



Extended tour was productive and worthwhile

The Vice-Chancellor, Dr Derek Henderson and Mrs Henderson made valuable contacts with universities, government departments and non-government organisations during a hectic six-week tour of 11 major cities in six countries.

The couple also attended five enthusiastic Old Rhodian (OR) gatherings in Toronto, Washington, New York, Boston and London during the lightning-paced tour which they described as "productive and worthwhile".

Mrs Henderson delivered a guest lecture at McGill University in Montreal, Canada, while Dr Henderson held meetings with numerous groups there including the International Studies Unit. Proposals about exchanges with staff and graduate students were discussed.

Following an OR Reunion in Toronto, they visited Tufts University in Greater Boston and more ORs who greatly enjoyed viewing a recent video of Rhodes.

After briefly visiting old Harvard friends and haunts the Hendersons went to the Rhode Island holiday

home of Warne and Doreen Boyce, who played a major role in planning the North American itinerary. They then stayed at the Boyce's home in Pittsburgh where they dined with prominent industrialists and university people, and met with lawyers to set up a Rhodes Fundraising Trust in the United States.

In Washington, they called on their old friend Ambassador Harry Schwarz, had appointments with funding and government agencies and enjoyed a most heartwarming reception at Howard, America's oldest and best known historically black University. Old Rhodian dinners in Washington and New York were warm and wonderful occasions. After a hectic time in the Big Apple the Hendersons completed the American leg of their tour with a brief visit to friends in the Hudson Valley.

In the United Kingdom they had numerous formal engagements in London and a full day in Oxford where they visited Oriel College, Lincoln College, Christ Church and Rhodes House on business. In London they managed to squeeze in a theatre visit to *Miss Saigon* and a



Pictured at the Boston Old Rhodian Reunion are (from the left) Old Rhodian Mr Neil Gallagher, Mrs Thelma Henderson, Dr Derek Henderson and Mr Warne Boyce. Mr Boyce played a major role in planning Old Rhodian Reunions in the United States.

show at the Royal Opera House where *Salome* removed all seven veils, leaving nothing to the imagination. They entertained the Old Rhodian Committee to a memorable dinner at the East India and Public Schools Club in St James.

They then flew to Holland where they had a couple of days in both the Hague and Amsterdam. More fruitful discussions were held with government departments, NGOs and foundations.

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Noel Hodnett is seen working on one of his landscapes during the Artists-in-residence programme at this year's Festival. Hodnett is a Senior Lecturer and head of the painting section at the Rhodes Fine Art department, and is on a year-long sabbatical working towards a major solo exhibition to be mounted in Johannesburg this November.

He said the exercise of painting in a public forum "went a long way to clearing up many of the myths surrounding the art-making process".

Kanfer is rated top Pharmaceutical researcher in South Africa

Izzy Kanfer, Professor of Pharmaceuticals and director of the Biopharmaceutics Research Institute, has recently been acknowledged by the South African Foundation for Research Development (FRD) for his research achievements in the Pharmaceutical Sciences.

He is now rated as the top scientist in that field in the South Africa. Together with Professor Lambe Parolis who enjoys a similar rating in the field of carbohydrate chemistry, Professor Kanfer gives Rhodes' School of Pharmaceutical Sciences the distinction of having the only two "B" rated research scientists at a pharmacy school in the country. This particular category relates to individuals who enjoy considerable international recognition as inde-

pendent researchers of high quality and whose work is regularly made known internationally.

(With acknowledgements to the *Pharmaceutical Journal*, June 1992)



Professor Izzy Kanfer

Internationally acclaimed SA authors read their work

by Charles Wessels

About 150 people packed the Delegates' Lounge at the Monument on Sunday, July 5, to hear internationally acclaimed South African authors read extracts from their work.

Presented by the National English Literary Museum (NELM) in collaboration with the Congress of South African Writers (COSAW), the event included a "Who's Who" of the South African literary scene.

