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Editorial

This is the last but one edition of *Rhodos* this year - we hope to bring you a "Newsflash" next week which will contain information of importance to both staff and pensioners.

As the academic year grinds to an exhausted close, all of us - academics, admin staff, technicians and service staff are looking forward to a slight lull before the machine leaps into action again in 1991. The *Rhodos* staff wish all readers, and particularly our faithful columnists, a restful festive season and a happy new year.

Our most productive contributor in 1990 was, without doubt, Doug Coghlan. He steamed into the *Rhodos* office with his sports news on time every time. Thank you Doug, we greatly appreciate the work you have done for staff sport, and we wish you well in your retirement.

Our thanks also to Mark Hazell, the Sisters Gill and Win and Rick Heard for their regular contributions.

Volunteers, please for sports reporting for 1991! The *Rhodos* team are not known for their sporting prowess, so those of you who run, row, play tennis, golf, hockey or any other game, please let us have news of your triumphs and defeats.



From Dr Henderson's desk...

ment in the academic performance of students. From what we know now, the calibre of new students in 1991 will be even better than before, so we can expect this trend to continue.

1990 has been a difficult year financially, and next year promises to be even harder. I thank you for your responsible reaction to this state of affairs. Rhodes has never had it easy; but we seem to thrive on adversity. Perhaps Shakespeare was right when he penned the words "Sweet are the uses of adversity..."

Rhodes is indeed extremely fortunate in calibre of its staff: we all work together with dedication, as a team. I thank you all for your particular contributions to the life of the University community during 1990.

Enjoy the break over the Christmas season - we've all earned it.

1990 HAS been an eventful beginning to the new decade, both for our country and for Rhodes. The release of Nelson Mandela, President De Klerk's February 2 speech, and many of the events that have followed during the course of the year have been heartening.

I am encouraged by the calm and balanced reaction to these events on the part of both staff and students. I believe that this is a tribute to their good sense and discretion.

This year we can congratulate ourselves on the great improve-

Thinking of buying a car?

The Rhodes car scheme continues to be made use of by service and senior staff. The scheme recognises that the screening of applicants and vehicles is an important aspect of the process of buying a car.

It attempts to ensure that would-be purchasers do not over extend themselves and

that the vehicles are adequate security to cover the loan.

To this end, applicants considering buying old cars are advised to restrict themselves to the purchase of the more popular makes and to check with a member of the committee for guidance before beginning negotiations.

Farewell ...

To the people who have retired recently, or are about to retire - Professors Bill Branford and Alastair Kerr, Dr Doug Coghlan, Mr Peter Wright and Mrs Ula Cameron.

And to those members of staff leaving at the end of the year - Professors Andre Brink, M Lambiris, and Seamus Miller, Dr Alex Weaver, MA Parker, JL van Wyk, RA Learmonth, Mrs PD Learmonth, Miss Susan Gough, Ms CE du Plessis, Mr John Donald, Mrs Janet Knight, Mr Mike Creed, Mrs MI Botha, MA Parfitt, CD Neave, G Pike, MJ Seaton, Mrs Pat Burnett, Miss S Terespolsky, JS Sieff, Mrs E Moller, Ms Niki Kohly, Miss D Handley, Mr RA Wadeson, Ms N Buirski, Mrs JD Needham, Mr CFW Allis, Mrs E Maharpi, Mrs M Ball, Mr N Keogh and Ms M de Beer - we wish you all health, happiness and fulfilment.

Sympathy ...

To Lynette Porriell, whose mother died recently, and to Jean Fletcher and Joey Mann, both of whom were widowed recently.

Congratulations!

To Sandy and Alan Stephenson, on the birth of their son, Ryan Kenneth, on November 1.

BONER'S ARK



Rhodes in the late 30s

by Professor Dan Morton

COMPARED to what is today, the campus of the thirties was much smaller, less cared for, and quite unplanned. A conspicuous difference is in the approach. For several years after my arrival, the town end of Artillery Road bent to the right, where it now bends to the left, as you approach town, and passed through the Drostdy Arch.

In 1936 only three students had cars, so that there was little traffic on the gravel road that started at the arch.

One the side of the lower end of the present road was a smallish building, the Grahamstown Gallery of Art, established - and I presume owned - by the Grahamstown Fine Art Society, one of the few survivors of the many clubs and societies that existed in the early years of the century, and were knocked out by such modern developments as the cinema, radio and motor car.

