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Reserve Bank Visit



Professor Hugo Nel (left), with Johan Swart (SA Reserve Bank PE Branch), Timothy Thahane and Dr Woods.

Deputy Governor of the South African Reserve Bank, Timothy Thahane, recently visited the Grahams-town campus.

The visit was as a result of an invitation extended by the Department of Economics and Economic History. According to Professor Hugo Nel, Head of the Department, "The idea was to establish a relationship with the Reserve Bank that will be mutually beneficial. The Bank has a lot of expertise that we can use and has also expressed an interest in our current and future research projects."

Mr Thahane was enthusiastic about his first visit to Rhodes. "I am very keen to find out the kinds of activities that take place here," he said. "It is critical that we develop the intellectual skills

of today's youth in order to diversify our staff in the future. For South Africa's economy to grow rapidly, universities will have to look at creative ways of producing quality personnel in the economic industry."

Mr Thahane presented a talk on the role of the Reserve Bank in the current environment of volatile capital flow and flexible exchange rates. Attending this talk were key players in the local economic community, as well as staff and students of Rhodes. Mr Thahane stressed that the recent economic volatility was not unique to South Africa, but had occurred in all emerging markets. "The challenge facing South Africa is how to accelerate economic growth while creating jobs in a liberalised market," he said.

New Educational Kits

The Rhodes University Chemistry Department, in partnership with science teachers from local schools, has initiated a project aimed at the teaching of practical chemistry.

The project is based on the use of kits developed by Somerset Educational in conjunction with RADMASTE, an associated research institute of the University of the Witwatersrand which specialises in research and development of educational tools for use in the areas of maths, science and technology.

The Zenex Foundation has provided the funding to make this innovative equipment available to eight schools in the Grahamstown area. According to the Projects Manager, Madoda Siquaza, "Zenex is committed to supporting development in this country, and by increasing the number of well-qualified science teachers, the result can only be better qualified students."

A steering committee with representatives from the local schools as well as the University has been established to ensure the success of this programme. According to Professor Perry Kaye, Head of the Chemistry Department, "We are very pleased to be involved in this project and hope that we can act as a catalyst in promoting an interest in chemistry in the broader community."



Seen above are (from left to right): Phoka Mahooana of RADMASTE, Joyce Sewry of the Chemistry Department, Madoda Siquaza, Zenex Foundation, and Viki Proudlock of Somerset Educational.

International Conference



assets of the surrounding communities in the context of the making of the old South Africa and the transition to the new.

Dr Palmer felt that it was a "well organized, successful conference and of great value to the contextualization of the project." On the first day the conference organisers held a crash-course in Common Property issues, defining terms and discussing general models. "This was immensely useful. I was able to evaluate the case studies from all over the world that were offered in the other sessions against the models given during the short course."

The conference included a choice of excursions or 'mobile workshops'. Dr Palmer chose the guided tour of a rain forest. He also attended an evening of native Canadian entertainment - effectively a salmon braai followed by traditional dancing with masks and costumes.

Dr Palmer has tried to convey something of this to anthropology colleagues and students with the exhibition *Chiefly Feasts: the art of the Potlatch* which is on display in the Anthropology Department. All are welcome.

Dr Robin Palmer of the Anthropology Department recently attended the 7th conference of the *International Association for the Study of Common Property*. The conference was held at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada, with representation from 50 countries.

Dr Palmer presented a paper entitled *From exclusion to ownership: the continuing transformation of the role of the communities in relation to two adjacent nature reserves on South Africa's 'wild coast'*. This paper, based on research still in progress, analyses the transition of the Dwesa and Cwebe nature reserves from areas of protection and exclusion to a new role as the greatest material

Botanical Conservation

A Rhodes University botanist is assisting conservationists north of the South Africa's borders with the development of programmes to protect Africa's rich biodiversity.

Peter Phillipson returned to Grahamstown from Tanzania for a brief four-day visit. He is on a three-year secondment to the Missouri Botanical Garden, and is based in Arusha, Tanzania.

He is involved in developing a proposal to conduct a training programme to be set up in Tanzania. "Tanzania is extremely rich in terms of biological resources", he says. The Tanzania Botanical Training Programme, which he is now managing, started in 1997 and will run for three years.

