

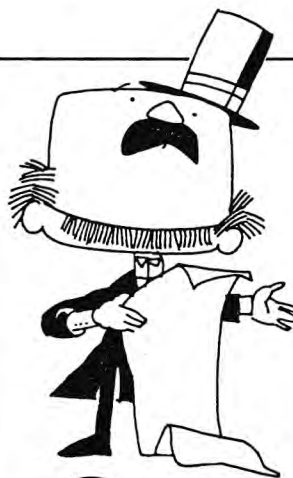
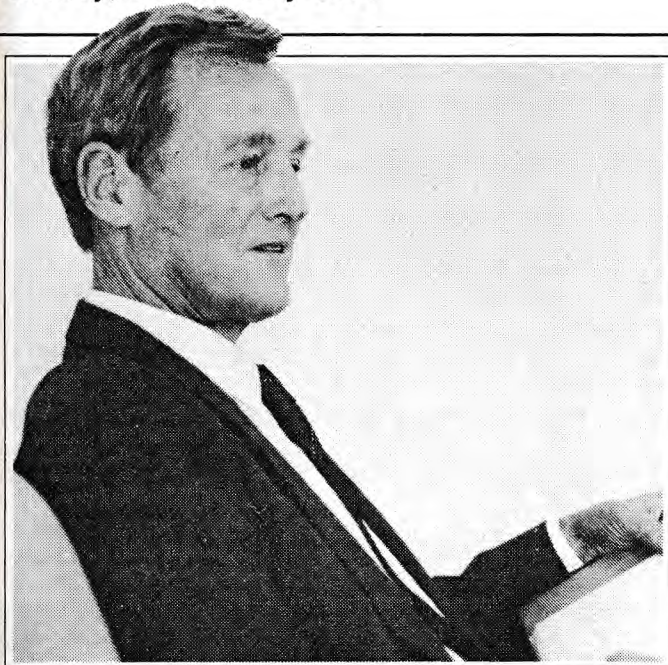


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Guest editorial

This year we have had the pleasure of welcoming several dozen new members of staff to our ranks. The positions filled take us across the full spectrum of the University's activities - academic, administrative, residential and technical. All will have passed through a selection process, which means that we have a very "select" group of people joining us.

The academics will have benefitted from some semiformal orientation activities. The others will have been inducted more informally, but all will have been made to feel very welcome in their environment.

That is one of the great strengths of the Rhodes community: we do not keep newcomers at arm's length until they have proved themselves. People can be said to have "arrived" from the very first day that they meet their new colleagues.

You will find no lack, whether

inside Rhodes or in the wider community of congenial extramural activities. There is a wide choice of good schools. Housing is usually not too impossible a problem. Beaches and mountains beckon from a little further afield. It is well known that Grahamstown does not enjoy a climate, but only weather, and shopping has its limitations. Perhaps we should learn to accept this with some philosophical detachment. Socrates, when he walked through the market place and saw the multitude of wares exposed for sale, used to say to himself, "How many things I can do without!" He was fond, too, of reciting the little couplet:

"The purple robe and silver's shine
More fits an actor's need than mine"

In spite of our colonial past and "English" atmosphere, residing nowadays more perhaps in the imagination than in reality, Rhodes and Grahamstown are

very much part of South Africa. The politics, alas, are the same. One thing does not change. Joel Mervis in his *Passing Show* column once imagined comment from Dick King briefly and miraculously brought to life: "No matter from where you start it still takes ten days to get to Grahamstown!" Getting away is also problematic. In the same column, Piet Retief's observation was "Without Rent-a-Wagon we should never have got that trek off the ground."

Therefore, now that you have arrived we hope that you will remain for a good long time. The human body is alleged to replace every cell over a period of seven years. People at Rhodes tend to stay a good deal longer. Many have been here for thirty years or more, and some veterans have reached the forty mark. Welcome aboard!

Dr Derek Henderson
Vice-Chancellor

Medical Aid: the changeover

By Patrick Phillips

The changeover from Bestmed to Meddent takes place on March 1. Please remember that all claims for services rendered on or before 28 February must be submitted to Bestmed irrespective of when the account is received, bearing in mind that Bestmed does have a four months' deadline.

A frequently used term that requires clarification is *scale of benefits*. This refers to the tariffs, applied to recognized medical procedures, that are published in the *Government Gazette* and reviewed at least once a year.

Whilst medical practitioners and institutions are at liberty to charge more than the scale of benefits, legislation does not permit any medical aid scheme to reimburse in excess of the scale.

When Meddent agrees to pay 70% or 100% of scale of benefits, this implies that they will pay the applicable percentage of the gazetted tariff and the balance will have to be paid by the member.

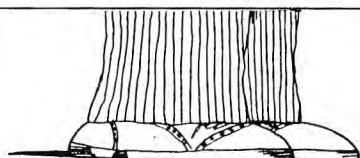
Doctors and dentists who charge according to the scale of benefits are referred to as being "contracted in" and are entitled to submit their accounts directly to the medical aid scheme.

You will be interested to know that the assessing department at Meddent keeps a watchful eye for any charges that might be irregular or outrageously high in order to protect your interests as well as theirs.

Our Meddent representative, Mrs Jacinta Heron, will call on the University frequently and will be happy to discuss any problems that members might experience.