What happened to the paintings that were on exhibition I do not know, but I cannot imagine they were of great value, for neither the Fine Arts Society nor the City Council had any money to spend on paintings of a high standard. The site is now occupied by the Rhodes Theatre.

Quite a few of the military buildings were occupied by college departments, and the Registrar's office was in the old building which is the present-day Department of Botany (it also housed the Department of Botany).

The Library was then housed in a low brick and iron military building sited on what is now the new wing of the Department of

Physics. It was a one-man (pardon, one-woman) show, run by a Mrs Dick.

In those days text books could be bought, and there were many fewer students - and staff, so that Mrs Dick was not severely taxed in running the show on her own.

But from the student point of view, the most significant change is the disappearance of the old Kaif, sited conveniently where the Library now stands. Had it survived for ten years longer, it would undoubtedly have been preserved as an historic monument.

It was a solidly built, square building, exactly in the style, and, I should guess, exactly the same stone, as the small fort on Gunfire Hill. Originally, we understand, it was the arsenal of the military establishment, which no doubt accounts for the fact that it had initially only one small door. It seems to have had no roof, but within the fort-like walls there was a verandah with the usual iron roof, the centre being open to the skies. Such kitchen fittings as it had were towards the back, where the *Dea in Machina*, Mrs Harvey, sold the tea and coffee, scones, biscuits and sandwiches, and took the money.

It was well patronized by everyone, including the young unmarried members of staff. I have happy recollections of many a session there, in the company of junior members of staff, such as Michael Roberts, Hugh Chapman, Desmond Houghton, Norton Franklin etc., consorting on terms of complete social equality with senior students, such as George Hodgson, Bob

Williams, Merlin Harries, Jack Gaylard, Harold Lydall, Tony Simms etc.

It was an irreparable loss to student, and indeed to student-staff relations, when the Kaif had to be sited elsewhere. Long-standing friendships were established through daily sessions there, to such an extent that I eventually acted as best man at the marriages of three of the senior students of that period. (Could that happen now-a-days? I doubt it.)

Although not strictly speaking on the campus, what was called "Hill Kaif" was certainly on the campus socially. It was in the old fort, and was run by a Mrs Murray. You approached it by a rough foot-path that has given way to the tarred road that now leads to the Monument.

To get there involved a pleasant short walk, through what was still "the bundu", for the forest of the Mountain Drive area reached down to within about 50 years of the fort. (These were the days before the Port Elizabeth road had its present egress from the city, and the Monument was not yet dreamt off.)

A prominent and attractive feature of Hill Kaif was a rickety wooden structure, very open to the weather, with a ground floor and an upper floor, to which you ascended by a rickety stairway.

From this height you could survey the whole city, and the country round about, while discussing the latest college news, or gossip with your buddies over a cup of tea or coffee. Gone, like

many other features of the early college!

Selwyn Castle had a narrow escape. There was a heated discussion in the Senate, one of the Professors being very scornful of the "Worthless architecture", but it was saved by a narrow margin of the votes.

We must not forget the Great hall of those days. It was on the site of the present J K House and was obviously a temporary structure, of wood and iron. It was conveniently situated for college gatherings and dances and was taken to pieces in the late 40s, and re-erected in the grounds of Glenlyn House. It had a short life in its new site, for it burnt down in 1949.

Its loss caused considerable inconvenience to the college, for examinations, graduations etc and we had to "make do" with the City Hall till the present hall was available in 1956.

The Inauguration of Rhodes University and the demise of Rhodes University College was held in the City Hall (or was it the Commem Church? I forget) in 1951, when the academic procession was a bit longer than usual from the University down High Street to Church Square.

Dr Alty, who had been appointed Master of the College in 1947, became the first Vice Chancellor of the University.



Emergency number - 1 0177

A new national emergency ambulance number has been phased in, which will save you looking for the local number in emergencies.

The new number can be dialled from anywhere in the country without an area code, and the call will automatically go to the nearest ambulance control centre. In the eastern Cape these will be in Port Elizabeth, Grahamstown, Graaff Reinet and East London.

Although the calls will be received at these centres, ambulances will still be dispatched from the nearest emergency station.

Remember, though, the new number is only to be used for emergencies.



"Is the secretary ready to record the minutes?"

