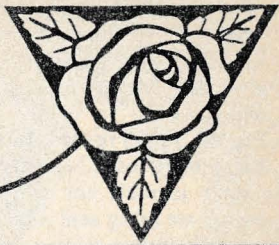




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E-mail: A major breakthrough

by Mike Lawrie
Director, Computing
Centre

The Rhodes computer network is now linked into the electronic mail (*e-mail*) networks of the academic world. This is a major expansion of a facility that has until now been limited to the universities in the PWV area.

Rhodes staff and students can now send and receive *e-mail* from universities and research institutions in the USA, Canada, Britain, Europe, Middle East, Australasia, South America - ie virtually every major and minor *e-mail* network. These networks include the DARPA Internet, Bitnet, Earn, Janet and NetNorth, to mention but a few.

E-mail can be created on a computer terminal, or on a PC with a suitable word processing program (eg PCWrite). A simple process causes the *e-mail* to be sent out via the network. Receiving *e-mail* is about as simple. It can be received into your PC if that is what you would like. The Computing Centre is putting effort into simplifying this process still further.

E-mail has been available internally on the mainframe computers since the mid-1970s. On 18 January 1988, the Cybers and the Physics Vax were linked. These three computers joined the network of IBM computers in the PWV area on the 25 February of that year the link being done with the close co-operation of the

University of Potchefstroom. Rhodes is still the only non-IBM site that is in this network. A link to UCT is currently being set up.

The Rhodes network, known as RHODENT, was registered with the main network controlling body (SRI-NIC) on 16 September 1988. International test messages were being interchanged by the 30th. Work commenced on the advanced design of the link into the international networks in October. The first *e-mail* that was sent from the Rhodes Cyber was on 2 February this year, and the system was made available for general use on the 14th.

After only three weeks of operation, more than 100 messages per week are being interchanged on the international link, and about 450 per week on the internal network. Much of this traffic is of a test nature at the moment, as people are establishing contacts and are learning how to use the system.

There are many reasons to use this facility. Academics on sabbatical leave can maintain contact with their Rhodes colleagues. Establishing contacts with workers in similar disciplines is much easier than for many other methods. Contacts with co-workers overseas are readily maintained - a common use is the preparation of joint publications. Further, many topical studies (eg the passage of Halley's comet) are discussed on the *e-mail* networks as informa-

tion comes to hand, and this is at the cutting edge of the world's knowledge. By the time the information is published in the magazines and journals, it is out of date. Researchers who are not on the networks simply lose out.

Using *e-mail* is easy. All you need to do is to become a registered user of either of the Cybers, or of the Physics Vax. This automatically gives you an *e-mailbox* which is accessible world wide, and permits you to send *e-mail* into the networks. Use is restricted (by law) to messages relating to your function within Rhodes University, and you may not send or distribute messages that are unrelated to this. For example, per-

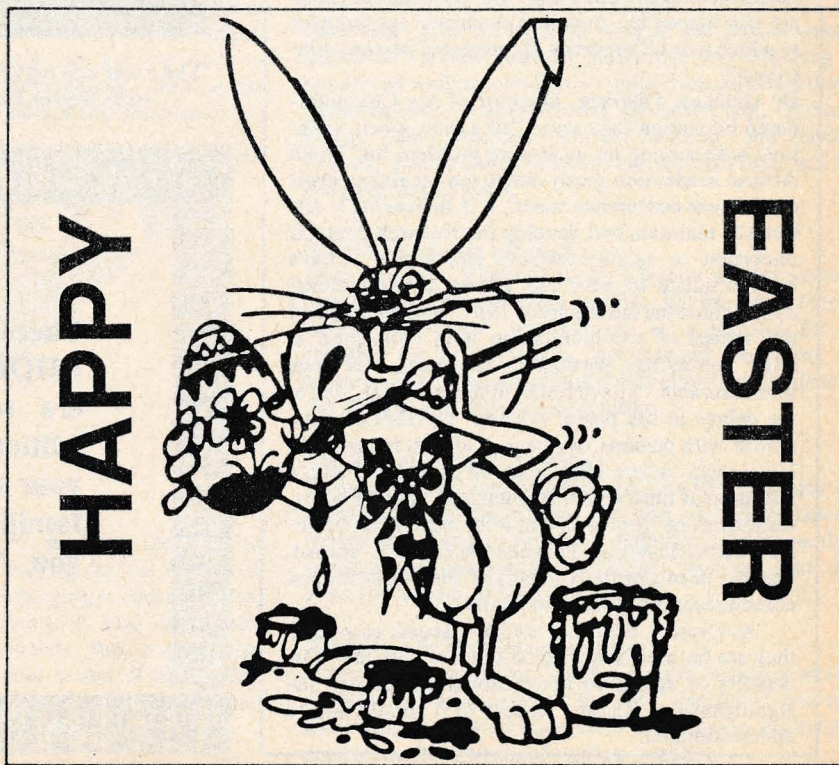
sonal messages or messages on behalf of someone else are not permitted. (A document on network ethics is available on the Cyber).

The Computing Centre will gladly assist the academic staff to use this facility. Start off by registering as a user on the Cyber (contact the Computing Centre Secretary on extension 279 or 280), and then make arrangements with Ian Dore (extension 279 or 280) or John Brown (extension 286). The cost of this *e-mail* traffic is low - it costs less than a fax, and the message arrives in perfect form. The Computing Centre is prepared to offer this, as a free service, unless there is an abnormal

amount of traffic, in which case users will be charged.