While I am confident that the transition will be smooth, I would rather see problems ironed out before they become compounded and a source of irritation, so please see me if you have a query or a problem.

...With tread you have a chance...but with these leather-soled jobs, you're dead meat!



Editorial

The academic year fell upon us with a vengeance this month. Those responsible for new students have been working in top gear for weeks. Now that the accommodation problems have been dealt with, the academic business of Rhodes rolls on...

We hope that all staff have a happy and productive year.

Rhodes continues to support campaigns to recycle paper and plastics. Clean paper can be offered to the Centre for Social Development for use in their pre-school programme; other paper should be kept for collection by the Janitor, Mr Norman Winter. Used plastic bottles and plastic shopping bags can also be delivered to Mr Winter.

• There is one way in which Rhodes could save paper - instead of sending out hundreds of circulars, please bring the disk with the information you wish to bring to the attention of staff to the Rhodes office. We will happily print it and save at least 80 sheets of paper in the process. Old habits die hard, but perhaps Rhodes can kick the paper-chase habit this year!

Why are they red

A book is read

Books are paper

Paper is made from wood

Wood is from a tree

Trees have limbs

limbs make fishing rods

Fishing rods catch fish

Fish have fins

Finns are next to Russians

Russians are Red

Fire engines are always

rushin'

That's why fire engines are red.

British comedian, Vic Oliver, 1938

Librarian's delight



by Albert le Roux

Mr Mike Berning shows the Vice-Chancellor, Dr Derek Henderson, how to use the new On-line, Public-Access Catalogue system (OPAC), which has recently been installed in the Rhodes Library. With the new computer system, which cost R700 000, the library can offer users a better service, and work in the library could be more efficient, since more productive routines could be instituted making for a happier, better motivated staff.

The new system consists of eight terminals, which are dispersed over the different levels of the library. More terminals will be acquired as the need arises.

"The obvious advantage of the system is not only that the student can find the book required at the press of a button, but soon, when the next phase is undertaken to include the circulation section, the computer will indicate whether the book is out and who has it," said Mr Michael Berning, Deputy Librarian.

Mr Berning added that the system is relatively easy to use. "One need not be computer literate. If the user follows the instructions indicated, then no problems should arise. If users experience difficulties staff members will be available to assist them."

Only one third of the books (books bought in the last ten years) have been programmed onto the system, and it will have to be used in conjunction with the old catalogue system for some time.

It is hoped that when the system is linked to the local area networks at Rhodes, terminals could be placed in each of the departments. This would mean that one could first check whether the book is available before going to the library.

The database at present consists largely of data taken from The South African Bibliographic Information Network (SABINET). These are either catalogue records created by another agency to which Rhodes library has added its holding statements, or they are records which staff have created themselves on the network.

There are about 300 000 volumes in the library, and it is expected that by the end of the year details of all books in regular use will be on the new system. The remaining books should be on disk in the near future.



Congratulations ...

to Friedl and Colleen Ranftelshofer on the engagement of their daughter Brigitte, to Rocky, son of Bruce and Moe Mann of Port Elizabeth.

Sympathy ...

to Jock West and his family on the death of his wife and their mother, Ella West, who died peacefully on Thursday, February 14.

ASP tutor wins Rhodes Scholarship

Louise Vincent, of the Academic Skills Programme, has been awarded a Rhodes Scholarship. She will go to Oxford in September this year to study for a Masters degree in Political Theory and Political Institutions.

The meeting of the South Africa-at-large selection committee took place in Cape Town from the 7-9 December 1990.

Louise, who hails from Johannesburg, is completing an MA on the position of women in South African society. She is former Vice-President of the Rhodes SRC, and gained a BA(Hons) in Political Studies in 1989 with distinction and was awarded Academic colours. She has served in numerous capacities in student government, including the positions of Orientation Committee Chair and Rhodes SRC Representative to



National Union of South African Students (NUSAS) National Council and NUSAS Congress. She was a member of the South African Tertiary Institutions Sports Council (SATISCO) where she played and coached tennis.

The selection procedure at Rhodes for 1991 will begin with an information meeting scheduled for the first week of the second term. For further information please contact Professor Laurence Wright at the Institute for the Study of English in Africa.

Support the GADRA school-feeding scheme

Rhodes staff members are asked each year to consider supporting the Grahamstown Area Distress Relief Association (GADRA) School Feeding Scheme by becoming part of a scheme where a monthly stop-order makes a monthly contribution a fairly painless process.

The GADRA School and Pre-School Feeding Schemes provide nutritional food for children. They use the schools' facilities to cook the soup and biscuits delivered to them. Unfortunately, the bakery will only deliver to the "coloured" schools so bread is taken four times a week; soup and biscuits go in the GADRA vehicle.

"We arrange for food in one way or another, for a total of 7000 children: six lower-primary black schools in town, six farm schools in the nearer rural areas and three "coloured" primary schools. There is no charge for the food we provide, individual participation in the scheme is made by the pupils providing the wood for the fire and bringing their own cups etc.", said Mrs Margaret Barker, Convenor of the Scheme.

"For children between the ages of two and seven there is special food because each of our 300 youngsters is recommended by one of the medical services or our own social workers, as being at risk. Daily we supply enriched breakfast cereal with brown sugar and milk powder, a slice of bread and peanut butter and two of the famous fortified biscuits.