The aim of the programme is to build capacity within Tanzania's botanical and conservation institutions and organizations to conduct high quality botanical inventory research. This is an important step in the development of strategies to manage biological resources and to address some of the urgent conservation priorities in the country. Local collectors are trained to collect plant material and information, and the 12 individuals currently employed in the country as herbarium technicians are learning up-to-date curatorial and field techniques. The data and specimens collected are being captured to develop the country's first botanical database, and it is hoped that the collaborative approach to the work will ultimately serve to strengthen the small botanical network within Tanzania. This programme is a direct collaboration between the National Herbarium of Tanzania, Missouri Botanical

Garden and Rhodes University.

Visit the website <http://www.ru.ac.za/departments/herbarium/tbtp/tbtp.htm> for more information about the Tanzania Botanical Training Programme.

In 1987 and 1988 Mr Phillipson worked as a Research Associate for Missouri Botanical Garden in Madagascar conducting botanical research. He continued his association with Missouri after he joined the staff at Rhodes, continuing to pursue his research interests and participating in a training programme for Malagasy botanists.

Mr Phillipson was invited to attend a workshop on the Conservation Assessment of Terrestrial and Freshwater Ecoregions of Africa, held in Cape Town from August 1-3, and organised by WWF-US (the United States World Wildlife Fund).

A number of Botanists and Zoologists from around the world, with particular expertise in the area of African terrestrial biodiversity, have been invited to attend the workshop. The aim of the workshop is to fine-tune WWF's attempts to develop continent-wide strategies for conservation of biodiversity through careful integration of existing knowledge on biodiversity patterns, conservation threat assessment and habitat mapping. "It is a worthwhile initiative to be involved in because it will serve to develop a framework for a wide range of future activities." Mr Phillipson commented.

He will return at the end of 1999 to resume his position in the Botany Department at Rhodes and as Curator of the Selmar Schonland Herbarium housed in the Albany Museum.

Chemical entrepreneurship!



SASOL annually donates a prize of R1000 to the best second year entrepreneurial project in the Chemistry Department. Over the last few years this prize has provoked intense competition amongst the teams of students who vie with one another to produce a commercially exploitable household chemical product. The projects are initially chosen for the student teams by the Chemistry staff who are also available to assist the students over some of the hurdles along the way. Generally, however, the students quickly become self motivated and pick up the challenge enthusiastically with minimal staff involvement. This year each of the five teams was tasked with producing and marketing one of the following; furniture polish, dog repellent, bath stain remover, water hardness test kit or window putty. After a highly entertaining product launch the "Touch and Shine" furniture polish team of S. Dlamini, L. Mannheimer, N. Phakathi and D. Visser were declared the overall winners and the 1998 recipients of the SASOL Chemistry II Entrepreneurial prize. Here they are seen with Professor Doug Rivett.

VC's Forum

At the recent VC's Forum, Dr Woods outlined the way ahead for the University as stated in the strategic plan. The Grahamstown campus is expected to grow at a rate of 2% per annum up to a total of 5000 students. The implication of this is an increase of 85 residence beds per year. The East London campus is expected to grow by 10% per annum with the expansion of certain courses and the introduction of new ones. "The establishment of the proposed Regional School of Technology on this campus as a collaborative effort amongst tertiary institutions in the area would be a shining example to South Africa," said Dr Woods. The residential needs of the East London campus will also be considered.

The strategic plan also recognises the need to increase the recruitment of black students and therefore more money will be dedicated to providing financial aid. The need for the recruitment of black academic staff is also highlighted as a priority with supernumery positions being created for identified staff.

Some of the issues raised by staff were:

Parking on campus. It was felt that parking is limited and that students take up all the staff parking thus making the displaying of discs futile. Dr Woods responded by saying that he felt that there was not a problem with parking on campus, but that there would be a tightening up of the fining system.

Purchase of the Cultural Museum Building. This is still under discussion. A donor has offered assistance and if the sale goes through, it is envisaged that Computer Science and Information Systems will move into the building.

Medical Aid. It was felt by some that the enforced membership of a medical aid scheme is outdated. Dr Woods responded by saying that as a responsible employer it was a huge decision for the University to make, but that it would be looked into. The position of pensioners is an important consideration in this decision.

"Outside" work. It was felt that there is inconsistency as to how the financial aspects of this is handled within departments. A framework for the distribution of gross profits will be drawn up by the Dean of Research.

Salary Increases. Academic and support staff from Grade 6 will receive an increase of 7% from 1 October. Grades 1 - 5 staff will receive an 8% increase with effect from 1 August.