Vusi Mahlasela of COSAW started the programme, singing poems by Keorapetse Kgositsile with guitar accompaniment of his own composition.

The poet Dennis Brutus read several short poems, some of them from his collection *A Simple Lust*.

The poems Don MacLennan read included a protest poem against the withdrawal of steam locomotives from Grahamstown.

Wally Serote, who heads the ANC's Department of Arts and Culture, read from his latest collection of poetry *Third World Express* which was launched by David Philip publishers the same afternoon. The reading was concluded by South Africa's latest Nobel Laureate, Nadine Gordimer, who challenged the crowd with her



From the left are Vusi Mahlasela, Wally Serote, Nadine Gordimer, Dennis Brutus and Don MacLennan.

reading of an extract from her most recent volume, *Jump and Other Stories*.

The audience included guests from Sweden, the USA, Canada and a number of South African academics.

The National English Literary Museum launched its latest publication, *Out of Exile*, at a function on Saturday, July 4. The volume comprises interviews with Albie Sachs, Dennis Brutus, Mbulelo Mzamane, Lewis Nkosi, Breyten

Breytenbach and Keorapetse Kgositsile and is available from NELM.

The function also marked the opening of two exhibitions, *Banishing Darkness: Yvonne Bryce-land and the plays of Athol Fugard and Olive Schreiner in the Eastern Cape: A Certain Knowledge of Land*.

Among the guests were Nadine Gordimer, Dennis Brutus, Professor Guy Butler and the American scholar Bernth Lindfors.

An unexpected award

This year has certainly been kind to Professor Emeritus Guy Butler.

Professor Butler's third volume of his autobiography, *A Local Habitation - 1945 - 1990*, has attracted much attention. The book, published by David Philip, was short-listed for the Alan Paton Award for non-fiction in March and at the same time Professor Butler received the good news from the Natal Society that he had won the Lady Usher Award.

The selection committee of the society was unanimous in its decision to make the award worth R10 000 to Professor Butler in recognition of the excellence of his latest work, *Local Habitation*. Professor Butler and his wife travelled to Pietermaritzburg in May this year to receive his award.

Professor Butler told *E P Herald* columnist Keith Sutton earlier this year that his publisher had told him that he had not submitted any of his works for this award, making it totally unexpected.



Festival wrap-up

Despite all the students being away on holiday, Rhodes University still hummed with life as festival-goers poured in from all over the country for the 1992 Standard Bank National Festival of the Arts.

Not only were Rhodes' venues packed, but about 2 630 festival-goers made use of the residences during the Festival. This amounted to a total of 13 380 bed-nights.

318 shows, films, lectures and exhibitions were held in seven of the Rhodes' main venues, including the Rhodes Theatre and The Box.

The Arts Major lecture theatre was used for showing films. Including re-runs, there were 64 showings.

The department of Journalism and Media Studies ran the successful Festival newspaper *Cue* once again, providing visitors with up to the minute Festival news and reviews. A number of Rhodes staff reviewed productions for *Cue*, some more successfully than others (see *The Weekly Mail* excerpt below).

Staff and students also appeared in various productions and the Department of Fine Art's exhibition was

well received by visitors.

Each year an increasing number of technical staff, as well as students at the University, provide back-up to the Festival in various ways - from theatre lighting and sound to manning booking offices.

♦ This excerpt comes from Krisjan Lemmer's column *On the Southern Tip*, published in *The Weekly Mail* (July 17 to July 23, 1992):

"Pity poor Eddie Baart, the mystery critic on the Grahamstown Festival's daily newspaper *Cue*. After indigesting a Marthinus Basson production of Botho Strauss' contemporary classic *Callaway Farce*, Baart's review revealed little besides that 'he did not understand the play at all'."

Deciding to plough on and write about it anyway, he finally admitted he was "the wrong sort of person to review this sort of theatre". During the ensuing outcry from those of fine-tuned artistic sensibilities, it emerged Baart's qualifications were that he heads the Rhodes Physics Department. Clearly, *Cue* believes culture is relative."