"This is a high protein diet to ensure that these children build up a physical and mental foundation. This will not just enable them to survive but also assist in learning processes once they reach school level.

"Again, there is no charge, but the mothers have to bring their children regularly for a monthly weighing and monitoring. They are also encouraged and assisted to take the child for the requisite injections when the time falls due.

"Our links with the local Family Planning unit are close and we arrange for talks and interviews. We have no government subsidy and our very existence depends upon the income we can raise by public appeal.

"Last year we had a bumper cheque each month of R2 300, but about ten Rhodes members left or retired at the end of 1990, which will diminish this, and we face a year of increased costs on a far larger scale than most smaller units will have. Should the government subsidy on bread be removed it will be a disaster for all feeding schemes", Mrs Barker said.

Perhaps you have never belonged to the GADRA scheme? Maybe you would consider joining this year? Perhaps your contribution has remained the same for years and you think it could be increased? Please think about this proposal and ask the Finance Division for a stop-order form. Your contribution will make a difference.

PC Support News

by Tim Bouwer

Tracy Chambers has joined the Computing Centre staff. She is sure to become well-known on campus as she will handle day-to-day PC queries. Tracy comes from a large company in Port Elizabeth where she worked as a secretary. She was also involved in helping secretaries in the use of spreadsheets and word processors. She is an expert on spreadsheets and has been teaching herself the other packages that we support.

The Local Area Network

We have begun a new academic year with a surge in interest in the Local Area Network (LAN) both for teaching and for individual use. The M1 laboratory is available for teaching and lecturers are able to book the facility for tutorials or lectures. This laboratory is connected to the LAN and booking can be made with Mrs Jenny King of the Registrar's office.

A sophisticated viewer has been bought for use in the laboratory. This is used with a overhead projector to display whatever is on a computer's screen. There is also a computer program which comes with the viewer which makes it possible to create a 'slide show' of pre-prepared screens. This viewer

can therefore be used as a teaching aid for presentations as well as for hands-on practical demonstrations. Anyone interested in being given a demonstration of the viewer can contact me at Ext 288.

People who are interested in learning about the LAN can register for the course on how to use the LAN that we will offer. This course is recommended for postgraduates who are looking for a place to do their word processing.

Anyone interested in the LAN in terms of their own department should contact the Computing Centre. I will be able to give general information on the facilities that a LAN offers. Formal applications for connections to the LAN or for the establishment of LAN laboratories must be made to the Director of the Computing Centre.

Courses

We have already given a computer literacy course and two WordPerfect courses this year, with more scheduled in the next few weeks.

The following outlines the available courses. These are open to any staff member or graduate student at the university. Bookings

can be made with the Computing Centre secretary (Ext 288).

• Basic computer literacy and DOS:

This course is a prerequisite for people who have never used a computer before and who wish to begin using a word processor or spreadsheet.

You will be required to pay a nominal fee (staff members can bring IDOs) to cover the cost of printing. The course lasts 5 hours (1hr per day for 5 days).

• WordPerfect Introduction

This course is for new users of WordPerfect and covers topics common to Ver5.0 and Ver5.1 of WordPerfect.

We prefer to separate the people who have used some kind of word processor before from those who are completely new to computers

and we suggest that you make sure that you are streamed into the correct group.

Remember that we do not offer a typing course. Those who are interested in learning how to type should contact the CBEU at Ext 318.

A nominal fee is charged to cover the cost of printing. Duration 5hrs (1hr per day for 5 days).

• Word Perfect Advanced

This is a new course which will be offered in modules. Each module will be 1 to 1 hours. You may register for any combination of modules and they will be offered as needed.

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NEW STAFF

Welcome to ...

Academic

Professors Geoff Antrobus (Economics); Pat McAllister (ISER); John Moore (Exploration Geology); Mr Gordon Barker (Law); Mr Stephen De Wijze (Philosophy); Mr Kevin Kelly and Mr Mark Wellman (Psychology); Mr Ken Kretzmann (Accounting); Dr Ireneusz Szyszkowski (Mathematical Statistics); Miss Sarah Murray and Ms Eureka Janse van Rensburg (Education) and Mrs Jane Welsh (Social Work).

Temporary Academic Staff

Mrs Penny White (Accounting); Mrs Deborah Danilewitz, Miss Zelda Knight and Mr Anthony Collins (Psychology); Mr Anton Vorster (Afrikaans); Mr Peter Blenkinsop (Mathematics and Statistics); Mr Daryl McLean and Ms Nina Rosenberg (Linguistics); Mr Denis Stander (Music); Ms Robin Taylor, Mr Harold Gess and Mr Etienne Viret (Journalism); Mrs Dianne Wilmot (Education); Miss Irene Biggs (Law); Mrs Jeanne Wright (Fine Art) and Mrs Brenda Mallinson (Computer Science).