Rhodes University owes a great deal of thanks to its contacts at various sites in the USA for assistance with this exercise. Several key people have played important roles and their friendship, understanding and co-operation is greatly appreciated. The problems of establishing this link-up may well have been insurmountable without the personal contacts set up by Rhodes academic staff while on overseas trips. It has been the most challenging exercise that the Computing Centre has yet undertaken.

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RHODOS asked several *e-mail* users at Rhodes to give their views on the system. Here are some replies:-

Professor Trevor Letcher, Head of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry says "Many journals are using the *e-mail* system and papers are being sent instantaneously from author to editor, editor to referee, etc. This reduces the time for publication and reduces possible errors in typing and retyping the material. The final setting of the paper for publication can be done by simple format and font instructions done by the editorial staff. Typesetters are no longer necessary. This was the procedure for *J Solution Chemistry* - a journal I edited for three months while on sabbatical at Carnegie Mellon University in 1988.

Another of the great assets is rapid informal communication between research workers in different institutions. It was so very good for me at Carnegie Mellon University to talk to colleagues 1 000 kms away, without postal delays or the high cost of telephone calls.

The system is simple and quick to operate. There is no need to type a letter or to dictate it or to check it, sign it, and finally post it.

It is the most revolutionary thing to have happened in scientific publishing over the past decade".

Professor Pat Terry, Head of the Computer Science Department, says "I have been actively involved with the Computer Centre in getting the *e-mail* system operational, and have been an enthusiastic user and beta-tester. My interest arises from my involvement in an international standardization effort for the computer language Modula-2. A team of some 25 to 30 computer scientists from countries including the USA, the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, Switzerland and Austria corresponds almost daily to discuss nit-picking issues, so as to reach consensus prior to formal meetings which are held fairly irregularly. Without *e-mail*, this effort would be impossibly slow.

Not only is communication virtually instantaneous, the system offers a tremendous saving in the costs that would be incurred in arranging international meetings. The fringe activities of the group are also helped by so-called electronic conferences to which tens of hundreds of interested persons contribute".

Dr Graham Oberem, Director of the Computer-based Education Unit says: "At a time when isolation is becoming an increasing problem for South African academics, partly due to the escalating costs of overseas conference travel, it is increasingly difficult to maintain and develop the research contacts important to quality research endeavour. I have been fortunate to have had access to international *e-mail* since the latter part of 1987 and the value of this means of communication with colleagues at other institutions, particularly overseas, has been immeasurable. I have found in the past that, due to the delays in the postal system, collaborative research with persons overseas is almost impossible. Via *e-mail*, where ideas can be exchanged with a turn around time which is often less than 24 hours, results can be discussed and joint papers can be co-authored efficiently. For most researchers abroad, this has been a primary means of inter-institutional communication for several years.

As a result, now that we have access to *e-mail*, they are far more eager to co-operate with us. The benefits of access to international *e-mail* and the significance of Rhodes' access to it should not be underestimated.

EDITORIAL

Release or charge!

Over the years detentions have interrupted activities at Rhodes. Twenty-four students, eight members of staff and two wives of staff members have suffered the ignominious fate.

It is regrettable that only after stressful action taken by those detained without trial, namely embarking on a hunger strike, does the Minister of Law and Order, Adriaan Vlok, sit up and take notice. It is

remarkable that suddenly so many of those detained should be released and it illustrates how casual is the Government's attitude to this loathsome act.

Detention without trial is tantamount to an indeterminate sentence which must be wholly abhorrent to any civilized country.

It can be argued that in instances of extreme civil unrest such detention is excusable, but white

