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## Record 21 Doctorates

It's all over for another year. Graduation 1989 has come and gone, and after months of feverish planning and preparation, nail biting and frayed nerves, everyone concerned has heaved huge sighs of relief and settled down to routine again.

Despite the odd glitch here and there, Grad was a success story, and a total of 519 undergraduates were awarded their degrees at this year's ceremonies and will go on, either to further their studies, or to take their places in the big, wide world outside the Drosty Gates. The Chancellor, Dr Ian Mackenzie, capped 312 postgraduates and awarded diplomas to 132 students.

A record number of 21 doctorates were awarded at the two ceremonies — four in Psychology (two

from Prof Kruger's new psychotherapy course), three in Chemistry, two in Afrikaans en Nederlands; History and Plant Sciences, one in Anthropology; Economics; Education; Geography; Music; Pharmacy; Political Studies and Zoology.

In his Graduation Address at the Friday evening ceremony, at which graduands from the Faculties of Science, Commerce, Social Science and Pharmacy were honoured, Dr Henderson told the congregation that the graduands present could take heart from the proud record of those who had gone before them. "The number of Rhodians who have risen to the pinnacles of their professions is quite astonishing, considering the small base from which they sprang," he said.

Dr Henderson said that Rhodes could be justifiably proud of its traditions and sound scholarship and praised the industry and dedication of the academic staff. Despite being a small university, Rhodes nearly always found it possible to fill key academic posts when they became vacant with thoroughly worthwhile people - giving a practical demonstration that nobody is indispensable - not even the Vice-Chancellor!

At the Friday evening ceremony, the degree of Doctor of Laws honoris causa was conferred on Dr Robin Plumbbridge, the Chairman of Gold Fields South Africa Limited; and Professor Theo Van Wijk - an Old Rhodian and recently retired Principal of the University of South Africa.

Graduands from the

Faculties of Law, Education, Divinity and Arts were capped at the Saturday morning ceremony. The guest speaker was Sir Robin Renwick KCMG, the British Ambassador to South Africa, who very nearly didn't make the ceremony as his plane was delayed. However, Bruce Smith, in the guise of chauffeur, got him safely from the Port Elizabeth airport to the Monument in the nick of time.

All ears in the auditorium were tuned in to what Sir Robin had to say in his Graduation Address, which received lengthy coverage in the local press.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Literature was conferred on Dr Vernon Forbes, Emeritus Professor of Geography at Rhodes and a leading expert on the early travellers

in southern Africa. The degree of Doctor of Laws honoris causa, was conferred on Dr Noel Williams - entrepreneur, sportsman, Zimbabwean patriot, benefactor and Old Rhodian.

Despite weather forecasts of thundershowers the sun shone on the Garden Party - an emotive occasion for graduands and guests alike. There can be few more suitable venues for such an occasion than St Peter's campus. The gaily striped awnings lent a festive air to the occasion, as did the wide selection of stirring and foot-tapping music provided by the bands. It has become a tradition at the Rhodes Garden Party for the Chancellor to take up a baton and lead the band in a lively rendition of *The Teddy Bears' Picnic*, and this year was no exception much to the delight of his audience.

The wearing of academic dress by those entitled to do so added just the right touch of dignity and splendour to the occasion. Their dress was complimented by the outfits of many parents and guests who had donned their very best "go to garden party" outfits. All in all, the garden party evoked memories of days gone by when gracious living was the norm.

Viewing the scene from the shade of those lovely old trees even the most hardened cynic would have had to admit that the words in that lovely old poem, *God's in his Heaven, All's Right with the World*, summed it up perfectly.



Prof Colin Lewis, Mrs Gill Lewis, Mrs Alida Daniel, Prof John Daniel, Prof Vernon Forbes, Mrs Bea Rennie and Prof Jack Rennie.



# A Future for Rhodes?

At the beginning of the year, Professor Ian Macdonald delivered a thought-provoking lecture on the future of universities in this country. For those of you who missed out on this lecture, Professor Macdonald has provided an edited version of his address for RHODOS readers.

What faces South African universities in the 1990's? What are the challenges and threats of this decade? What will South African universities look like at the end of this decade?