RUSA News

RUSA Secretary

by John Eller

Activity within RUSA has grown substantially over the last few years. A point has now been reached where a part-time secretarial/clerical service is needed and we invite anyone who would like to become involved, for a fee, to contact the Chairperson, John Eller, as soon as possible.

The service would involve the preparation (via a wordprocessor) of minutes of meetings, some correspondence and assisting with the Rhodes Car Scheme.

It is envisaged that 40 hours a month (about two hours a day) will be suitable.

Please contact John Eller on 2 2023, ext 518

RUSA/UDUSA

Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1991 are as follows:

Subscriptions

	*Academics and researchers	Admin and Technical	Service Staff
CUTA	R2,00 (all)	R0,00	R0,00
UDUSA	R18,00	R18,00	R0,00
RUSA	R16,00	R16,00	R4,80
Total	R36,00	R34,00	R4,80
Monthly Sub including UDUSA			
	R3,00	R2,83	R0,00
Monthly sub excluding UDUSA			
	R1,50	R1,33	R0,40

*Temporary, part-time academics are not members of the Committee of University Teachers Association (CUTA).

Members who do not wish to maintain their affiliation to UDUSA are asked to advise the Treasurer, Sue Middleton, by January 11, 1991. This will not affect their membership of RUSA in any way.

State President presents awards

by Val Papenfus

Two former Rhodes University academics, the late Professor Jack Gledhill, and Professor Brian Allanson, were presented with awards by the State President, Mr F W de Klerk, in Pretoria on Friday, November 16.

Professor Gledhill, a world-renowned research physicist and former director of the Hermann Ohlthaver Institute of Aeronomy (HOLA) at Rhodes University, was awarded the Order of the Southern Cross (gold class) posthumously.

This award, which was

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SASTS is open to all

by Val Papenfus

Deregulation in the travel industry has enabled the South African Students' Travel Service (SASTS) office at Rhodes to open to everyone, offering exceptional travel options at a very low cost.

The office, on the first floor of the Rhodes Union, is run by Mrs Alison Terry, who has wide experience in the travel industry. The agency is owned by the travel giant American Express, giving it the backing of an international company as well as advantages such as their foreign exchange facilities which means guaranteed replacement of cheques if they are lost or stolen.

Mrs Terry also said that the American Express office in Port Elizabeth has proved "fantastic" in cases of emergency and the staff promise to go out of their way to help their customers, even out of normal office hours.

Among the facilities that SASTS offers are international student and youth cards, the new international teachers' cards which entitles the holder to one third off transport costs on ferries, trains and buses, group flights for the end of the year, rail passes and tickets, special insurance and international youth hostel membership cards.

For all UDUSA members, the Dutch airline KLM, offers a special ten percent discount

on all airfares on return while another plus for all Rhodes staff is that the agency operates on an invoice system in collaboration with the Finance Division for all university business travel.

SASTS offices around the country also do group bookings on Luxavia for the middle and end of each year, effecting a saving of R530 in comparison with the normal Luxavia fare. Group and youth fares arranged on set dates can also be booked through the AATB office in Cape Town.

For domestic travellers, SASTS does all air bookings, as well as Intercape and Greyhound bus bookings to Cape Town, Durban and Johannesburg.

Mrs Terry, who recently returned from a trip to Britain and the Obberamagau Passion Play in Austria, said the aim of the travel agency was to give staff and students at Rhodes an "honest deal" while at the same time offering the convenience of an office on campus.

"When I have travelled internationally, I have always done it as cheaply as possible, so I have the expertise to advise people in that area too," she added.

● Note: From December 7 to January 21, Mrs Terry will be working from home.

Tel: 2 4154

Oberem invited to Seattle

by Val Papenfus

The Director of the Computer-Based Education Unit (CBEU), Professor Graham Oberem, has been invited to take up a two-year post as visiting professor at the University of Washington in Seattle in the USA from the beginning of next year.

Professor Oberem will be based in the Department of Physics, where he will work with the Physics Education Group on designing "intelligent" computer assisted learning materials for training Physics teachers and students.

He has been involved in the development of computer assisted learning materials at Rhodes for several years.

The computer programme developed by Professor Oberem

makes use of artificial intelligence to understand problems typed in by the students directly from a Physics book.

It can solve problems which it has never seen before and it can teach students how to solve these problems. This system makes use of artificial intelligence techniques to provide a natural language interface which allows the students not only to type in their physics problems, but also to discuss them with the computer.