Housing subsidy. It was felt that this is an unfair practice benefitting only certain members of staff. Dr Woods said that the University cannot afford to pay everyone a housing allowance and that this issue would be looked into.

ERROR

Please note that there was an error in the Economic Equality article in page 7 of the last edition of Rhodos. Column 4—4th line from bottom of first paragraph: "incorrect" should replace "correct".

Swakopmund trip

Dr Tony Booth, Lecturer in the Department of Ichthyology and Fisheries Science, has recently returned from lecturing at a High-Level Age-Structured Stock Assessment course held in Swakopmund, Namibia. The course was attended by sixteen fisheries scientists representing the fisheries management agencies from Angola, Namibia and South Africa. The participants received both theoretical and practical training in the use of various fisheries stock assessment models used both locally and internationally.

Two other lecturers participated in the course: Drs Eskild Kirkegaard from Denmark, and Pavel Gassiokov of the Russian Federation. This course was the last in a series of 94, sponsored over the past 12 years by the Food and Agricultural Organisation of the

United Nations (FAO) and Danish International Aid (DANIDA). The courses have been designed to train fishery scientists from developing countries to promote capacity and expertise.

Dr Booth lectured on the use of age-structured production models which are the principal stock assessment approach used by southern hemisphere countries such as Namibia, South Africa and Australia. This modeling approach differs from those used by the countries in the northern hemisphere due to its ability to provide reliable management advice with considerably less input data. The stock assessment approaches used by northern hemisphere countries require considerable long-term datasets which are extremely expensive to collect and simply not available within a southern hemisphere context.

Graphic Services Unit

The Graphics Services Unit has been established in recognition of the need for such a service to the whole University. It evolved from the former Cartography Unit which was part of the Geography Department. Professor John Duncan, Dean of Research (as of 1 September), will be responsible for the Unit which is no longer affiliated to a particular department. The four staff of the Unit, Mrs Susan Abraham, Mr John Keulder, Miss Bronwyn Tweedie and Mrs Debi Brody, offer a wide range of graphics expertise and hope to extend the range of services as demand continues to grow. The Unit is based in Room 44 on the first floor of the Geography building and may be reached on ext 8323 or by e-mail at ggsa@giraffe.ru.ac.za.



The new Graphics Services Unit team. Standing: Debi Brody and John Keulder and seated Susan Abraham, John Duncan and Bronwyn Tweedie.

Essential Funding

Not only were Price Waterhouse Coopers (previously Coopers and Lybrand) recently on campus to recruit students, but they also handed over their annual donation to the Commerce Foundation Programme. This is the 5th year that they have supported the Programme by providing bursaries for needy students.

According to Este Coetzee, co-ordinator of the Programme, "It is impossible to run the Commerce Foundation Programme without the loyal support of sponsors such as PWC."

Andrea Puggia, Human Resources Partner of PWC said, "We at PWC are interested in the future of the accounting profession in South Africa and see our contribution as an important step in the process to afford opportunities to previously disadvantaged students."



Este Coetzee receives the Price Waterhouse Coopers donation from Andrea Puggia.

Visiting Entomologist

Dr Karl Gordon of the Division of Entomology at the CSIRO, Canberra, Australia recently visited the Department of Biochemistry and Microbiology.

After attending the 10th Biennial Congress of the South African Association of Microbiology, Dr Gordon spent a few days at Rhodes with Professor Don Hendry and Dr Rosemary

Dorrington. They discussed various projects relating to the development of techniques in using viruses to control pests. These techniques would be of use particularly in the agricultural and food production areas.

While in Grahamstown, Dr Gordon visited the Sam Knott Nature Reserve for a truly "African experience" and was chased by a warthog!



Seen above is Dr Gordon receiving an award at the conference from Professor BC Goba, the Vice-Chancellor of the ML Sultan Technikon.