"What's our policy on the Nouveau Riche?"

Congratulations to Neil and Pat Papenfus on the engagement of their daughter, Terry, to Nick, son of Tony and Carole Rudston of Johannesburg.

The influence of Peer Review

Peer review is one of the cornerstones of science derived from the axioms of scientific conduct: impartiality and objective evaluation. Critics of the system abroad and here in South Africa maintain (unless of course they are reviewers themselves) that such impartiality does not exist and that individuals are prone to personal or discipline-related bias.

The system of peer review becomes even more problematic as research funding dwindles and more stringent evaluation procedures must be adhered to.

In America the National Science Foundation's (NSF) success rate of applications now hovers at 30% and the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) at a mere 24%. Because of its screening processes before submission, the CSD has been in the fortunate position of being able to fund 42% of all applications received during 1992/93.

In this climate of decreasing funding, scientists should be aware of how peer review influences the chances of getting funding.

(With acknowledgements to the CSD Bulletin, July 1992.)



Mike and Vivian Ginn with his watercolours of birds of prey that were featured on the Our Natural Heritage exhibition at the 1820 Museum during the Festival. Mike is the Senior Schools' Liaison Officer at Rhodes.

East London Sports news

by Peter Kirsten

Rhodes East London teams performed well at recent Winter South African Universities (SAU) tournaments. The teams included Men's Basketball, Hockey, Waveskiing and Surfing.

In Basketball, Russell King received the trophy for the most valuable team member of all the teams present, while Kevin Barrett and Stuart Hunter were selected for the SAU Waveskiing team. Mickey Lindsay was selected for the SAU Surfing team.

Mike Wicks, Lecturer-in-charge

of Business Administration at the East London campus ran the Rhodes Marathon near Barkley East in sub-zero temperature (-9°C) and has now acquired his permanent number. Well done, Mike - that's dedication for you!

Well led by Lisa Stewart, the Rhodes East London Ladies Hockey team won the local annual Hamiltons Ladies Hockey Tournament recently amid strong competition. This is the first time a Rhodes E.L. Ladies team has won any trophy - well played!

Kirsten joins World Team in Sri Lanka

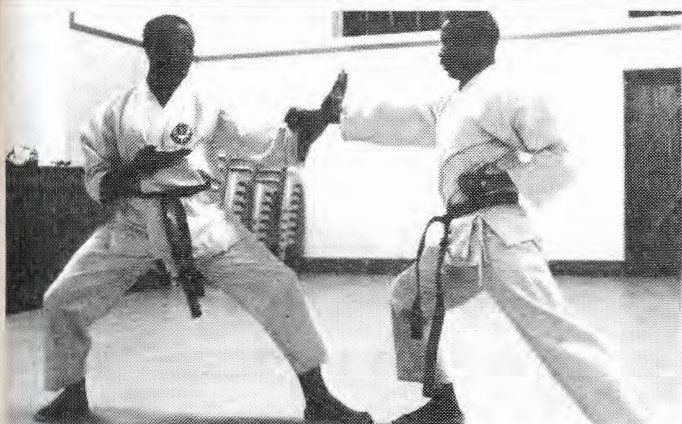
Peter Kirsten has been invited to play cricket in Sri Lanka next month as part of a World Team against the Sri Lankan team.

A member of the Rhodes East London Division, Kirsten is the first South African to play cricket in Sri Lanka. It is also the first time since 1987 that there has been international cricket hosted in Colombo because of political tension

there.

Kirsten has also been invited to present a cricket seminar at the University of Boputhatswana in Mmabatho as part of an attempt to revive sport at that university and amongst the immediate community.

*Rhodos wishes you and the World Team all the best against the Sri Lankans, Peter.



Local karate instructor Thompson Snam (left) in training with his brother Elvis. See the story overleaf.

Productive Tour

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They were entertained in The Hague by Dr R van Gendt, the Executive Director of the Bernard van Leer Foundation.