It also includes an expert problem-solver which can monitor a student's progress and write out solutions.

Professor Oberem's work in the use of artificial intelligence techniques for computer as-

sisted learning has gained international recognition.

In 1988/89, he spent a year at the University of Texas at Dallas establishing a research group and laboratory in this field.

Professor Oberem said that he was privileged to be invited to work in the University of Washington's Physics Department, since it was an internationally-renowned department and one of their staff was a Nobel Prize winner last year.

Mr Philip Collett has been appointed acting director of the CBEU while Professor Oberem is away and Mrs Irene Vermaak has been appointed as a substitute.

They've been here for years! —

Rhodes recently gathered together all those who have served the University for 25 or more years. All were presented with a long-service certificate and a cash award.

They were:

Professor Eddie Baart, Senior Lecturer, June 1, 1960, Professor, January 1, 1969, Head of Department, July 1, 1984.

Mrs Shirley Baart, Library Assistant, February 1, 1961, now Librarian.

Professor Terence Beard, Senior Lecturer, March 1, 1960, Associate Professor, January 1, 1974, Professor and Head of Department, January 1, 1977.

Professor Bill Branford, Senior Lecturer, January 1, 1964, Professor, January 1, 1966, Head of Department on January 1, 1972.

Professor André Brink, Lecturer, July 1, 1961, Senior Lecturer, January 1, 1972, Associate Professor, January 1, 1976, Professor and Head of Department, January 1, 1980.

Mrs Mary Brooks, Shorthand/Typist, September 17, 1951, Filing Clerk, May 1, 1952.

Professor Michael Brown, Lecturer, January 1, 1962, Senior Lecturer, January 1, 1971, Associate Professor, January 1, 1978, Professor, January 1, 1986.

Mr John Claughton, Research Assistant, January 1, 1965, Lecturer, July 1, 1966. Warden of Piet Retief House since January 1, 1967.

Dr Doug Coghlan, Lecturer, October 1, 1960, Senior Lecturer, January 1, 1970.

Professor Hugh Eales, Lecturer, January 1, 1958, Senior Lecturer, January 1, 1964, Head of Department, January 1, 1970.

Mrs Maureen Freeman, Typist/Clerk, February 15, 1965. Now a Personnel Assistant.

Dr Georg Gruber, Junior Lecturer, February 16, 1963, Lecturer, September 16, 1963, Senior Lecturer, January 1, 1975. The award was presented to his widow, Mrs Judy Gruber.

Dr Ron Hall, Lecturer, January 1, 1965, Senior Lecturer, January 1, 1973.

Dr Keith Hunt, Junior Lecturer, July 1, 1959, Lecturer, January 1, 1962, Senior Lecturer, January 1, 1969, Associate Professor, January 1, 1980, Registrar, September 1, 1986. Warden of Jan



Left to right: Prof Mike Brown, Prof Eddie Baart, Mr Friedl Ranftelshofer, Prof Alastair Kerr, and Prof Terence Beard.



Left to right: Prof Jos Nell, Prof Bill Branford, Prof André Brink, Miss Brenda Nicholls and Prof Hugh Eales.

Smuts from 1959 to 1971, Hall Warden from 1969 to 1971.

Professor Alastair Kerr, Lecturer, January 1, 1955, Senior Lecturer, January 1, 1958, Professor, October 1, 1968, Head of Department, May 1, 1984. Warden of Graham House, January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1969.

Professor Jos Nell, Junior Lecturer, January 1, 1958, Lecturer, January 1, 1962, Senior Lecturer, January 1, 1970, Associate Professor, January 1, 1982.

Mr George Ngcobondwana, Service staff, November 5, 1962, Laboratory Assistant, January 1,

1974, Technical Officer, July 1, 1989.

Miss Brenda Nicholls, Lecturer, January 1, 1962, Warden of Atherstone from 1966 and Warden of Jameson House from January 1, 1968 to June 30 1980.

Professor Lambe Parolis, Lecturer, July 1, 1964, Senior Lecturer, January 1, 1971, Professor, January 1, 1978, Head of School, July 1, 1983.

Mr Len Paton, Lecturer, January 1 1964, Senior Lecturer, January 1, 1971.

Mr Friedl Ranftelshofer, Technical Assistant, January 1, 1961,

now Principal Technical Office Special Grade.

Mr Aubrey Sonneman, Learning Technical Assistant, January 1 1961, now Chief Technical Officer.