Our future within the University will be affected by what happens outside the universities. Universities, and the educational system as a whole, are dependent upon, constrained by, responsive to, and reflective of forces which are beyond the relatively narrow confines of the university system, or of the total educational system. Of course, universities can have some effect on their political, social economic and cultural environment, and sometimes I think that universities underestimate their active role in such fields. But changes in university policies and practices are subject to both political and economic constraints which are often beyond the control of universities.

I will assume that we do not, in the next 10 years, face a wasteland scenario. I will assume that levels of political repression will increase but that we will not be in a position in which the only alternative for an academic of integrity would be to resign from his position. I will assume that universities will continue to be cash starved, and that we will have to think hard about how we respond. I will assume that at the end of the decade, Rhodes will still be recognizable as a UNIVERSITY.

I will suggest that at the end of the century Rhodes will, at least in its student composition, be predominantly Black. The University could behave in ways which would make that outcome less likely. I don't believe that it will. But I do believe quite strongly that we, as an institution, have not debated - and have not agreed on - a policy and a strategy to welcome and to actively promote that future.

It may be possible, if the University were to choose to attempt to create a "non-racial elite" student body, for the University to remain predominantly White over the next 10 years. It would be recognized that eventually the student composition would be predominantly Black - not by intention but via a meritocratic selection process designed to construct an A/B/C matriculation aggregate student body. I do not believe that this is a realistic option; but the arguments for and against this option are complex and, as yet, not adequately debated within the University.

I have no doubt that such a transition from our current position will cause very considerable strain. Already our Faculty and Administrative profile lags markedly behind our student profile. There are objective constraints on a university which tries to reflect the demographic profile of the society in which it operates. But without a sense of "mission", without a positive commitment to achieve certain goals, we stand the danger of not responding creatively to some of the constraints and some of the opportunities which will face us.

One of the challenges which we face will centre around what I would call a question of legitimacy. The question can crudely be put this way: When I was a student I entered a university with which I could identify. It was recognizably part of my tradition. "Ways of doing things" had been built up

over the centuries. Though new in South Africa, we inherited those traditions and gladly accepted them as part of our history. We had objections to part of those traditions - but it was nevertheless our University. Its informing principles and values were not in question.

A Black student doesn't come into a university like this and see it as her university. When we say: But this is the way we do things, she asks: Who says? In broad terms, that is a question about legitimacy. We will be forced to debate values and policies which we currently take for granted.

The arguments for some of the claims that I have made rest on two broad claims: (1) The future will be dominated by an explosion of black people seeking a university education; (2) Government priorities are such that universities cannot expect increased government funding.

In 1984 there were approximately 4.7 million black primary school children, and approximately 590 000 whites in primary schools. There were approximately 1.1 million blacks and 400 000 whites in secondary school. The numbers of pupils in black secondary schools is growing significantly. Without any alteration in the percentage of matriculation passes, the number of blacks getting full matriculation exemptions will increase enormously - and will far outnumber the number of whites in a similar position.

We have created a culture in which universities rather than teacher-training or technical training institutions dominate the tertiary education system. Seventy percent of all tertiary enrolments are university enrolments. Blacks are going to demand - just as whites did - a university education.

The State appears to be committed to an "equal but separate" primary and secondary schooling system. Some crude measures of

equality include equality in participation rates (those in school as a percentage of the population age group which could be at school); in drop-out rates; in pupil-teacher ratios; in teacher qualifications; in costs of supplies, services and support staff; and in per capita expenditure.

A commitment to equalize any of these factors involves an enormous expenditure. It has been estimated that if the total SADF, SAP and Prisons budget were to be spent on education, it would still not be possible to equalize per capita expenditure at current white levels.

The State also faces very costly demands in terms of housing, health care, care for the aged, and job-creation schemes. Universities cannot expect any significant improvement in State subsidy. Financial constraints will limit growth in student numbers.

We face an explosive demand and a relatively static supply. I don't think we are in for a comfortable time - although it could be exciting!