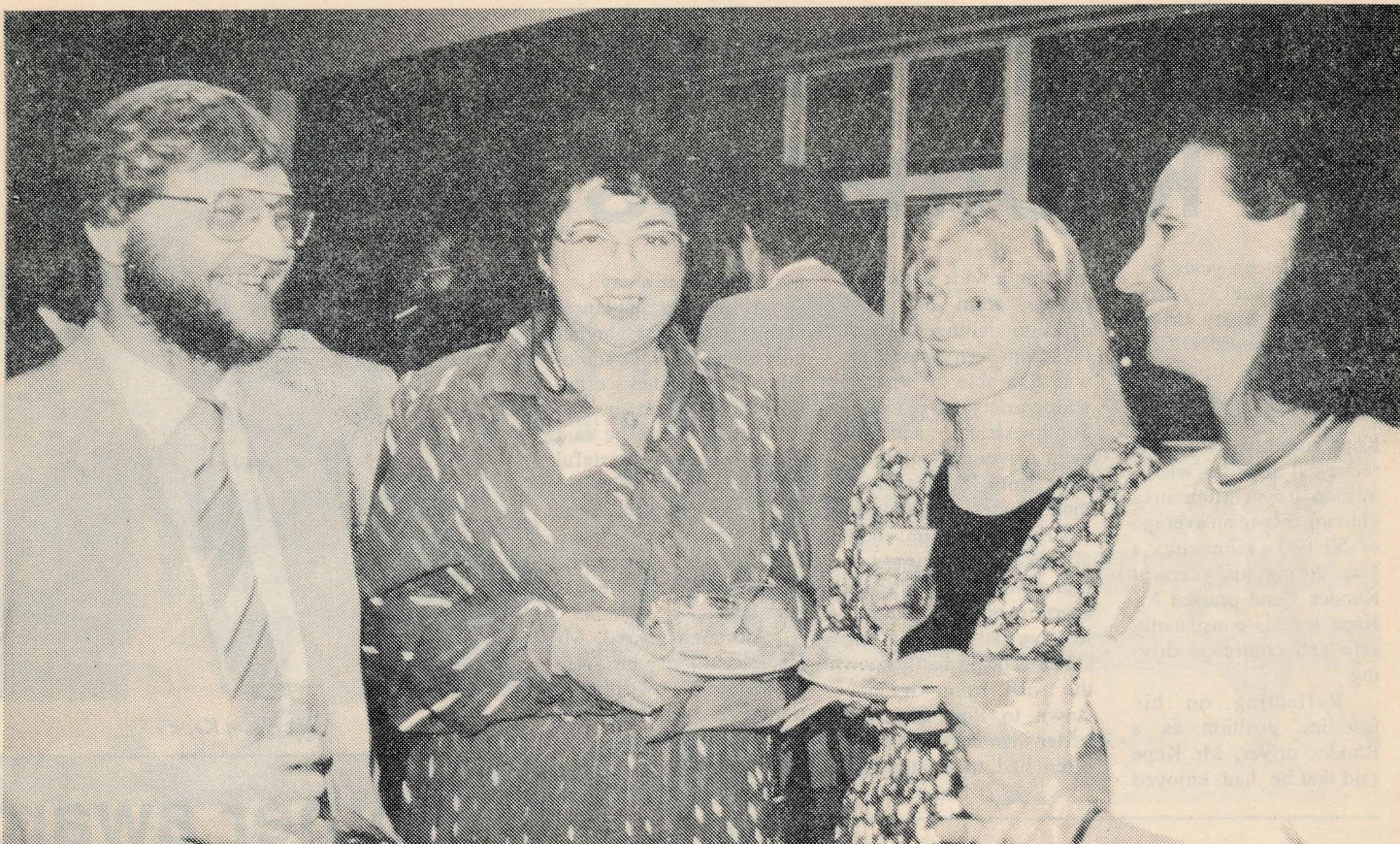
South Africans are told almost daily that the unrest in their land has largely been crushed and that normality has all but returned. Why then, did the Minister not consider the release of detainees before the hunger strike instead of after?

Yet again has the inept management of the country's affairs, caused South Africa's name to be dragged through the dirt.



The paint was hardly dry on the walls before the Student Adviser's office in the main Admin block was wall-to-wall with new students seeking advice.

There is no Xhosa copy in this issue of RHODOS. We appeal to our Xhosa readers to submit stories for use in future editions. Tell us about your hobbies, your sporting interests, your homes and families - in fact anything that interests you. We're waiting to hear from you!



Getting to know each other at the new staff party held at the home of the Vice-Chancellor and Mrs Henderson recently were, from the left, Dr Peter Wentworth, Mrs Lynette Porrill, Mrs Karen Wentworth and Mrs Monica Gaybba.

HUNGER STRIKE

SRC President, Rod Dixon, undertook an eight-day hunger strike which ended on 23 February 1989.

This action symbolized the revulsion that students felt for the act of detention without trial and was in support of those held in detention and their hunger strike. Students at

other universities also acted to show their revulsion of this abhorrent practice.

The executive committee of RUSA was asked to indicate its views.

At a meeting of the committee, the first of the new year, the matter was discussed and a statement

was issued. The statement appears elsewhere in this issue.

The committee acknowledged that detention without trial was morally unacceptable and agreed that its members could act freely in supporting or not the calls to demonstrate their rejection of this practice.

What RUSA Says

The Executive of Rusa,

* believing in the rule of law and committed to the removal of discriminatory and dehumanizing social practices and laws, such as detention without trial

* and noting the severe implications which the system of detention without trial has had for Rhodes University, where several staff members and students were detained for periods of up to a year, and never charged

* supports the SRC in calling for the release or charging of those detained without trial and commends the commitment and action of SRC president, Rod Dixon, to further this cause.

Political Studies Film Shows

March 21 - *The Heckers* (48 mins)

The American film director, Joseph Strick, visited Great Britain at the time of the 1964 general election. He was struck by the amount of heckling that went on at political meetings and, when he returned in 1966, the BBC invited him to make a film on the subject. The result is an observant and entertaining look at the phenomenon, filmed at various political gatherings and featuring a number of well-known British politicians, amongst them Henry Brooke, George Brown, Edward Heath, Quinton Hogg, Iain Macleod, Gerald Nabarro and Harold Wilson. Joseph Strick has also directed such films as *The Balcony* and *Ulysses*.

March 28 - *Lenin* (39 mins)

Born in 1870, Vladimir Ilyich Ulyanov was born into a conventional middle class family. By the time he died, he had established communism as a political force, founded the Soviet Union, and changed the course of history. This film used actual material to trace his life and the story of the Russian Revolution.

***The Rise of Labour* (30 mins)**

Using stills and archival footage, this film provides an introduction to the history of the American labour movement, focusing on major events and decisions that transformed unorganized voiceless workers into the powerful unions of today.