Their final official duties were crowded into two hectic working days in Bonn, West Germany, where an Old Rhodian, Dr Rudolf Gruber, S A Foundation Director in Germany, piloted a kaleidoscopic set of appointments. Corpus Christi is a public holiday in the Rhineland, and the Hendersons watched a traditional procession in Bonn and sampled the scenic and viticultural delights of the Mosel Valley.

A feature of the Bonn visit was the Rhine river traffic, which they could see directly below their hotel window.

Later the Hendersons recuperated briefly in idyllic Grindelwald, in the heart of the Bernese Oberland. Their room looked straight out at the notorious North Face of the Eiger, scene of many an heroic climbing exploit, and much tragedy.

A striking feature of the tour was the enormous goodwill towards South Africa and the depth of sym-

pathy concerning the obstacles still to be overcome before lasting peace and political stability are attained here.

"Some of this goodwill has already been manifested in tangible support for Rhodes, and more can confidently be anticipated," said Dr Henderson.

The Hendersons were also impressed with urban renewal in Boston and Pittsburgh.

"In Boston, particularly, where restored historic buildings blend in perfectly with the new, some of the finest contemporary cityscapes in the world are to be experienced.

"In stark contrast, Amsterdam is a once fine city gone to seed. Meaningless, psychedelic graffiti cover every accessible vertical surface. The celebrated Dutch tolerance has eroded civic pride to the point where it is no longer a pleasure to pay a visit."

After weeks of virtually nonstop activity Dr and Mrs Henderson are glad to be back home. The full benefits, in terms of donations and joint projects, although entailing more hard work, will still take some time to unfold.

Update on Sexual Harassment

By Daryl McLean

Two delegates from the Rhodes working group on racism/sexism and sexual harassment attended a national workshop on sexual harassment at UCT on July 11-12.

The workshop was attended by delegates from 15 universities. The agenda consisted of:

- ♦ reports from each university on the incidence of sexual harassment (where research has been conducted), the state of research (where it was happening), and attempts being made to address it.
- ♦ a plenary session which identified common concerns that needed to be workshopped.
- ♦ workshops around four of the issues identified: definitions, policy and procedure, implementation and regional and national co-operation in the future.
- ♦ a plenary session which reported on the workshops.

The workshops themselves were not particularly useful, nor was the final plenary session; but it was enormously valuable to see the research being done and progress being made at other universities.

Copies of documentation (previously mysteriously unavailable!) from other universities have been ordered and should be available in the Rhodes Library within the next week. Although Rhodes is considerably ahead of some universities in addressing the issue, it is way behind campuses such as UDW, UWC and UCT.

Work done on these campuses shows that some of the research ideas, policy options and strategies of implementation planned for Rhodes need to be sophisticated. For example, UDW's research indicated that the overwhelming majority of the victims of sexual harassment do not want the perpetrator expelled - they just want the harassment to stop. Thus it is important to provide for incidents to be recorded without being further acted upon, and for resolution procedures as an alternative to/in addition to disciplinary procedures.

The draft policies under discussion at other universities are likely to prove very useful in our own formulation of a policy at Rhodes.

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the following posts from January 1, 1993:

Senior Lecturer/Lecturer in the Department of Accounting

(The successful candidate may qualify for a subvention of salary from the Public Accountants' and Auditors' Board.)

Senior Lecturer/Lecturer In Business Information Systems At The University's East London Division

Senior Lecturer/Lecturer In The Department Of French

Candidates should have experience of teaching French Language at all levels and have a research specialization in a field of French Literature from the medieval period to the twentieth century.

Senior Lecturer/Lecturer In The Department Of Linguistics And English Language

Prospective candidates should have a firm grounding in contemporary theoretical and applied linguistics.

Senior Lecturer/Lecturer In Psychology At The University's East London Division

Expertise in the areas of personality theory, developmental psychology, psychopathology, and psychological assessment would be an advantage as would registration - or eligibility for registration - as a psychologist with the SAMDC.