Teaching Assistants

Ms Rene Laverde (Political Studies); Mr Shane Dollar (History); Mr Conrad Spingies (Education); Mrs Jo-Anne Vorster and Mrs Lonkie Mackenzie (Afrikaans/Nederlands); Miss Adelene Africa, Mr Kojo Essel-Mensah, Mr Charles Herbaut, Mr Andre Ferreira, Ms Judy Lang, Ms Sharon Ries, Mr Dean Sieberhagen, Ms Lindsay Sheard, Miss Pamela Sykes, Mrs Bronwyn Viljoen, Miss Barbara Lipowska, Mr Charles Webster, and Mr Daniel Wylie (Academic Skills); Mr Aifheli Gelebe (Chemistry); Mr Lynton Hackland, Mr Rod Walker and Mr Darryl Whittaker (Pharmaceutical Sciences); Mrs Lil Haigh (Zoology); Mr Ben Joubert (Geology); Miss Jackie Murray (Journalism); Miss Cathy Pinnock (Fine Art) and Mr Tony Wright (Economics).

Non-Academic Staff

Dr Moosa Matora (Dean of Students); Mr Peter Andrew (Head of Sports Administration); Mr

Craig Wilson (Assistant Sports Officer); Mrs Joyce Allcock (Personnel); Mrs Colleen Lynn (Food Services); Mrs Helen Mtipa (Catering and Housekeeping); Mr Terry Jackson (Manager, Rhodes Union and Club); Mrs Allison Keys (Rhodes Union); Mr Albert le Roux (Public Relations); Mrs Colleen Schaefer (Transport office); Miss Sandra Tucker and Miss Tracey Platt (Biochemistry and Microbiology); Mrs Merryl Queibser (Business Information Systems); Mr Carl-Heinz Queibser and Miss Silvia Nel (Finance); Mrs Sophia Bester (Education); Mrs Sharon McGillewie (Geography); Miss Jill Hendry (Psychology); Mrs Karen Tarr-Graham (Freshwater Studies); Mr Charles van Reunen and Ms Phumla Dasa (ISEA); Mrs Irene Vermaak (CBEU); Ms Tracy Chambers, Mr Hamish Whittle and Miss Heidi Smith (Computer Centre); Miss Katherine Skinner, Mrs Cecelia Stander, Mrs Tina Beauvais, Mrs Margaret McGuigan, Mrs Delene Clack, Mrs Yvonne Wellman and Mrs Coral Kendal (Library); Miss Nompithizelo Vulindlu (Divinity); Mr Terance Coupe (Engineering Section); Ms Deborah Jedeikin (Psychology Clinic) and Mrs Lena May Rhodes Union).

House Wardens

Miss Adrienne Barnes (Olive Schreiner); Miss Karen Stoll (Lilian Britten); Mr Dave Muggleston (Salisbury); Mrs Arnhold Russell (Adamson); Mr John Moll (Cory); Mr Mike Sissison (Matthews); Mr Neil Crawford (Graham House); Mr Ken Tucker (Oakdene House); Mrs Claudia Davidson (Thomas Pringle); Mr Anthony Hudson (Assistant Warden, Goldfields).

Service Staff

Mr Wellington Nyengane (Central Cleaning Services); Miss Grace Yantolo, Mr Chapman Madolwana, Mr Alvoca Sitole (Ichthyology); Mr Don April (Psychology); Mr Simon Sofisa (Sociology and Industrial Sociology); Mr Nkosinathi Ndzengu (Zoology and Entomology); Elliot Kota (Rhodes Club); Miss Dorothy Vela (Hobson Hall)

Academic leave 1992

Members of staff wishing to apply for academic leave during 1992 should obtain application forms from the Personnel Division. Once completed, these should be submitted to Heads of Department for recommendation and then returned to Personnel.

All applications should reach Personnel by April 6, 1991.

Academic leave will not be granted for less than two months or for more than twelve months on any one occasion.

Leave for twelve months may be taken from the first day of any calendar month.

Leave for six months must be taken from either January 1 or July 1 and leave for nine months and for any period between nine and twelve months will normally be taken from either January 1, April 1, July 1, or October 1.

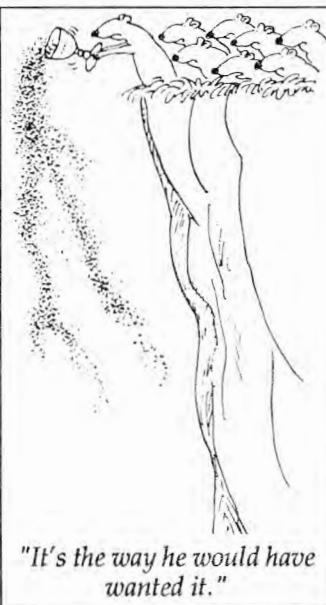
Applications for leave to be taken from other dates must state why a departure from the normal dates is necessary.

Applicants are reminded of clauses 11.1.1 and 11.1.2 in their contract of service which states that academic leave is only granted to those who propose to use the leave for teaching, professional practice, study, or research purposes and that Council will take into account past academic performance and the results achieved by way of research and study, during any previous period of academic leave and in the intervening period.

Heads of Department should note that leave substitutes will normally only be provided for periods of leave of six months or longer in any academic year, and at the level of Teaching Assistant, subject to the availability of funds.