Left to right: Mr Friedl Ranftelshofer, Mr Len Paton, Prof Lambe Parolis, Prof Mike Brown and Mr Aubrey Sonneman.



Left to right: Mr Aubrey Sonneman, Mrs Maureen Freeman, Dr Doug Coghlan, Mrs Mary Brooks and Dr Keith Hunt.



Left to right: Mr John Cloughton, Mr George Ngcobondwana and Dr Ron Hall.

ISIDA forges on

by Andrew Weldrick

The Rhodes University Institute for Social and Individual Development in Africa (ISIDA) at Rhodes East London has established a broad range of community projects to help meet the urgent need for the development of people within non-racial social structures in the East London area.

Established two years ago, ISIDA has moved from strength to strength under the direction of Mr Ken Dovey.

According to Mr Dovey, the Institute aims to develop people in a broad way including the acquisition of interpersonal and technical skills, constructive values, awareness of socio-political contexts, the ability to work well within a team, competence in communication and strategic thinking skills.

He argues that individual and social development can only be attained across a wide range of contexts, and ISIDA has initiated projects at schools, workplaces, outdoor education centres, tertiary education centres, sportsgrounds and centres for the visual and performing arts.

All the projects ISIDA supports are non-racial, must span a minimum of three years and must strive for excellence in the achievement of their goals.

The Institute's leadership programme, LEAD, functions across a wide spectrum of age groups, and focusses on communal leadership where each participant takes an equal responsibility for the performance and welfare of the group. The programme includes a tough three-day outdoor component which aims at developing

team-building skills, values and attitudes.

This takes place at the Hobbiton-On-Hogsback outdoor education centre, and activities include rockface-climbing, abseiling, night hiking, orienteering, kayaking, obstacle courses, over-night camping and strategic planning games.

Another component of the LEAD programme involves a one-day political forum workshop, where participants develop an informed awareness of each others' socio-political contexts, beliefs and convictions. Power management, creative thinking, confidence building, and strategic planning and organization are also components of the LEAD programme.

While the long term influence of the LEAD project on participants is being researched and assessed, Mr Dovey said that informal feedback from many sources supported the results of formal evaluations that the project really was developing leadership behaviour and qualities in participants.

Sport is also a powerful medium for the development of life-skills, values and attitudes, and ISIDA's Junior Rugby Development Project has proved an outstanding success on various levels. The ISIDA non-racial primary schools U/13 rugby team returned home undefeated after their three-match tour to Cape Town in July.

Apart from the team's high standard of play (ISIDA beat Wynberg 26-4, Bishops 40-4, and Rondebosch 30-0), the boys also made a strong impact on Cape Town coaches, opponents,

We have a new biochemist

by Andrew Weldrick

A Russian biochemist has arrived at Rhodes, where he will be doing research in genetic engineering in the Department of Biochemistry and Microbiology during the next two years.

Dr Oleg Shipin comes from the city of Saratov in the USSR's Volga region, where he worked at the Institute of Biochemistry and Physiology of Plants and Micro-organisms, and has been at Rhodes for nearly two weeks.

Dr Shipin first became interested in work done at Rhodes when he read an article which had been written by the Head of the Department of Biochemistry and Microbiology, Professor John Duncan. Dr Shipin corresponded with the university, and was later invited to join its post-doctoral research team.

While he was still deciding on a research project, Dr Shipin said he was considering a genetic engineering project on DNA Fingerprinting which has specific application to agriculture in South Africa.

"This is a new field for me, and there are not many groups working in this field in Russia", Dr Shipin said. He said

that research in this field would be of great importance to livestock farmers in South Africa, as DNA fingerprinting of animals would make the selection of livestock much easier.

"While DNA fingerprinting is a relatively new field throughout the world, research in South Africa will help this country to keep up with developments overseas", he explained.

Dr Shipin's wife and seven-year-old daughter remained in Saratov as it was "not easy" to come to South Africa from the Soviet Union. He said he hoped his family would join him soon.

"I have met more people in Grahamstown in a week than I did in a year back home. South Africans are very amicable people", Dr Shipin said.

Dr Shipin said although he was a microbiologist, he was a "naturalist at heart", and looked forward to seeing a lot of the nature which South Africa offered. "I have already seen the Indian Ocean, which is completely new for me and is not comparable with the Black Sea or the other oceans I am used to", he added.

parents and staff with their impeccable manners and courtesy.