April 4 - *The War Game* (29 mins)

When this vision of the effects of a possible nuclear attack on Britain was completed the BBC decided it was too horrifying to show on television. It is a controversial film portraying the horrors of nuclear warfare.

A Millionaire in kilometres

After nineteen years behind the wheel, Alson Kepe, the trusty driver from the Transport Office, has hung up his chauffeur's coat and cap.

At a farewell for Mr Kepe recently, the V-C remarked that he was a millionaire in kilometres - having driven an average of 50 000 kilometres a year during his years at Rhodes - and praised Mr Kepe for his consistently safe and courteous driving.

Reflecting on his frontline position as a Rhodes driver, Mr Kepe said that he had enjoyed

meeting a wide variety of people, from new students to visiting dignitaries from overseas. He was also able to visit a wide variety of places in South Africa, and had even driven an athletics team from Rhodes to the then Rhodesia on a tour.

He prided himself on always being on time - no matter how early in the morning he was requested to drive to the airport, and said that he probably knew the road from Grahamstown to Port Elizabeth better than anyone, as he often had to do the trip

more than once a day.

Although punctures and mechanical breakdowns were always something he dreaded, especially if his passenger had a flight to catch, he said that he was always grateful for the fact that if he did ever have a flat tyre, it was on the return journey from the airport, never on the way there, so no-one was ever late.

Although retired, Mr Kepe is still driving. He has started his own private transport business, and specializes in local furniture removals.



Mr Alson Kepe

OVERSEAS TRIP A REWARDING EXPERIENCE

Professor Trevor Letcher and his wife, Valerie, commenced their sabbatical in Prague, Czechoslovakia, where Professor Letcher delivered a paper on Liquid Mixtures, which was based on work done in collaboration with his PhD student, Mr Rodney Baxter.

A visit to the United Kingdom followed, where Professor Letcher visited the Universities of Exeter, Surrey, Bath and the University College. Mrs Letcher spent a week at the British Library in London, researching 19th century texts for her PhD studies.

Then followed five months at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, where Professor Letcher worked on crown-ether reactions with metal salts. The reactions were very interesting, and prompted further investigations into positive ion-solvent interactions without the complications of the negative ion-solvent effect.

Two of his papers on the subject were accepted

for publication. This work is being continued at Rhodes with the help of an honours student, Miss June Mercer-Chalmers.

While in America, Professor Letcher gave talks on his work at the University of Pittsburgh, Duquesne University and Wright State University. The work has also resulted in an invitation to China to attend a conference in Beijing in August this year.

As acting editor of the prestigious *Journal of Solution Chemistry*, Professor Letcher came into contact with hundreds of authors and referees throughout the world. It introduced him to the very latest in computing techniques at Carnegie Mellon University, which is rated as the number one university in the computing field in America.

Professor Letcher contacted scientists in England and America in connection with the methane from landfill project. Waste disposal is a major problem in the United States and is the subject of

university courses at many universities there.

Professor Letcher also met with organizers of School Science Fairs and with the staff of the academic support unit aimed at improving the teaching ability of the staff at the Carnegie Mellon University.

Meetings

The next monthly meeting of the Albany Horticultural Society will take place on April 22 at the Observatory Museum, at 2.30pm. Watch the press for more details.



Weigh-Less meetings are held in the Masonic Hall, Hill Street on Wednesdays at 8.00am, 9.00am, 2.00pm, 4.00pm and 5.00pm. For further details, contact Pam Bowker at 24359.

Another award for Gary

by Grace Rapholo

A senior lecturer in the Department of Drama, Gary Gordon, has won the 1989 Standard Bank Young Artists Award for Choreography.

The award ceremony will be held during the Standard Bank Festival of the Arts which takes place in Grahamstown in July. Gary will present a production in the mainstream category for this year's festival. As part of his award, the production will be subsidized by the Standard Bank.

Talking about this award - the latest in a string of accolades - and dance in general in South Africa, Gary said the South African style of dance had more freedom than international dances. "Here, traditional dancing is combined with urban dance, and the mix is vibrant," he said.

"South African modern dance is not a copy of overseas forms, but unique. Modern dancing would be more developed in this country if there were more training facilities and more funds avail-

