".

Zoo Minor. 4:00pm

Thursday 2 August

Political Studies Film: "A Long Hour's Walk" (26 mins)

In many Latin American countries the gap between rich and poor is enormous. This film, made in Colombia, shows how a large section of the population lives. It first visits a rural area, where the small pieces of land have become unproductive and the peasants have to supplement their income by working on the large estates. It shows that those who leave the countryside to work in towns often exchange one kind of poverty for another and that the squatter problem is a world-wide phenomenon.

GLT. 4:05pm

and

"Remember Me" (16 mins)

This film highlights the plight of working children in impoverished countries all over the world.

GLT. 4:31pm

Friday 3 August

Grahamstown Music Society:

Eva Tamassy (flute) and Virginia Fortescue (piano).

City Hall. 8:15pm

Thursday 9 August

Zoology Dept Seminar by Dr Anthony Maddock of Nature Conservation on "Resource partitioning in an assemblage of Viverrids".

Zoo Minor. 4:00pm

Political Studies film: "Warsaw Ghetto"

(52 mins)
In November 1940 the German occupation

GLT. 4:05pm

authorities in Poland completed the construction of a wall to enclose the Jews of Warsaw. At the highest level of Nazi command a decision was taken to make a pictorial record of the subsequent destruction of the 600 000 people who lived there. Cameramen of the German Army, the SS and the Gestapo were given the job of taking photographs and cine-films inside the ghetto during the three years that followed. This film, compiled 25 years after the event, is a record of what happened. The grim and dreadful story is told by Alexander Bernfes, one of the few survivors.

Inaugural Lecture by Professor Peter Mtuze, head of the Department of African Languages, entitled "The Role of African Languages in a Post-Apartheid South Africa".

Arts Major. 8:15pm

Sunday 12 August

Grahamstown Historical Society:

An afternoon outing led by Ms Margot Winer, visiting research student from Berkeley University, California, to look at "Interesting houses in Salem".

City Hall. 2:15pm

Monday 13 August

Grahamstown Historical Society:

Presidential Address - "A Book is Launched" by Dr Chris Hummel of the History Dept.

Albany Museum. 8:00pm

Wednesday 15 August

Law Dept - annual Moot competition. The Honourable Mr Justice Cooper will preside.

Moot Room

Thursday 16 August

Political Studies Film: "Animal Farm" (73 mins)

GLT. 4:05pm

This is an animated version of George Orwell's famous book. It raised central problems of democracy and bureaucracy in a revolution and a post-revolutionary society.

Law Dept - annual Moot competition. The Honourable Mr Justice Zietsman will preside.

Moot Room