B M H Smith

Director of Personnel



Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates, irrespective of race, colour or creed for the following posts:

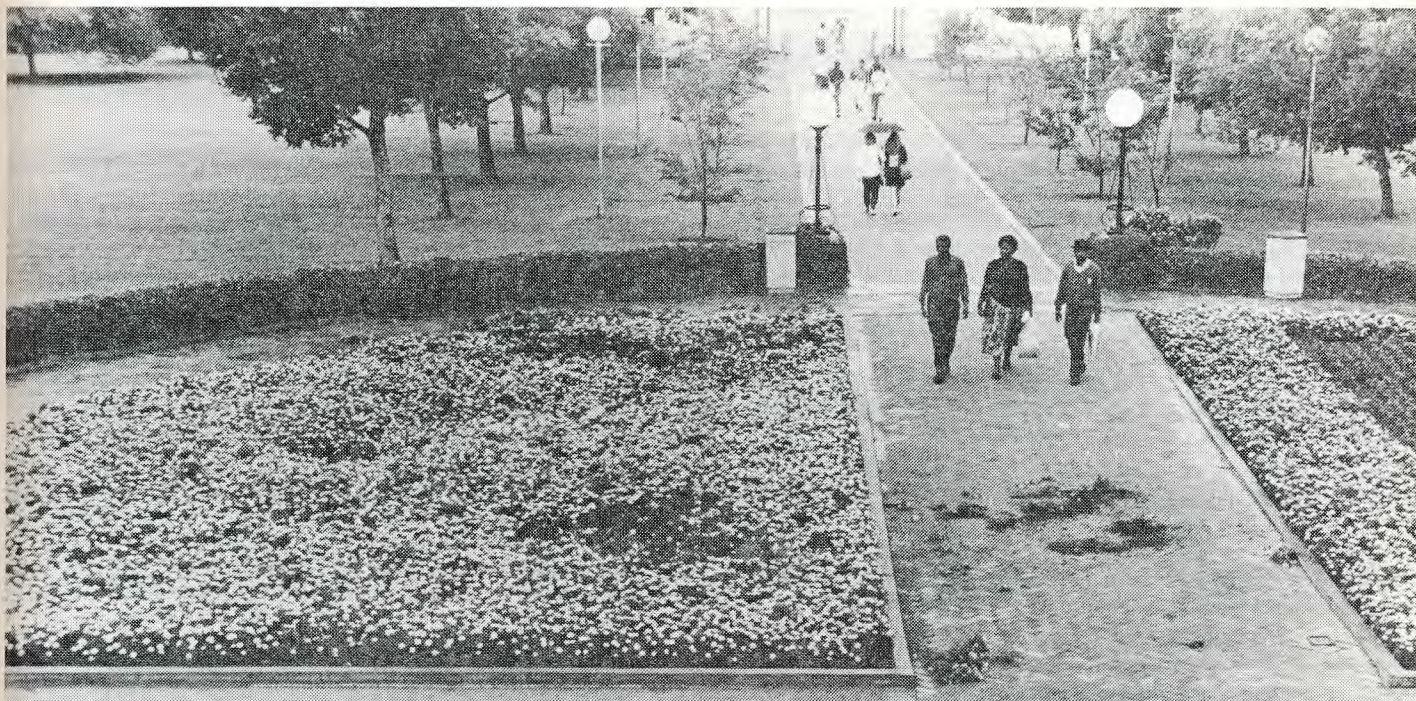
Part-time co-ordinator: Rhodes Counselling Centre

The successful candidate will be required to co-ordinate the running of the counselling centre. Candidates must have at least an Honours degree in Social Science or equivalent qualification. Experience in crisis intervention counselling would be a recommendation. Closing date: 5 March 1991

Administrative Assistant: Office of the Dean of Students

The successful candidate who should have sound organizational ability, will be required to assist the Dean of Students with the day-to-day administration of his office. Candidates should be competent typists, with general office experience and the ability to deal with people at all levels. A working knowledge of word-processing would be a strong recommendation. Closing date: 5 March 1991

Application forms and salary particulars may be obtained from Mrs Sandy Stephenson, Personnel Division



Where have all the flowers gone?

by Mark Hazell

This year's Orientation Week brought a great disappointment - the apparent total disregard for other people's efforts or property.

Over the week, February 6 to 13, more deliberate or careless vandalism has taken place to gardens and plants than has occurred over the past two years.



Trees have been broken along the Drosty Path, shrubs pulled out and removed near Bots, flower beds have been trampled, all with apparent deliberate intent to destroy what others have painstakingly provided.

Any evidence to prove guilt and subsequent corrective action would be appreciated. 'Phone me on Ext 240/241.

+ SAN SISTERS' COLUMN

Work should not be a pain in the back

Most South Africans between the ages of 20 - 40 suffer from some form of back pain. This situation seriously affects the economy since thousands of working days are lost each year due to absenteeism caused by back problems.

A few simple measures can help alleviate back pain caused by stressful working conditions.

Back pain and back problems are mostly caused by a bad posture - which often develops due to carelessness and ignorance.

Many of these unnecessary back problems start in the work place. Sitting for long periods, lifting or moving heavy objects and even driving long distances are some of the common causes.

An excessive load on the back is the most common cause of back problems and can lead to inflammation in the joints, reactive muscle spasms or disc degeneration (discs are situated between vertebrae and function as a shock

absorbers).