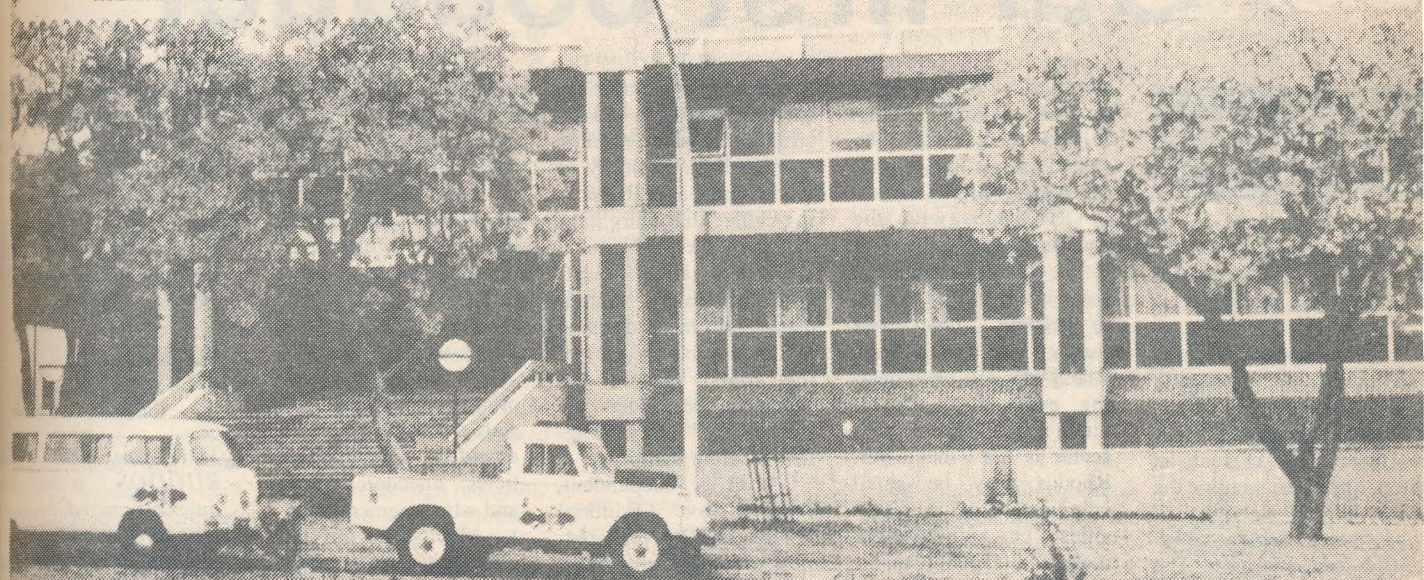
able for training," he added.

On the whole, Gary feels that the arts are neglected in this country, because they deal with experimentation and require liberation on the part of the dancer.

Gary is responsible for the annual dance programme held at Rhodes. He has organized workshops in various parts of the Eastern Cape. *The Fringe*, one of Gary's productions, attracted many viewers in 1987 when it was shown at the Rhodes University Theatre.

He has done choreographic work for *Candide*, the opening production at the Baxter Theatre in Cape Town, and choreographed a special birthday celebration dance programme when the Department of Drama celebrated its 21st birthday in 1987.

Gary received his BA(Hons) at the University of Natal. He started lecturing at Rhodes in 1974. In 1986 and 1987 he completed his Master's degree at the University of London's Laban Centre for Movement and Dance.



Above — the JLB Smith Institute

A tribute to 'Old Fourlegs'

It has happened at last! A series of four postage stamps has been issued by the Post Office to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Coelacanth.

The late Professor Margaret Smith, wife of J L B Smith, first tried to have the discovery of the Coelacanth, *Latimeria Chalumnae*, commemorated on South African stamps in 1963, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the finding of this 'living fossil'!

In 1986 Margaret Smith and Mike Burton began laying plans to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of this remarkable event. They suggested to the Postmaster General that it would be a fitting tribute to the biological find of the century to issue Coelacanth stamps. Their approach was turned down. Later that year the request for philatelic recognition was again motivated, and again rejected.

Professor Mike Bruton commented "We were incensed that so important a scientific event should not be given the exposure it deserved. We knew that no stamp had ever been issued to commemorate a South African biological discovery."

Because he felt so strongly that the discovery which made world headlines half a century ago be accorded suitable recognition, a decision was made

to apply for a third time. Letters were copied to leading biologists around the world. They were asked to write to the Postmaster General in support of this latest application. The Postmaster received over forty letters from the four corners of the earth including one from the then Crown Prince of Japan, today's new Emperor. Mr Steyn, Director of Philatelic Services, later told Professor Bruton that never before had such

wide support for a proposed South African stamp been received. The application was finally accepted.

Margaret Smith knew before she died in September 1987 that recognition for the research at Rhodes University would at last be accorded and that the issue of the stamp would play an important role in publicizing the threatened status of the Coelacanth in this the jubilee year of its discovery.

Below — Two of the four stamps in the commemorative series



LETTERS

Our first bouquet

THE EDITOR

I wish to congratulate you on your achievement. Not only was the inaugural issue of RHODOS attractive to look at and interesting to read, but it came out on time!

I know what it means to launch a newsletter at Rhodes, having done so twice over as Richard Buckland so graciously acknowledged. No-one who has not been personally involved in such an enterprise can imagine the amount of labour-time producing a regular newsletter can consume. The only consolation as far as you are concerned - a consideration that never applied in my case - is that producing RHODOS is part of your job description. I could never claim that of QUAD and the RUSA Reporter. For that reason, it was almost in-

evitable, with hindsight, that both the former publications would either be shortlived, or inflict serious damage on my career.

RHODOS, with the staff and the resources of Public Relations behind it, can only go from strength to strength. One looks forward to the day when RHODOS will be appearing every fortnight, as much a part of the Rhodes scene as the Clocktower. Rhodes may be small compared to other universities, but with approximately 1 500 people on the staff, it is the largest employer in Grahamstown and a not inconsiderable organization by any standards.

It is not easy to integrate an organization of 1 500 people, particularly when the staff is so diverse and fragmented - the

academics scattered in their departments and institutes; the administrators with their multiplicity of grades and elaborate pecking-order; the marginalization of the clerical and secretarial staff; the disaffection of many technicians; the racial division which may be a legacy of the social system yet seems to contradict the spirit of the "liberal" English-medium campuses.