Mr Dovey said that the ISIDA team had been a major catalyst in the promotion of non-racial structures for sports organizations in the East London area, and that there was clear evidence that the boys had developed significant rugby and life-skills.

"As with sport, there is sufficient evidence that participation

in community arts programmes is a powerful medium for personal development", Mr Dovey said.

ISIDA operates three such projects, of which the Junior Art Development Project involving 20 children recently held its first public exhibition in East London.

Music is another sphere in which ISIDA is involved.

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presented to his widow, Dr Eily Gledhill, is bestowed on individuals who have given exceptional service to South Africa.

Professor Allanson, a former Dean of Research and Head of the Department of Zoology and Entomology at Rhodes, received the Order for Meritorious Service (silver class).

This award is presented to South Africans who have distinguished themselves through exceptional service to the community.



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"Do you have anything that won't upset my feminist friends?"

The yellow sub cometh!

by Lil Haigh

Professor Hans Fricke, the well-known German underwater explorer and owner of the yellow submarines GEO and JAGO, will visit South Africa during the last two weeks in November to deliver lectures on his research including his hunt for the living coelacanth, the legendary fossil fish.

Professor Fricke was the first person to observe and film live coelacanths in their natural habitat off the Comoros using a two-man research submersible. Films made during his research expeditions will be shown at the lectures.

During his lecture tour Professor Fricke will hold discussions with marine scientists about the programme for the visit to South Africa in 1991 with the research submersible, JAGO. During the dives we hope to establish whether the coelacanth occurs off South Africa, and also to initiate a new era of deep-sea research below 100m off the east coast and in the Tsitsikamma National sea reserve.

The dives by Professor Fricke off the South African coast are likely to generate a great deal of public interest and should provide a fascinating picture of a part of South Africa which is hitherto unexplored. The few dives to depths greater than 100m off our coast have

been largely for commercial purposes so should we be able to bring JAGO and its crew out it will allow us to see for the first time fishes and invertebrates which live at depths from 100-400m and many exciting discoveries are likely to be made.

Ever since the first coelacanth was caught off South Africa in December 1938, scientists have wondered whether a population of this famous fish occurs off our shores. The second coelacanth was caught in the Comoros in 1952 and all 167 of the known specimens have been caught off two Comorian Islands since then. The JLB Smith Institute of Ichthyology has received repeated unconfirmed reports of coelacanths being caught elsewhere, including the coasts of Mozambique, Madagascar and South Africa. A recent analysis of the literature on coelacanth distribution indicates that the most likely places where coelacanths may be found other than the Comoros are off the north-east coast of Madagascar or the south east coast of South Africa between Port Elizabeth and East London, or off the Tsitsikamma Coastal National Park.

It is important to find additional breeding colonies of the coelacanth as the population in the Comoros may be

threatened due to the lack of conservational infrastructure in the islands.

The research dives will be filmed on video and it is hoped that they will feature regularly on news broadcasts in South Africa. In addition a film will be made of the dives for distribution worldwide.

We hope that through approaches to individuals and to commercial companies who are concerned with environmental conservation and the exploitation of the sea, we shall be able to raise R350 000 to bring the submersible to South Africa in 1991.

Any person interested in supporting this venture is asked to contact Professor Mike Bruton at the JLB Smith Institute of Ichthyology, Private Bag 1015, Grahamstown 6140. Tel: 0461- 2 7124. Fax: 0461-2 2403. Even the smallest contribution toward this venture will be gratefully acknowledged.

Professor Fricke's "local" lectures will be at:

East London Museum Auditorium on November 16 1990 at 20H15;
Grahamstown: 1820 Monument Auditorium on November 17 at 19H30.

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LETTER

The Editor

We're off the map!

On a recent trip to Benoni, I popped in to a small local bakery, the Rainbow, on Bayley Street.

I stared goggle-eyed at the display and selection of cakes in the 'fridge counter and asked the owner if they had fresh cream on them.

Somewhat surprised, he said "Of course they do."

A little sheepishly, I told him that I'd only asked because where I came from we seldom such such things.

"Where is that?" he asked.

"Grahamstown", I said.

"Where is that?" he asked.

M H Emerson

From the Potting Bench

Plant a memory or two or more...

by Mark Hazell

The Jacarandas are once again in flower. This means that the campus returns to a quieter pace - for some - now that students are gone and exams are over.