Lecturer/Junior Lecturer In The Department Of Economics And Economic History

Application forms, salary particulars and further information may be obtained from Mrs Annete Orsmond at the Personnel Division, ext 115.

Closing date: August 14, 1992

Applications are invited from staff and senior students, married or single, for several part-time posts in the University's residence system from January 1, 1993:

Wardens of either Men's or Women's Houses

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 and further details may be obtained from Mr Patrick Phillips at the Personnel Division, ext 116.

Closing date: August 14, 1992

Mastering the art of empty hands

Grahamstown karateka and karate instructor Thompson Snam gained a second place in a major full contact karate tournament in Port Elizabeth earlier this month.

Snam, a workshop assistant at the Rhodes Engineering works, held his own against members from five South African karate clubs in the tournament held under the auspices of the World Karate Shito Academy (WKSA).

Currently a First Kyu Brown Belt karateka, Thompson began training at the Grahamstown Karate Centre in 1983. Two years later he began specialising in Oishi Karate at the Belewa Training Centre in Port Elizabeth, travelling to that city from Grahamstown every weekend. His dedication paid off, and in 1987 Snam established his own club - the Shotokan Karate Club - in Grahamstown.

"I do karate for self defence, and I enjoy the training and fitness that is essential to the sport," he said.

Snam is highly motivated as an instructor, and 60 people train under him in his non-racial club.

Training sessions are held three times a week at the Recreation Hall in Albany Road, but Snam reckons the cost of renting the hall is becoming prohibitive.

From July 1, rentals have been increased from R24 a month to R10 an hour, and he envisages having to charge a monthly membership fee to cover expenses.

Snam was invited to participate in the fifth WKSA International Stage at Malmo in Sweden in June this year, where he could have qualified as a First Dan Black Belt Sansei. However, his chances of making the tournament were dashed when he couldn't raise enough funds to get to Sweden.

Despite this setback, he's confident that he will be able to grade for his Black Belt in Johannesburg in September.

"One of the WKSA Sansei from Sweden will be in Johannesburg to do the gradings," he said.

Already he's begun an intensive training programme for the gradings, working at his karate for at least one hour a day.

WHAT'S ON

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Thursday, July 30

Mini Bleed

- Great Hall, 2:00pm to 6:30pm

Friday, July 31

Surfing Club Disco

- Great Hall, 7:30 - 12:00pm

Saturday, August 1

Hockey Club Disco

- Great Hall, 7:30pm - 12:00pm

Rugby:

RU A vs RU B

• Home

Sunday, August 2

Oppl Video

- Arts Major, 7:00pm

Friday, August 7

A.G.M Dinner of Wine Tasting Club

Oriel Hall Ball

- Great Hall, 7:30pm - 12:00

Saturday, August 8

RMR Disco

- Great Hall, 7:30pm - 12:00pm

Intervarsity (UPE)

Sunday, August 9

Oppl Video

- Arts Major, 7:00pm

Monday, August 10

SRC Human Rights Week starts

Tuesday, August 11

Intervarsity training for wine Wine Tasting Club members

Friday, August 14

Zimsoc Disco

- Great Hall, 7:30pm - 12:00

CSD Top Researcher Award

The Centre for Science Development is instituting an annual Top Researcher Award with a view to promoting excellence in human sciences research. Nominations are invited from the Research Director/Chairman of a Research Committee of any research organization before 28 February 1993.

- On any CSD-supported research project
- in any category (other than scholarships)
- completed during the previous year
- by any researcher
- in any discipline within the humanities and social sciences.

A sum of R25 000 will be awarded to the winning individual to be used towards the costs of further research on the project either locally or abroad.

Research organizations should submit a complete motivated report on the nominated project indicating not only the excellence which prompted the nomination but also the possible impact that the findings may have.

Nominations will be evaluated by peers from abroad and the recommendations submitted to the CSD Board of Trustees for a final decision.

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