With its independent, representative Editorial Board, and its preparedness to accept copy from all quarters in any of the languages used on campus, RHODOS appears to have both the potential and the desire to address and resolve, through debate, the issues which divide the staff at Rhodes.

The need for such a vehicle has long been rec-

ognized by the staff associations. Now that the Administration, specifically the Public Relations Division, under Richard Buckland, has provided the infrastructure for a regular house journal, that need can be fulfilled on a far more reliable basis than hitherto.

I wish the new enterprise well and call on all staff to support it with an abundant supply of articles, anecdotes, letters and advertisements.

Much care has been taken to ensure that RHODOS would not be "the voice of Admin". But if it is not Admin's voice, then it must be the whole staff's voice. So let's hear it! It may not be too idealistic to hope that the more we hear it, the more we hear of each other via the good offices of RHODOS - the

more we will know understand each other fellow staff members, the more we can identify with each other's achievements, problems and times - the more we become like a real Volkswagen TV ad!

ROBIN PALMER

Thank you, kind sir! RHODOS team quickly realized, how that producing a newspaper is fraught with all kinds of danger! Even its production has been incorporated into our descriptions, the job detailed in those descriptions do come first. However, we decided - better late than not at all for this issue, and we'll be back on the deadline track in A

Of navels and zodiac signs

THE EDITOR,

Ms Segar's letter (RHODOS February 16) worries me, but for reasons only indirectly related to its content.

I have frequently expressed sociopolitical views in the popular press, and I am aware that some of my colleagues regard these views as faulty, or even absurd.

That is their privilege and indeed they may be correct. I have no specific academic training in such areas - a fact which, critics may gleefully remark, is abundantly self-evident. I am a biologist, and my brief is to teach human physiology. In this I am constrained, like all others in the field of natural science, to operate close-hauled before the twin tyrannies of experiment and logic - and, of course, the syllabus as laid down.

My teaching duties

offer little or no scope for disseminating my sociopolitical views, or indulging in other attitudinal excursions - farcical or otherwise - from the lectern. At least partly for this reason my colleagues and my employer properly stand quietly by while I splatter the popular press with my unpopular views.

If I chose to write on physiological or parapsychological matters and earnestly told my readers that the pineal gland is a valve in the brain; that the best diet is one which rigorously excludes all animal products; that Adam had no navel and that your personality and fate are fixed by the zodiacal circumstances prevailing at the time of your conception, my colleagues - along with educated members of the general public - would have cause to wonder whether my students were being fed com-

parable drivel in the Physiology course - a course which the students pay quite heavily to take, and which the South African taxpayer pays me quite well to give.

MUSEUM PIECES

THE EDITOR,

In the bowels of the Economics Department there still lurks an ancient wooden sign which reads "Ladies Staff Only - Staff Members Only". Upstairs is a companion piece "Gentlemen Staff Only". The word "Members" is surprisingly omitted.

These ludicrously discriminating signs should be removed forthwith. Perhaps they could find a home as exhibits in the Rhodes Museum?

MARGOT BEARD

WHO'S ON TOP?

by Anon

THE DEAN Leaps tall buildings in a single bound, Is more powerful than a locomotive, Is faster than a speeding bullet, Walks on water, Gives policy to God.

THE DEPARTMENT HEAD Leaps short buildings in a single bound, Is more powerful than a steam engine, Is just as fast as a speeding bullet, Walks on water if sea is calm, Talks with God.

PROFESSOR Leaps short buildings with a running start and favourable winds, Is almost as powerful as a switch engine, Is faster than a speeding BB, Walks on water in an indoor swimming pool, Talks with God, special request is approved.

SENIOR LECTURER Barely clears a Quaker hut, Loses tug of war with locomotive, Can fire a speeding bullet, Swims well, Is occasionally addressed by God.

LECTURER Makes high marks on the wall when trying to leap tall buildings, Is run over by locomotives, Can sometimes handle a gun without inflicting injury, Talks to animals.

GRADUATE STUDENT Runs into buildings, Recognizes locomotives two out of three times, Is issued ammunition, Can stay afloat with a life jacket, Talks to walls.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT Falls down the doorstep when trying to enter building, Says look at me, choo-choo, Wets himself with a water pistol, Plays in puddles, Mumbles to himself.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY Lifts buildings and walks under them, Kicks locomotives off the track, Catches speeding bullets in her teeth and eats them, Freezes water with a single glance, She is God.

No curative drug for dreaded disease

In some countries the dreaded disease, AIDS, is encroaching into the workplace. The RHODOS team thought you might like to know a bit more about the causes and the symptoms of this scourge.

AIDS stands for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome and is caused by the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). The HIV attacks the body's natural defence system and leaves it open to infections.

It has not yet been possible to develop a preventive vaccine or curative drug, and it is unlikely that one will be developed in the near future.

There are three known stages of AIDS. The first is the carrier stage, during which people are infected with the virus. Persons with HIV may be infectious for months or even years before the onset of symptoms.

HIV carriers represent a dangerous pool, because, at this stage, only a blood test can prove them HIV positive. It is suggested that carriers become more infectious as time passes.