NTESU News

Roger Southall, Chairperson, NTESU

Although NTESU has not yet negotiated a Recognition Agreement, which would formalise and hopefully extend the rights of representation previously enjoyed by RUSA, it was recently invited to discuss salary increases proposed by the University for 1998-99. After an initial meeting, at which NTESU was informed that the University will be offering an increase in the range of 6-7%, NTESU has made the following response, which will provide the basis for discussion with the University at a further meeting:

NTESU accepts that the University's proposed salary increase in the range of 6-7% for 1998-99 in the present straitened financial circumstances is reasonable. However, given that this is below the level of inflation, and given also the recent increase in interest rates, NTESU would like to suggest that the University should make every effort to compensate for what will be an absolute decline in staff purchasing power by seeking to maximise benefits within the existing constraints as follows:

1. Making some movement to narrowing the gap between the best paid and less well paid employees within the University. We note, for instance, that many people are

blocked at the top of their particular grade scales. We therefore suggest that one way to move towards greater equity would be to create an extra notch for all salary scales, excluding those for Professors, Senior Professors, their Administrative equivalents, and above.

2. At present the University provides subsidy on bonds up to only R50 000. Other Universities, for instance the University of Natal, offer subsidies up to R70 000, and Rhodes should do likewise.
3. Many General Staff are presently subject to the inclusion of Saturdays within their provision for leave. NTESU requests that this be dropped, at virtually no cost to the University.
4. Academic and General Staff and their families should be able to reduce their medical costs by being enabled to attend the University Sanatorium when they have minor ailments.
5. The University should pay salaries twice a month, rather than once a month, thereby enabling staff to pay bonds twice monthly, thereby reducing the burden of interest repayments.

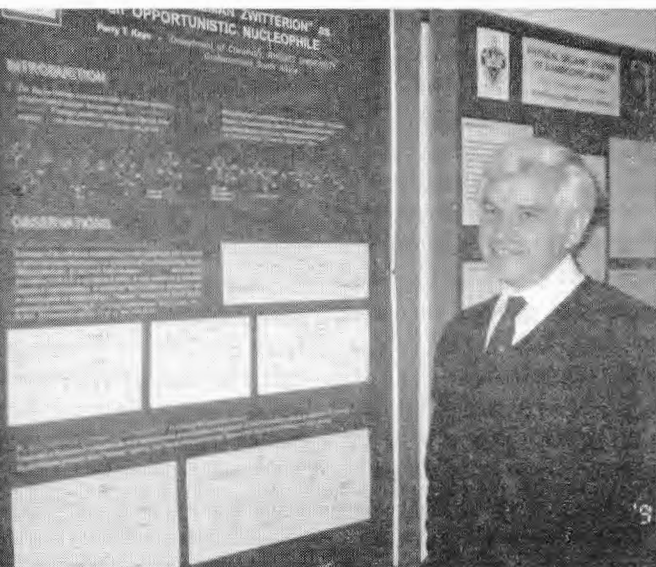
If members of NTESU have further suggestions whereby the University might improve its benefits package to staff, especially if these would not imply a major extra financial burden to the University, they should offer their suggestions as soon as possible.

Chemistry Conference

Professor Perry Kaye, Head of the Department of Chemistry, recently attended the International Conference on Reactive Intermediates and Reaction Mechanisms at Centro Stefano Frascini in Ascona, Switzerland. Prof Kaye presented a poster on aspects of his research, "at what proved to be a very stimulating meeting reflect-

ing developments at the cutting edge of Physical Organic Chemistry," he commented.

During his absence, his research students attended the Combined 7th International Chemistry Conference in Africa and the 34th Convention of the South African Chemical Institute in Durban at which further aspects of their research were presented.



Professor Perry Kaye in front of one of the many posters on display in the Chemistry Department's corridors.

"Achiever"



Mr Bonakele Mvemve of the Transport and Mechanical Workshop recently successfully completed a two-week course on arc-welding at the East Cape Training Centre in Port Elizabeth. Here he is seen receiving his certificate from Les Reynolds, Director of Estates, who said: "The University firmly believes in uplifting our staff and providing them with the training to enhance their skills within the broader community. I am very proud of Bonakele's achievement."

Embassy of France - Sasol Scifest '99 - Art Competition

The interaction between art, science and technology in contemporary society.

The Embassy of France in Pretoria, Sasol SciFest '99 and the Foundation for Research Development, announces an Art Competition to take place in Grahamstown during the Sasol SciFest '99.

The competition will reward a visual art work which will express the interaction between art, science and technology.

1st Prize

One week in Paris (airfare, accommodation and visits)

2nd Prize

One week at the 1999 Standard Bank National Arts Festival (accommodation and booking kit)

Criteria: Anybody may enter, individual or team;

Work will be displayed at Sasol SciFest between 17 and 23 March; It is the responsibility of the competitors to deliver the artwork to Sasol SciFest Office, 1820 Settlers National Monument, Grahamstown; and Scientific content and artistic quality will be judged equally.