After the age of ten no blood is supplied to these discs and cartilage can easily sustain permanent damage. Carrying heavy suitcases or briefcases can cause spinal strain. Schoolchildren should use rucksacks, which distribute weight to both shoulders. Where possible, heavy parcels should be divided into two batches so they can be carried with both arms. Office workers like secretaries or typists who sit most of the time, should make a habit of standing up every now and then. Alternating between sitting and standing reduces stress on different muscle groups. When standing for a long time it is wise to rest one foot on something higher, as a tilted surface leads to a more upright posture.

Sometimes people are in a meeting or have to drive a long distance. In these circumstances it is not possible to stand up at will.

These people should do isometric exercises while sitting. It is quite simple. The small of the back is pressed into the backrest and it is kept there for three counts. Lunch-time can be used to relax the spine and discs. A short period of lying flat on your back with your legs on something higher, like a chair, will take all the pressure off the lower back. A person can also stretch the lower back by pulling the knees one at a time to the chest.

Though people like to dress fashionably, there are disadvantages in wearing tight clothing which reduces normal knee, hip and spinal movement. High-heeled shoes tend to change the posture and should not be worn when standing for long periods. When a person works on slippery floors shoes with rubber soles should be worn, as constant "braking" to prevent falling can put unnecessary strain on the

back.

All back and neck problems intensify due to stress and pressure at work. Physical stress can be relieved by using the right equipment, and by following general guidelines, mental stress can be alleviated.

Secretaries, for instance, should arrange their telephone, typewriter and computer proportionately as working only to the left or right can add to stress. There are many ways to prevent or limit back pain and back damage. The best option, however, is to consult a medical doctor or a physiotherapist if you suffer from serious and constant pain in the lower back. Other problems that require professional help include muscle spasms, stiffness, paralysis or weakness, rectal and urinary problems.

It is always advisable to seek professional help for persisting back pains.

Remission of tuition fees for staff

by Dr Keith Hunt

A1. The following regulations will apply to:

- children and spouses of full-time members of the staff of the University and of associated institutions and of serving members of the University Council and of pensioners; and
- children of deceased members of staff who were full-time employees and who retired on pension or died prior to retirement and had completed at least ten years service;
- the children of part-time members of staff who have been employed in posts which have been established by the Council of the University or the board of management of a research institute or an associated institution and who, for a minimum period of five years, and have received a salary for at least nine months of each of those years.

2. The children and spouses of full-time members of staff and the children of deceased members of staff:

- seventy-five percent of the normal tuition fee will be granted for the first full-time student member of each family; and
- five-sixths of the normal tuition fee will be granted for each full-time student member of family registered at the same time as the first member.

3. The children of part-time members of staff, a remission of:

- one-third of the normal tuition fee will be granted to the first full-time student member of the family and;
- five-twelfths of the normal tuition fee will be granted to each full-time student member of the family registered at the same time as the first member.

4. The remissions at 2 and 3 above will normally be granted only for the prescribed period of the course, e.g.

- Undergraduate diplomas - either two or three years
- Bachelor's degrees - either three or four years as the case may be.
- Postgraduate diplomas - one year
- Postgraduate Bachelor's degrees - either one or two years
- Honours degrees - one year
- Master's degrees - two years
- PhD degrees - two years if taken after masters or three years in other cases

5. If a student requires one year

more than the minimum period required as indicated in 4. above, to complete a degree, diploma or certificate, the amount of the normal tuition fee remitted in that extra year will be one-half of that remissible under appropriate provisions in 2. or 3. above, as the case may be.

Any further remission of fees will be at the discretion of the Vice-Chancellor.

6. If a student has taken part of a degree, diploma or certificate course at another university and has come to Rhodes to complete the course, fees will be remissible on the basis indicated in 2. or 3. above, as the case may be, for the minimum period required to complete the degree at Rhodes. If the student requires more than the minimum period to complete the degree, the rules in 5. above will apply.

B. Full-time members of the staff of the university and of associated institutions registering for a postgraduate course of study

1. A remission of seventy per cent of the normal tuition fee will normally be granted to full-time members of staff who, with the permission of their head of department or institution, register for a post-graduate course of study. The permission of the head of department or institution will be given only when he is satisfied that the work of the department or institution will not be adversely affected and that the course will be of value to the staff member in carrying out his/her official duties.

2. Remissions for periods longer than the minimum period will normally be as indicated in rule A5.

C. Single course remissions for the staff, and the spouses of staff, (including certain part-time members) of the university and of associated institutions

1. The following regulations will apply to:

- full-time members of staff and their spouses; and
- part-time members of staff who have been employed in posts which have been established by the Council of the University or the board of management of a research institute or an associated institution and who, for a minimum period of five years, have received a salary for at least nine months of each of those

years.

2. Persons defined in C1 above will be entitled to attend one course free of tuition fees each year provided that they have obtained the prior approval of the Vice-Chancellor.

3. The Vice-Chancellor's permission will be given only if he is satisfied that the amenities available for the chosen course will not be unduly strained, that the head of department offering the course agrees, and that, in the case of staff members:

(i) the course will be of benefit in their work; and

(ii) they make up during the day any time taken off in attending classes.

D. Remission of tuition fees for more than one member of the same family registered at the same time (other than members of staff)

1. Where two or three members of the same family register on a full-time basis for a degree, diploma or a certificate course at the same time, a remission of one-half of the normal tuition fee will be granted to each member of the family after the first.

2. This remission will apply only to husbands, wives, fathers, mothers, and children. It will not apply to other family members.