It is estimated that 30 to 50 percent of HIV carriers move to the AIDS Related Complex (ARC) stage. The most consistent features during this stage are weight loss, fever, fatigue and swollen glands.

The last stage is full-blown AIDS and is reached about five years after initial infection with the HIV. Death usually occurs within six months as a result of the body's inability to control infections such as pneumonia and cancer.

Transmission can be sexual or non-sexual. The HIV is sexually transmitted through seminal fluids. The use of condoms is encouraged because it is the only relatively certain means of avoiding contracting AIDS through sexual contact.

Certain active ingredients in modern spermicides have been shown to inactivate the virus. A spermicide used in conjunction with a condom will provide more protection against the transmission of the HIV.

Non-sexual transmission occurs through blood. Intravenous drug users are in the high risk group because they usually share needles. Haemophiliacs who depend on frequent intravenous injections of a clotting factor prepared from human plasma are also in the high risk group because several thousand donations are needed to produce a batch of concentrate. Each patient using a concentrate is exposed to material from many do-

nors each time he injects himself.

Infants with HIV positive parents are also born with the virus and may also develop full-blown AIDS over the years. Homosexuals and prostitutes are considered among the high risk groups.

Blood specimens taken in this country are now screened for HIV antibodies, but this is a problem in less developed countries due to a lack of medical resources.

Although the virus can survive in saliva and tears, no known case of AIDS contamination through these fluids has been recorded.

Acknowledgement: Close Contact Vol 1, No 4.

Research Project

As part of their Media and Development course, Journalism III students are doing an Aids Research project.

Their lecturer, Mr Don Pinnock, has divided the class into media consultancy groups commissioned to assemble media packages on AIDS.

The packages can be presented in print, slide tape, theatre, silkscreen

and video formats. The target audience is teachers, students and pre-literate migrants in Grahamstown.

When complete, the various packages will be sent to the AIDS Research Unit of the South African Institute of Medical Research in Johannesburg.

Mr Pinnock said he hopes to secure funds which will put the project into general circulation.

Praise Group

A disused games room at Allan Webb Hall has been transformed into an attractive, warm meeting place for the newly-formed Prayer and Praise group.

Mrs Coral Waite, the new hall warden, responded to her students' requests for a place to meet and worship informally by cleaning up the dusty, dingy room and brightening it up with pot

plants, a piano and colourful posters to create an ideal venue for get-togethers.

Some 30 students attended the Prayer and Praise Group's first meeting recently. Anyone interested is welcome to come along and enjoy an evening of fellowship. Meetings are held on Mondays at 6.30pm. For more details, contact Mrs Waite at Allan Webb Hall.

Travel Service

by Alison Terry

The South African Students' Travel Service is a nation-wide travel service managed by professional and experienced staff, with branches in Cape Town, at UCT, Natal, Wits and on your own campus at Rhodes.

All SASTS offices do their booking through American Express Travel agencies. As these are fully registered and licensed ASATA members we offer the same services as any recognized travel agency but with the advantage of being on campus only a 'phone call away!

All academic and non-academic staff can take advantage of these services:

- * Special flights and discount prices (eg a fare to Europe in November 1989 at a guaranteed R2 000)
- * Greater discounts for those under 26 years of age
- * Youth fares which can be pre-booked in November and December
- * Discounts for youth rail, ferry and hoverspeed travel
- * International Student Cards for 'bona fide' students
- * Addresses of all International Student Travel Agencies, many of which have discounts for everyone
- * Youth hostel cards (adults and families are welcome to use many youth hostels)
- * Bookings for all international and internal flights
- * Group tours
- * Car hire and bus bookings
- * Renewal of passports
- * Visa applications

Our motto is to try harder, with friendly personal efficiency. Whatever your travel requirements, please call me, Alison Terry, at 26791 between 9am and 12.30pm or come and see me at Room B6, Ground Floor, Rhodes Union, Prince Alfred Street, or 'phone 24154 after hours.

My sincere thanks to those staff who already deal with SASTS and I look forward to meeting those of you who will become part of "our" travel team this year.

SMALLS

LP records in excellent condition for sale, or to swap for silver coins from South Africa or Europe. Records by Elvis Presley, Rolling Stones, Frank Sinatra. Classical music by Beethoven, Paganini etc. Also Hi-Fi element, Ortofoon VMS 20-II. Please contact Mr Konings, Biopharm Research Institute. Extension 189.

FOR Translations from Afrikaans to English, or vice versa, contact Karen at Extension 107.

CRYSTAL CLEAR

Lovers of classical music will be delighted to learn that Radio Allegro has a treat for them.

"Clear Crystal" is a series of nine programmes in which PEGGY HADDON comments on, and plays the piano sonatas of Mozart.

The series began on Wednesday 1 March and is broadcast at 9.32 pm each Wednesday during March and April. Don't miss the following programmes:-

22.3.89
K270 Sonata in C Major
K310 Sonata in A Minor

29.3.89
K311 Sonata in D Major
K330 Sonata in C Major

5.4.89
K331 Sonata in A Major
K332 Sonata in F Major

12.4.89
K333 Sonata in F Major
K570 Sonata in B-flat Major

First golf match a great success

by Doug Coghlan

In the first golf match of the year, on Saturday, March 4, the Rhodes staff team acquitted itself well against Port Elizabeth Technikon and the University of Fort Hare.