DATES:

Registration of projects:

before 15 December 1998.

Deadline for submission of completed artwork:

1 March 1999.

Information & Registration:

Embassy of France

P O Box 29086

Sunnyside

0132

Pretoria

email: culturel@iafrica.com

Enquiries:

Sasol SciFest Office

Grahamstown Foundation

P O Box 304

6140 GRAHAMSTOWN

email: scifest@foundation.org.za

Tel: 046-6223402

Professor Philip Black from the South African Foundation will visit the Department of Economics on Monday 17 August 1998.

He will deliver 2 seminars:

14:15 "Labour Policy in the New South Africa"
in Ecos A

19:00 "The Asian Crisis - Adapt or Die?"
in Hobart Houghton Seminar Room (Room E15)

*Interested persons can RSVP to
Brenda Erasmus on tel 6038301.*

Letters to the Editor

Madam,

The apparent demise of COMMENT is to be mourned, as there are many serious issues of concern to the university for which there is no suitable forum for discussion. Four come to mind immediately.

1. AESTHETICS. Over the past twenty years, the architectural monstrosities of the 1960s have been tamed and the Campus made aesthetically pleasing. The extensions to Stanley Kidd are the latest development in that direction. However, "Mike's B & B", squatting behind the Kimberley pagodas, gave warning of a nasty development in bi-coloured facebrick, with babyfood yellow as the basic colour. If one now compares the new "lego house" with the "initiation Lodge" on the opposite sides of African St beside the HMS/HKE building one can see how good taste has declined.

The "initiation Lodge" is well mannered, the "lego house" has all the charm of a black tooth on a smiling face.

2. PRESS STATEMENTS. Shortly after a rather contentious appointment was made last year, the head of the department concerned was quoted, making a generalised and inaccurate attack on those who had disagreed with him. Recently a letter appeared in the E.P.H. in which a senior lecturer attacked a junior colleague about a matter far outside the writer's field of competence. While some at Rhodes may smile and say, "Old Simian has escaped from his cage again," the sort of people who are beguiled by the front page of that paper are likely to be

less well informed. There really needs to be a code of ethics about such writing e.g. that the victim/s of such attacks are given a copy of the statements or letters in advance. Such a code would obviously be voluntary, but it should reflect the good manners expected within an institutional family.

3. A CONFLICT OF INTEREST. The promotion of each individual scholar at Rhodes tends to be governed by the output of formal publications, but the survival of a department depends on its ability to attract students in vast numbers. Thus despite having at least three well published senior staff, Divinity has been despatched. But good teaching, especially of ill-prepared freshers, is extremely time consuming and demands a commitment to tasks which bear very little relationship to research. "Growing our own timber" as the most favoured mantra has it, will be extremely difficult if the gardeners are too busy exhibiting their exotic flowers to have time to till the ground around the ever more tightly packed young trees.

4. FAGS & BOOZE. With scant opportunity for discussion with all the stakeholders, Senate and Council have approved rules which will, if enforced, put the smokers on the street - at least while they are smoking. The university spends very little on tobacco, and one rarely hears of vehicle accidents caused by smoking.

However, the university spends a very large sum each year on alcohol, and the damage to human lives and property caused by alcohol is vastly in excess of that caused by tobacco. Is Rhodes trying to keep up with the Nanny State policies espoused by the lady described by Pieter Dirk Uys as the Minister of Health

and Raquets? Let us rather get ahead and set an example to the nation by requiring that all who wish to poison themselves with alcohol should pay for it at the normal bar prices - and not be lured into temptation by the lavish provision of booze on every possible occasion. If the Director of Finance does his sums, he might discover that the money saved, and the profit made, by such a policy could have saved the Divinity Department and plastered over the hideous facebrick - even if it could not have bought off Dr S.D.R.

Yours sincerely (on leave)
Michael Whisson

Dear Madam

No matter how hard we have tried we have been unable to like or admire the brickwork of the "lego" house now nearing completion next to the Human Movement Studies Department.

Why choose that particular combination of colours? We do not believe it can be defended under the name of post-modern architecture.

Do we have an aesthetics committee on campus? We should all have the opportunity to view proposed buildings at the drawing board stage and give input. Buildings on campus are too expensive and too permanent to be left to the taste of one or a few people however professional they might be.