What a sight they have been these past few days, as have the Silky Oaks before that. Just coming into flower at the moment are the Australian flames and the very rewarding Pompom tree. One must not forget that the most rewarding Cape Chestnut is in full flower at this time of year.

You may well ask "Why all this emphasis on trees?" Well, I believe that they are vital to creating a pleasing environment but also they help to bring back

memories. How often are some of one's most treasured memories those in which trees featured. It may have been a walk in the forest as a child, or picnicking as a family under a tree near a stream or whatever.

So why not plant a memory or two or more. As summer approaches - or at least we hope it will, sometime - the value of the shade cast by a tree increases and so does its potential for creating memories as we move out of our cold houses into the refreshing shade of the trees we have around us.

It does not matter whether you have a large or a small garden - you can be sure to find a suitable tree to plant, particularly amongst our indigenous trees.

Christmas is coming and how many of us struggle with ideas for suitable gifts. Why not be different and start a trend by "giving a memory". Give that special person a tree or ask your nursery for a gift voucher and let them choose their own. When planting a tree remember to dig a hole at least 1m³ in size and fill it with good compost. Remember to water it well once it is planted.

With so many people going away over the Christmas break, gardens suffer due to lack of attention. This is an ideal time to cover your soil with thick mulch (say 100mm) of well rotted manure, compost or even bark. You can even spread your grass clippings over the soil, but remember not to place too much around the



stems of softer plants. By doing this you will insulate your soil from the scorching sun and will help to retain any moisture which might result from rain and mist. You will also be reducing the weed population.

I take this opportunity to wish you all a successful Christmas gardening period. Don't forget to water before you leave on holiday.

Sport

Golf

by Hugh Eales

One of the more popular events at the Grahamstown Golf Club is the "Occupational Teams of Four", where teams of Farmers, Doctors, Lawyers, Hoteliers etc (and even a team who called themselves "Odds and Sods" compete over 18 holes. This year's event was won by Farmers A (117 Stableford points of best three), but Rhodes Academics came a close second on 114 points, against the 110 and 109 points of those placed third and fourth. The Rhodes team was that of Hugh Eales (President of the Rhodes Golf Club, 39 points), Clyde Mallinson (39 points), Ian Dore (36 points) and Phil Collett (34 points).

San shuts up shop

The Sanatorium will be closed from December 5 to January 20, 1991.

Any service staff who require medical attention should go to the Day Hospital, or Dr Marx and Partners. If staff are sent to Dr Marx, please send a letter authorizing the visit, with the staff member's staff number.

Diagonal Street re-development

The long awaited completion of the re-development is now imminent. The three new parking areas should all be available for use by now. Matters still to be attended to in the near future are the marking of the parking bays once the slurry has cured a bit and most important, the planting of more trees.

Included in the proposed planting list are: *Trichellia sp.* (Natal Mahogany); *Quercus suder* (Cork Oak); *Celtis africana* (White Stinkwood); and *Podocarpus* (Yellowwood) amongst others.

Thank you to all who have been very patient during this protracted exercise which has been done by Grounds and Gardens.

All puffed up over glass

The Department of Chemistry will offer a basic course in scientific glassblowing from April 8 to 12 1991.

The course will be run by Mr Andre Adriaan, a Senior Technical Officer in the Department, who has offered several similar courses previously.

The course will concentrate on scientific pyrex glassblowing and is aimed at technicians, teachers, lecturers and students. Participants will also be introduced to decorative glassblowing.

Three cheers for East London

by Isabel Lindsay

Congratulations are in order at the East London Division for various reasons.

- Sandy Sparrius, our first year Psychology lecturer, will receive her Masters Degree in Industrial Psychology from UCT. She obtained a distinction for her thesis.
- Mike Schulze, one of our Accounting lecturers, has announced his engagement to Sally Sparks.
- Andrew, son of Mark and Marie Rowles, has been elected a prefect at Hudson Park Primary.
- Rinette and Peter Roets' son, Anton, received a silver medal in the History Olympiad (putting him in the top 10 in the country) and represented Border in the Young Historians conference.
- Michael Thompson, elder son of Marion and Owen, will receive his BSc Civil Engineering degree at UCT in December.



"It may not be great art but it certainly is great physics!"

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Chemistry Car Park

Grounds and Gardens have completed the paving of the car park between Chemistry and Struben and it is now open for use.