This match was played in perfect conditions on the Grahamstown course, which is in excellent condition despite the inclement weather.

The visitors from Alice came out overall winners with 335 points, closely followed by Rhodes (326) with Tech-

nikon trailing on 309. A success for Rhodes in view of the fact that several of the team's leading players were unable to participate.

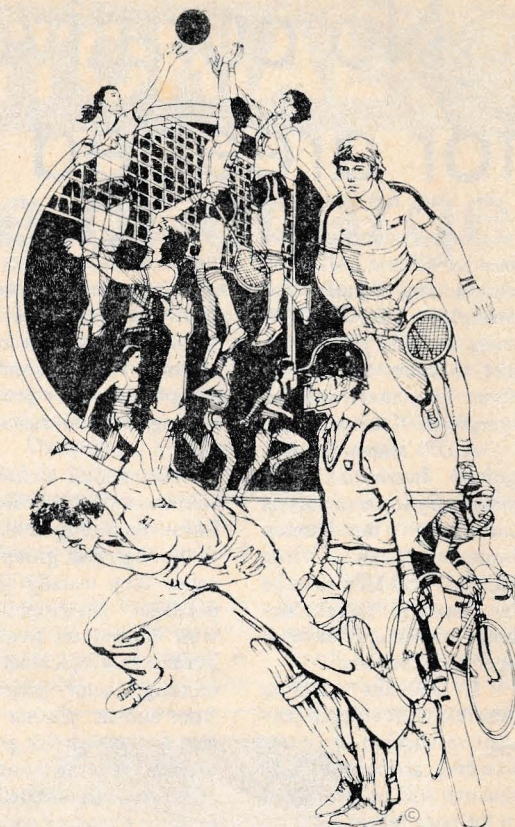
Phil Collett won the prize for the longest drive on the 18th hole, and newcomer, Bill Fowler, was placed second in the individual competition in a count out, scoring 37 stableford points.

A big thank you to South African Breweries for providing the prizes, and to Neil Papenfus for obtaining their support. Thanks, too, to Keith and

Sandra Hopgood for the efficient arrangements which helped to make the event a success.

The team's next encounter is against arch rivals, UPE, in May, at home. The annual staff and student team visit to Bedford is coming up shortly.

Staff members who would like to play for the team but are not yet on the Staff Golf Club register should contact Doug Coghlan at Human Movement Studies (extension 471 or 472).



USE YOUR RULA

RULA is the acronym for the Rhodes University Lecturers' Association. In the 1960's, when academics below the rank of full professor were excluded from Rhodes' faculty boards and senate, RULA was founded as a pressure-group by and for lecturers seeking membership of or representation on these bodies. Twenty years later, with lecturers free to join faculty boards and six lecturers' representatives on Senate, the principal issues around which RULA was originally formed have long since been resolved.

Yet there still appears to be a role for an association of lecturers as opposed to professors. At the RULA AGM in 1987 there was a move to include professors and convert the association into an academic staff association along the lines of the ASA at Wits. The motion was rejected as a result of the eloquent speeches of colleagues with long memories and a general feeling that lecturers have their own "class interest"

which differ from those of the professors. So RULA remained as it had been. The chief development the following year - 1988 - was that the association increasingly found common cause with the Rhodes University Staff Association (RUSA), to the extent that there was talk of making RULA co-terminous with the six lecturers' representatives on Senate, and forming it into a sub-committee of RUSA. This suggestion was also thrown out.

In 1989, RULA remains as it always has been - an association of associate professors, senior lecturers, lecturers and junior lecturers which interests itself primarily in the teaching and departmental aspects of the Rhodes community (as opposed to the administrative and divisional aspects). It is a fully-incorporated association (as opposed to a trade union) which strives to advance the interests of its members, the sub-professorial academics at Rhodes. The Executive Committee has had one

meeting so far this year, at which concern was expressed about the way the SAPSE awards for accredited publications is allocated at the university; about the conduct of examinations; and about the sorry state of the lecture halls in which we are expected to teach our students.

If you feel strongly about these or any other issues which have a bearing on teaching or the lecturers at Rhodes, or at the national level, then you are urged to make contact with any of the following members of the RULA Executive: Georg Gruber* (Physics and Electronics) 456; Don Hendry* (Microbiology) 442; Terry Marsh* (Education) 383; Pat McAllister* (Anthropology) 231; Brenda Nicholls (History) 332; Robin Palmer* (Anthropology) 231; Dave Sewry (Computer Science) 297; Warren Snowball* (Classics) 273 or Susan Ziehl (Sociology) 361. (*denotes Lecturers' Representatives on Senate)

First Aid Course

Twenty members of staff have teamed up with Pharmacy students to learn basic first aid.

The 16-hour course is being run by St John's Ambulance and will enable these members of staff to render valuable

service to their communities should the need ever arise.

Anyone wishing to participate in a possible future course should give their names to John Eller in the Public Relations Division.

Zoology Lecture

The Departments of Biochemistry and Zoology and Entomology have organized an inter-departmental lecture on Wednesday, March 22 at 5.00pm in the Zoology Minor Lecture Theatre.

The speaker will be Dr B C Davidson from the Department of Medical Biochemistry at the University of the Witwatersrand. The subject of the lecture is "Ecobiology - Reality or Illusion" and anyone interested is welcome to attend.



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