How to apply for a remission allowance

Applications should be made by letter giving relevant details (course, full names, relationships, etc.) to the Registrar (Finance).

Carry your licence

Legislation making it obligatory for motorists to carry drivers' licences at all times and produce them on demand, has been tabled in Parliament.

The Road Traffic Amendment Bill, which has still to be discussed by the standing committee, also provides for manufacturers, builders and importers of vehicles to register them before they are distributed or sold.

The aim of this is to provide an immediate record of all vehicles on the traffic information system so that better control can be exercised.

Transported

by Val Papenfus

The social aspect of transportation studies form the backbone of research being conducted by Dr Gordon Pirie who recently took up a three-month fellowship at the Institute for Social and Economic Research (ISER) at Rhodes University, Grahamstown.

Dr Pirie, a Geography lecturer at the University of the Witwatersrand, has been travelling around the country for the last six months researching different areas of transportation.

His work at Rhodes is a follow-up to research done in Cape Town on the competition between the railways and ox wagons on the Eastern Frontier at the turn of the century.

Part of his research revolves around the opposition encountered when train travel tried to take over from the ox wagons as the main form of transport.

"Despite popular belief, this progression was not automatic and the railway companies had quite a job squeezing the ox wagons out," Dr Pirie explained.

Another aspect of his study involves transport and travel in the Transkei from 1910 to the 1960s.

"I will be looking at issues such as the form of transport used and the difficulties encountered from a Black point of view," he said.

Subjects such as these are not uncommon to Dr Pirie, who obtained his doctorate on racial segregation in transportation in South Africa from 1870 to the present.

Studies on transportation are common overseas but very few people in this country have made social studies of it since the subject usually falls under the domain of technically-minded professions such as engineering and economics.

"The distinctiveness of the subject in South Africa means there are tremendous opportunities for the handful of us who do study it," he said.

"It is very much a self-taught learning exercise for me."

Dr Pirie will be working at Rhodes until the end of April, after which he returns to his lecturing post at Wits.



LETTERS

The Editor

I have two boys, aged seven and nine, who attend school in Grahamstown from 7:30am to 1:45pm.

After two weeks of 'phoning various organizations, private homes and friends, I was able to organize only one afternoon a week from 2:15pm to 5:00pm where the children could spend time in the company of other children of the same age and, more important, under the supervision of a responsible adult, who could ensure safety, obedience and that a little school homework got done.

The school which the boys at-

tend does offer afternoon sports activities for certain times in the afternoon. For example, on Tuesdays Sub As have sport from 2:15pm to 3:00pm and Std 1s from 3:00pm to 4:00pm on Thursdays.

These times are disruptive during working hours, and only occupy the children for one third of the afternoon. The cost of driving around also needs to be borne in mind.

I would like to ask RUSA to discover the number of parents who find themselves in a similar predicament and whether, if enough children could be found to enrol, Rhodes would consider

providing afternoon care for staff children for a reasonable fee.

Taking this idea a little further, would it not be possible for children to attend swimming lessons, gymnastics lessons, art classes, video shows, etc. and in fact be introduced to some of the wonderful facilities that our students enjoy at Rhodes?

☞ Anton Pretorius

Technical Officer

Ichthyology Department

(Rhodos would be happy to support an investigation by RUSA on this issue. Ed)

The Editor

Even amongst university personnel - the free-est of the free in all but financial matters - fear enshrouds the community like a miasma. Thunderbolt accusations of "sexist" or "racist" may strike from any quarter, and wreak havoc and destruction amongst the defenceless and the innocent.

Our best safeguard appears to be in evasively emasculated language. The latest example of this is in your issue of February 14.

"Charperson available" (which at first glance I read as "chairperson" - a sibling absurdity).

As an only partly rehabilitated sexist/racist in the neoclassical mould, this caused me to utter an epicene cry (at about 180Hz) and scuttle off to the bibliotek to confirm what I strongly suspected. (Did you know, incidentally, that the Latin for library is a feminine, and "liber" - book - is masculine? No wonder their wretched empire collapsed. It was nothing to do with lead-lined aquaducts).

Anyway, although the extended form "charwoman" is what old sexists cut their wisdom teeth on - and what gave rise to the less specific but no simpler "charperson" - the proactively neutered and simpler "char" has been in service since at least the turn of the century, for use where gender reference is unnecessary or unctuously repugnant.

Thus for "charperson" please read "char".

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* Module 1 (1hr): Letter - writing

This module covers mail merging - a process whereby form letters can be created and merged with a list of names and addresses. This is suitable for departments that have newsletters that need to be addressed and sent out regularly.

You will also be shown how to create labels in a WordPerfect document.

* Module 2 (1hr): Columns, tables and tabulated information.

This module will show you how to use the Columns feature (V5.0 and V5.1), how to set Tab settings for tabulated information (V5.0 and V5.1) and how to use the Tables feature in Ver5.1.

* Module 3 (1hrs): Graphics

This module will show you how to use the Graphics feature of WordPerfect to create and edit boxes containing text and to create boxes for graphics.

The group will also be split to give you the opportunity to either

look at DrawPerfect (a graphics package which can be used with WordPerfect) or to explore the WordPerfect Equation editor (for scientific equations).