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Campus  
Clean"**

**Use  
the  
Litter  
Bins!**



## FROM THE POTTING BENCH

This is the first article by Mark Hazell, the Superintendent of Grounds and Gardens, in what is hoped will become a regular feature in RHODOS.

The summer, although late in coming, has lingered this year and has certainly made us aware of its presence. We have all appreciated the cool shade provided by the many beautiful trees we have on campus. Trees are the plants which provide stability and stature in a neighbourhood and create character. We can all contribute to our communities by planting more trees.

What is the best way to ensure satisfying results with the trees which we plant? Regardless of how small the tree is when it is planted, always dig a large hole; 1m x 1m x 1m. ie 1m<sup>3</sup>. In this way you will ensure that you achieve the best possible results in the shortest possible time.

Having dug the hole it is best to add a good compost. If you have any old or dry organic matter which you can lay your hands on, such as dry grass or newspapers etc; place these in the bottom of the hole. Cover with soil and dig in superphosphate or 2.3.2 fertilizer. Place the tree in the hole and water well.

It is important to ensure that after planting the tree it is well cared for. Regular deep watering is necessary, as is corrective pruning to ensure a good shape.

The staff at Grounds and Gardens will be happy to answer any queries you may have.

**Happy Planting!**



# HIGH PRAISE

It's not every student at Rhodes who gets a personal letter from a world-famous author in praise of his Master's Thesis on that author's work.

Ken Durham, a lecturer in the Department of Education, is thus justifiably proud of Master's student, Charles van Renen, whose critical review of some of Roald Dahl's books for children earned him recognition from this worthy personage.

Charles, who is currently teaching at Graaf-Reinet, entitled his dissertation "A critical review of some of Roald Dahl's books for children, with particular reference to a subversive element in his writing, some responses to his work, and its place in the education of the child".

Charles sent a copy of his thesis to Dahl for his comments, and here are extracts from the letter from Dahl he received:

"I must say that I was mighty impressed, not only by your erudition but also by the mind-boggling amount of work you must have put into it. It will please you to know that I found almost nothing that I disagreed with."

Dahl went on to say that there are an awful lot of students around the world now doing theses on his books, and that he hopes to have some of the better ones published.

He has sent a copy of Charles' thesis to his British publishers, Penguin Books, in London and to his New York publishers. There is a distinct possibility that this thesis will appear between covers soon.

Apart from the words of encouragement, the letter from Roald Dahl will no doubt become one of Charles' most prized treasures for that famous signature alone!

## It's London for Larry

A junior lecturer in the Department of Journalism, Larry Strelitz, has been awarded a British Council Scholarship to study at London University for one year.

Larry will study for an MA in Film and Television Studies for Education at the University's Faculty of Education.

The scholarship covers tuition fees, an accommodation allowance and a return airfare.

Larry leaves for London at the end of September and will return to Rhodes in October 1990.

A new lecturer will be appointed in the Department to replace Larry while he is away in London.

# Literary Award



Professor Peter Mtuze.

cently. Professor Mtuze said it was the first prize he had ever won.

He was recently appointed Head of the Department of African Languages. He has had 16 other literary titles published since 1966. Most of his works are prescribed textbooks for high schools and universities.

Professor Mtuze obtained his matric through private study and gained his BA (Translation) at Rhodes in 1980. He gained his Honours and Masters through correspondence with UNISA.

Before returning to Rhodes, he was director of the Xhosa/English Dictionary Project at Fort Hare University.

Professor Mtuze lectures Xhosa literature and is busy completing his doctorate on a 'feminist critique of the image of women in Xhosa literature'.

Rhodes University's first black Professor, Professor Peter Mtuze, has won first prize for the best literary work published by Educum publishers for his book, *Itsili*.

His book consists of five one-act plays in Xhosa and was chosen the best vernacular publication by Educum.

The prize, worth R3 000, was presented to Professor Mtuze at a ceremony held in Pretoria re-

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# Toothpaste Anyone?

by David Craven

Do you get all hyped up when your spouse/kids/granny squeezes the toothpaste tube at the top? Are you constantly looking for the cap which performed a fair imitation of a guided missile on the rampage when it shot from your soapy fingers? Your worries are over with the demise of the 'old' pliable metal tube and the advent of its successor in plastic.