We live near that building and have to see it several times every day.

Mrs Adrienne Whisson
Mrs Flick Heideman-Garrett

Ronwyn Coulson, University Architect, response:

Thank-you for your comments regarding the Lego House. Firstly, I think you will be comforted to know

that we do indeed have an Aesthetics committee at Rhodes, and that its members are elected from diverse backgrounds to ensure broad representation of all staff members. Unfortunately, it would be difficult to find a venue large enough to house 2000 staff members and 4000 students, hence the purpose of the committee. In addition, we would be in danger of, in Rhodes terminology, "setting a precedent": one could then expand this ideology to the notion that all staff members should have a say in how the academic courses are structured.

Every aspect of the above-mentioned design was approved by the Aesthetics committee. Unfortunately, the days of pale parchment paint are gone. Reality dictates that our maintenance budget is getting tighter every year, while the campus grows and building costs soar. One only needs to drive around some of the city campuses to see the effect of peeling paintwork on the overall impression. We have to plan for the future now, hence the change to face-brick buildings.

As far as the choice of colour goes, the two colours are the closest match we could find to the existing pale parchment paint and red facebrick already on campus. Out of interest, Post Modern buildings tend to be in primary colours, and far less conservative in design.

Lastly, I would like to stress that design is a very subjective field, and much as we would love to think that every design we produce in our office is admired by all, we realise that this would be extremely idealistic. However, in the interests of all staff members, we will continue to strive for this.

Dear RHODOS:

I was appointed in February with the formidable task of restructuring the Fine Art Sculpture course and its facilities. Remarkably, in the last six months, we have:

- relocated to what was the painting school, next to LIRI Technologies;
- completed major renovations to accommodate the various equipment and processes of the new discipline;
- hosted our first public sculpture activity, metal casting, during the National Arts Festival;
- installed our first outdoor student work, a whirling 2m ceramic mosaic, characteristic of *Art Nouveau*; and
- printed a brochure of career opportunities through sculpture training.

The past six months have been unarguably industrious and at times frustrating. We are happily settling into our new facility and going about the business of our work. It seemed only befitting to say a very gracious thank you to the many people and departments that believe in us and contributed in establishing the facility, repairing equipment and assisting us in a new beginning:

- Prof Mark Haywood, our department chair, who patiently listens to all the ideas, woes, and advises wisely;
- Dr Ian Macdonald, our Dean, who assisted us with the untimely refurbishment and repair of our most valuable equipment;
- Hercules Joubert, a post graduate sculpture student, whose help and upbeat attitude made many of our projects a success;
- The Engineering Workshop, especially Dave

- Martin, Minx Hillman, and Owen Arnott, who constantly provide their expertise and went beyond the call of duty to replace, move, and repair equipment to meet the Festival deadline;
- John Orsmond, our invaluable technician, whose dedication and expert craftsmanship is evident in every undertaking;
- Wellington Ngandi, who is often my right and left hand in the new building;
- The team of Janitorial & Cleaning Services who patiently and carefully executed the uneventful move of our equipment and furnishings;
- Andrew Hatting and Building Maintenance who speedily attended to all the "special" requests;
- Mark Hazell of Grounds & Gardens who provided new plantlings and whose summer/winter solstice knowledge strategically positioned the mosaic work;
- Toni Olivier, Analyst/Programmer, who creatively designed of our festival poster, flyer, and career brochure;
- Shelley Fuller, our secretary, who taxed my ceaseless drawings and letters, and processed all those buyers orders without complaint;
- Mark Rainier, Student Adviser, whose advice and encouragement guided the development of our career brochure;
- Roy Home of Catering Services, who as any good neighbor, trusted us with the loan of a scale during our festival activity;
- Ronwyn Coulson, Harry Rama, and Les Reynolds whose efforts completed the buildingrenovations;
- Mary Burnett, Marketing

& Communications, who encouraged and supported the efforts of our career brochure;