* Module 4 (1hrs): Thesis and long documents

This module will cover facilities that can be used when typing long documents or for thesis work.

The first half hour will examine the less sophisticated features such as pagination, footnotes, block protect, fonts and printer differences.

The rest of the module will cover more sophisticated features (and some of their shortcomings) like master and sub-documents, cross-referencing and generating a table of contents and an index.

* Module 5 (1hr): Miscellaneous features: Sorting; Macros and Key board definition; Extra character sets; Paragraph Numbering

Since this is the first of the advanced courses, it may be that the structure will change as we are given feedback on its effectiveness.

There will be no notes handed out for these modules and there will therefore be no charge. The modules will be largely practical with a demonstration, followed by worked examples.

The course is only open to people who are comfortable in the use of WordPerfect. The time does not permit a deviation into basic features for the benefit of people who do not know WordPerfect.

* PLANPERFECT

This course is offered for those who are interested in using a spreadsheet for class lists, test results and other basic administrative calculations.

The course is introductory and is intended for people who have never used a spreadsheet before. Although PlanPerfect will be used for the examples and the exercises, the course will be sufficiently general to accommodate people who are using Quattro Pro, PC Planner, or Lotus 123.

The course lasts 5 hours - 1 hour per day for 5 days and a nominal

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Thursday 28 February

- POLITICAL STUDIES GLT - 4.05pm
FILM: *The Double Headed Eagle* (90 mins).
This film traces Hitler's rise to power from 1918 to 1933.

Friday 1 March

- RAG "Mr Fresher" Competition. Great Hall - 7.30pm

Saturday 2 March

- RAG Dingemans Disco Great Hall - 7.30pm

Monday 4 March

- Underwater Club Scuba diving course.
Contact John Goetsch, Zoology department, ext

Wednesday 6 March

- RAG Drag Queen competition. Great Hall - 7.30pm

Thursday 7 March

- POLITICAL STUDIES GLT - 4.05pm
FILM: *Making of the President* (80 mins). The story of the 1960 presidential election in America, based on T H White's Pulitzer Prize-winning book.

Friday 8 March

- RAG Beer stube Prospect - 5pm
- RAG Beit Disco Great Hall - 7.30pm

Saturday 9 March

- RAG DAY 9am-10.30am
Procession
- Carnival Prospect - 10.30am-4.30pm
- Beer Stube Prospect - 11.30am-4.30pm
- Disco Great Hall - 7.30pm

Sunday 10 March

SAUJS

- Soccer vs Hellenic SA Prospect - 10.30
- Presentation and refreshments at Hillel House. All members welcome. about 12.15



Sport Fixtures

Thursday 28 February

- SAU. AGM Old Mutual Pavilion - 7.30pm

Saturday 2 March

TENNIS

- RU 1 (Women) vs Westview Away
- RU 1 (Men) vs UPE Home
- RU 2 (Men) vs Technicon Home

RUGBY

- RU 1 vs Albany Away

CRICKET

- RU 1 vs Union Away. 11am
- RU 2 vs Salem Prospect - 9am
- RU 3 vs Salem 2 King - 9.30am

Sunday 3 March

CRICKET

- RU 1 vs Union Away - 9.15am

Tuesday 5 March

SQUASH

- RU (Men) 1 vs Westview Home
- RU (Men) 2 vs Westview Home

TENNIS: Night League

- RU 1 vs Sidbury Away
- RU 2 vs Salem Away

Wednesday 6 March

WATERPOLO

- RU 1 vs Knockout semi-final Away

ATHLETICS

- National Lamps 10km nite run. 6pm

Saturday 9 March

CRICKET

- RU 2 vs Cuylerville 1 Away - 9.30am

TENNIS

- RU 2 (Men) vs Summerwood Away
- RU 1 (Women) vs Victoria Park Home

Tuesday 12 March

SQUASH

- RU 1 (Men) vs Londt Park Home
- RU 2 (Men) vs Londt Park Home

TENNIS: Night League

- RU 1 vs RU 2 Home

Wednesday 13 March

WATERPOLO

- RU 1 vs Knock Final Away

Check with Jenny!

To prevent the clashing of dates and times of various events at the University, it would be helpful to Departments and to Public Relations, if you would consult Jenny Purdon, (ext 516) before making arrangements for parties, seminars and other events. It would also help her greatly in compiling the "What's On" list.

COPY DEADLINES

Copy date	Publication date
4 March	14 March
18 March	28 March
2 April	11 April
15 April	25 April
6 May	16 May
20 May	30 May
2 June	13 June
17 June	27 June
1 July	11 July

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fee is charged for printing.

Availability of PC Support

We realize that we are difficult to contact at times. Our support tasks often take us out to departments (in Tracy's case) and to the LAN (in my case) and we are also involved in developing coursework, training, software evaluation and other administrative tasks which also need to be fitted into our work load. There is therefore sometimes a delay in our response to messages that you have left for us.

Our answering machine is fairly reliable and can be used to leave messages which we will respond to as soon as we are able.

We are concerned that the level of support you get is adequate. Should you have any complaints or suggestions, please make yourselves heard. You can contact either of the PC Support consultants or use more formal channels through the Computing Steering Committee (chaired by Prof Eddie Baart) or the Director of the Computing Centre (Mr Mike Lawrie).