No more worries about a 'top squeezer' 'middle squeezer' or an anywhere-but-the right-place squeezer. The new model can be squeezed as you wish and wham - out comes the toothpaste!

The fact that you had applied pressure at the same poundage per square inch (or kilograms per square centimetre if you're 'up' in the metric system) as you did with the old metal tube can result in some interesting results.

You miss the toothbrush head - especially the latest, short head jobs - completely, and liberally bespatter the basin tiles and the mirror with a multicolour striped concoction which instead of removing plaque, bad breath, food particles and adding enough fluoride to your gleaming molars to prevent cavities - redecorates the bathroom.

Or, you apply a little more pressure than usual after encountering resistance and end up with a flatulent hiccough - but no toothpaste. Perhaps you have been accustomed, in these inflationary times, to rolling the old type tube tightly from the bottom to ease out that final half inch... the latest in high tech tubes can also be rolled up but does it squeeze out that half inch? Oh no!

Using both hands you roll it up tightly and that remaining half inch emerges, albeit with reluctance. Swiftly grasping your toothbrush you draw the head across the nozzle of your tightly rolled tube

picking up that last vestige of paste - only to find . . . it has disappeared back into its hole like the frightened bunny rabbit.

Further rolling attempts are wasted effort as the elusive half inch is now inextricably adhering to the base of the tube, which, by now, is restored to its original pristine state.

You have two alternatives; grab a pair of scissors and hack the tube open, or reach into the bathroom cabinet hoping your good lady had remembered to include toothpaste in her shopping list.

But do not despair entirely of the 'new' tubes. With the even newer, new tube manufacturers have come up with a retaining device for the cap so at least you don't have to worry about that . . . ?

I wonder whatever happened to the old tins of solid dentifrice and that powder, which, when you opened it, half the powder scattered over the bathroom, and your clothes... but that is another story!

*A colleague who has recently returned from a visit to the United Kingdom reports that tins of dentifrice and the smokers' toothpaste powder are still freely available in the shops there - Ed.*

## Seminar

If you feel down in the dumps and bored with yourself and your life.....read on.

A *Heal your Life* seminar will be held at the Ocean View Guest Farm from May 12 to May 14.

Run by Jeremy Burnham, the seminar will deal with issues like how to make getting up in the morning exciting. You will be left feeling powerful, healthy and successful after your visit to Ocean View.

The seminar costs R175 including accommodation and all meals. Those interested should contact Karry McConachie at 25130.

## TAXATION CLINICS

It's that time of the year when our thoughts turn to the dreaded task of completing those little yellow forms for the tax man.

If the idea fills you with alarm and despondency - take heart. Post graduate honours students in the Department of Accounting will hold tax clinics on Tuesdays between 1.00pm and 2.00pm and on Thursdays between 5.00pm and 6.00pm until Thursday, June 8, 1989, in Room 338, Old Arts Block.

There will be a charge of R5,00 per person to cover administration costs, which is a small price to pay for the peace of mind of knowing that your tax return has been completed as accurately as possible, with minimal head-scratching and anguish.

Anyone wishing to take advantage of this facility can contact the Department of Accounting on extension 205 to make an appointment for an individual consultation.

## CHECK THAT FREEZER

The telephone log book in the Campus Protection Office, in which incoming calls are recorded after hours, often contains curious entries.

A recent entry concerned a query from a Cross Cape official who wanted to know about "Staff to be refrigerated." Maybe that great new freezer in the Chemistry Department isn't just for storing microbes and other "isms"?

# Association News

by Rhodes Reporter

The Zoe Demos affair appears to be over. He or she has not answered our challenge to come out from behind the pseudonym and bring his or her problems into the open.

But is the matter over? Should it be allowed to fall from sight? Despite the slur directed at the Staff Associations, serious allegations concerning conditions at Rhodes were made.

The impression was created that there are no means by which staff grievances can be brought to the attention of the administration. Yet channels do exist.

In the first place, the dissatisfied staff member should advise his or her immediate superior of the problem. If that person is unable (or unwilling) to assist, the problem should be taken up the line until the Head of Department, Division, or Unit is reached.