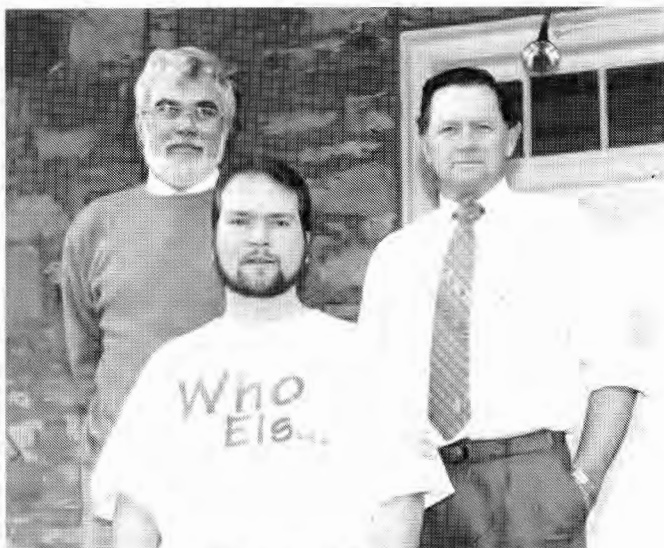
- Phillipa Callaghan, Buying Officer, whose constant direction is an invaluable resource; and I can't forget the expert

accounting skills and great furniture.

Thank you for all your help, without which none of this would have been possible.

Sincerely,
Maria J. Smith Williams
Head of Sculpture

International Bid



Professor Ted Botha and Robin Cross (back) with Bernd Sonnenberg.

Professor Ted Botha and Robin Cross will be jetting to Mexico at the end of this month to attend the 14th International Congress on Electron Microscopy. They will deliver 3 presentations and Mr Cross will also make the bid on behalf of the Microscopy Society of Southern Africa to host the 15th International Congress in South Africa.

Bernd Sonnenberg has been invited to the Monocots II conference at the end of September at the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia, where he will present a paper on part of his ongoing PhD research. Bernd has spent many years collecting the Cyperaceae (sedges) in the Eastern Cape Province and has been examining the anatomy and distribution of the genera with respect to locality, habitat photosynthetic type and anatomy.

According to Prof Botha, "It is an exciting opportunity for us to present our work at such conferences and to meet fellow scientists with similar interests. And, of course, it is always rewarding to assimilate something of the locality and its culture while visiting foreign countries."

Useless Information

- Cats have over 100 vocal sounds, while dogs have only about 10.
- The Boston University Bridge is the only place in the world where a boat can sail under a train driving under a car driving under an aeroplane.
- Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.

Classifieds

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WANTED TO RENT

One or two bedroom cottage of house near African Street. Phone Jean 6361496 (o/h).

WRITING WORKSHOP

"Live Writing" - a creative writing workshop to be held in Nieu Bethesda, 24th - 26th September at the Ibis Art Centre. Facilitated by Colleen Higgs and Joan Metelerkamp. The course promises to stimulate your imagination, provide feedback and will suggest ways of editing your writing. For more information contact Mark/Noelle at the Ibis. Tel (04923) 602 or ibis@ilink.nis.za

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ACCOMMODATION OFFERED

Garden flat: furnished, separate B/R, Kitchen and shower-toilet. Separate entrance. R580pm Incl W&L. Tel: 636 1263 (a/h) or 622 2312 (W).

VACANCY

Grahamstown Campus

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates, irrespective of race, gender or creed, for the following post from 1 October 1998 or as soon as possible thereafter:

CHIEF TECHNICAL OFFICER : ELECTRONIC SERVICES UNIT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIVISION

Candidates should have wide electronic repair experience ranging from older discrete transistor equipment to modern PC-interfaced equipment. Experience in one or more of the following would be an advantage: RF, TV and video, medical electronics, and board-level PC repair. The successful candidate will work in the Electronics Services Unit as well as in the Department of Human Kinetics and Ergonomics, and some mechanical aptitude would be useful. Experience in a tertiary education institution, or some background in a medical testing environment would also be advantageous.

Application forms and salary particulars may be obtained from Miss X K Wakashe, Personnel Division, Rhodes University, Grahamstown, by phoning 046 - 6038117/5. Applications should be returned to Miss Wakashe by 28 August 1998.

Curricula vitae which are not accompanied by an official application form will, regrettably, be returned to candidates.

Founders Day Ball



Date:
12 September
Time:
19:00 for 19:30
Venue:
**Hugh Chapman
Memorial Dining Hall**

Live Band! Spot prizes to be won!

Tickets: R50-00 per person,
available from Shelly Samuel
in the Marketing &
Communications Division
603 8520 or email ados@warthog.ru.ac.za

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