If, at this stage, no help is forthcoming, then the staff member should approach RUSA (the staff association) or RULA (the lecturers' association) who will then bring the nature of the problem (NOT the individual's particular problem) to the attention of the Univer-

sity. The relevant association will then pursue the matter until it is resolved.

It must be made clear that unless due process has been followed and Heads have had the opportunity to resolve the problem, the associations cannot become involved.

Of course, there are exceptions to the rule. If the problem is of such a delicate nature that the staff member feels that the normal channels cannot be followed, then the associations may be approached direct for help. Steps would then be taken to resolve the problem.

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At a recent meeting of the RUSA committee, it was unanimously agreed that the association would start collecting information with a view to publishing a Staff Guide covering areas where problems relating to conditions of service have been experienced.

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Nowadays, RULA and RUSA work in close association. RULA specifically represents lecturing staff members and is represented on the RUSA committee by its chairperson. RUSA is the umbrella body representing all staff.

RUSA has invited the Trade Union to be represented on its committee. The offer was accepted, but to date the Union has not nominated a representative.

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In an attempt to communicate more effectively, the RUSA committee decided to report regularly on matters which were receiving its attention. The first of these reports will appear in the next issue of RHO-DOS.

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# Staff generosity aids Feeding Scheme

The Grahamstown Area Distress Relief Association (GADRA) appeals to members of staff at Rhodes each year for financial support in order to continue with the work of feeding children in the lower primary black schools, the primary coloured schools and some farm schools, as well as for work among pre-school children.

Mrs Margaret Barker, Convenor of the GADRA School Feeding Committee, reports that this year the appeal has been particularly successful and the fund has gained 29 new donors. Eleven previous contributors have decided to increase their support. In consequence, an amount of R1 884,00 a month is currently being received - the highest total amount ever.

This money is used to cover the cost of the food for pre-schoolers, which was a particular concern to the organization when the World Vision funding of this project ceased.

All concerned at GADRA are most gratified by this response by Rhodes staffers and wish to thank everyone involved for their unstinting support.

# OLD ROSE GARDEN

by Ken Robinson

Work has started on the establishment of an old rose garden on St Peter's Campus, near the Rhodes Museum.

Although the final design of the rose garden must await a decision by the University as to the future use of St Peter's building, the collecting of old roses is well underway. Volunteers Yvette van Wijk and Judy White have already collected about forty roses which are being planted. For those interested in old roses, the following roses have been discovered:-

The banksais, Rosa bracteata (the Macartney

Rose); Rosa X Alba semi-plein (the white rose of York); Rosa Gallica Officinalis (red rose of Lancaster); Desprey a Fleur Janne (1830); Cecile Brunner (1881); Fran Karl Drujchki Veilchenblau etc and from a slightly later period, General Gallieni, Dew Dawn, Dorothy Perkins, Gypsy Boy etc.

The present thinking is that the collection should extend to include some of the earlier Hybrid Tea Roses (such as Crimson Glory, Shot Silk and Mrs Sam McGredy etc.) which were so admired during the University's formative years.

If the collection were to be extended it might create a problem in finding a cut-off point but it would seem that the most famous of all the Hybrid Tea Roses 'Peace' of 1937 discovered just prior to the Second World War might be the appropriate rose. A climbing version of this rose was planted in St Peter's Garden - presumably during the Training College days and still survives.

If you have or know of any old roses growing somewhere please tell us about it. Contact either Yvette van Wijk (24616), Judy White (27853) or Marty Hendry (23320).



Mark Hazell, Superintendent of Grounds and Gardens, with Ken Robinson, Honorary Curator of the Rhodes University Museum and Michael Ralo in the background sorting out some tangled vegetation as they make a start on the old rose garden fronting the old St Peter's Home.

# Deadlines and Publication Dates

	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
Copy Deadlines	8	5	10	7	11	9	6
Publication Dates	18	15	20	17	21	19	16

# A 'Dream' of a Play

Rhodes Drama Department has just had a most successful run of the graduation production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, directed by Professor Sydney James. Six performances were held in the Rhodes Theatre and two in East London's Guild Theatre. It will be presented in Port Elizabeth during the Schools' Festival.

The Department's forthcoming production is a delightful children's programme directed by Jane Osborne who was responsible for *Winnie the Pooh* last year. This

year's play is *The Witch of Narnia* which is a shortened version and freely adapted from *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* by C S Lewis.

Performances will be held in the Rhodes Theatre on Wednesday May 3 at 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm; Friday May 5 at 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm and Saturday May 6 at 2.00pm; 4.00pm and 6.00 pm.

Booking is at Grocott and Sherry. Admission is R2,00 for adults and R1,00 for children.

# PLAN AHEAD FOR '90

For those of you who like to plan ahead, here are the dates of terms for 1990:

The new academic year begins on Wednesday, February 14 and ends on Friday, April 6, 1990. The Graduation Ceremonies will be held on Friday, April 6 and Saturday, April 7 next year. Rag Day will be held on March 17.

The second term starts on Tuesday, April 17 until Friday, June 15, 1990.

The third term starts on Monday, July 16 until Friday, August 31 and the fourth term begins on Monday, September 10 until Friday, December 7.

# Tours for New(ish) Staff

Rhodes might be one of the smallest universities in the country, but for a newcomer, this campus is as confusing as any larger one - especially as many of the old buildings look similar.

It is a few years since tours of the campus were arranged for new members of staff. It is planned to re-introduce this event at the beginning and middle of each year, depending on demand.

The next tour is to be held on Tuesday, April 25. Members of staff who are interested in finding out where everything lives are asked to please give their names to their heads of department, division or unit, or to the Public Relations Division by Friday April 21.



# Enjoy an Evening with the Band

Many of you will be aware that for the last four years, Rhodes has been able to boast a jazzband that has been variously known as the *Bigband*, *The Rhodes University Jazz Band* and *The Rhodes University Glen Miller Band*.

As these names imply, this group of musicians, some 20 strong, has concentrated on the Big Band sound of the 1940's and the swing era, and has performed with success on campus, during the Festival of the Arts and at various exhibition concerts and dances.

This has been made possible by the inspiration and untiring efforts of Prof Norbert Nowotny who leads the band and does most of the organization, including orchestration of some numbers.

A much newer development, also inspired by Norbert, is the smaller *Rhodes Swing College Band* which specializes in Dixieland, or traditional jazz music, of the style made famous by Louis Armstrong, Bix Beiderbecke and other great personalities from the early 1900's to the present time.

The group consists of just seven members, of whom five have a strong Rhodes association. These are: Norbert Nowotny (trombone), Jeff Judge (clarinet), Alan Webster (tenor sax), Allon Poole (trumpet), Merline Julie (electric piano), Franz Slabber (string bass) and Glyn Crossley on drums. The name *Rhodes Swing College Band* is borrowed from the famous

*Dutch Swing College Band*, led by Peter Schilperoort, that did much to re-awaken interest in traditional jazz in the 60's and 70's.

The group will give their first major performance of the year at Kingswood College on Friday April 28, when a jazz evening entitled *TRADJAZZ '89* is to be held.

Interested jazz fans can obtain tickets at Mortons Pharmacy or from Ethnee Hepburn (Rhodes University Library), or Allon Poole (Physics Department). Wine, beer and food will be available, which should make for a really special evening of entertainment.



*The Rhodes Swing College Band, clowning around at Graduation this year.*

*Back (L-R): Franz Slabber, Jeff Judge, Norbert Nowotny, Glyn Crossley, Alan Webster*  
*Front (L-R): Merline Julie, Allon Poole.*

## LETTERS

### MUCH ADO ABOUT LOO

#### THE EDITOR

The letter in last month's edition of RHODOS from Margot Beard about the signs on the ladies loo in the Economics area prompts a reply.

Nobody takes any notice of the signs, so don't get your knickers in a knot about them, Mrs Beard. All female staff (cleaning, academic and administrative) as well as students use the loos - and if Mrs Beard worked in that area she would have known this.

As for the gents loo above on the next floor, females have been seen coming out of that establishment as well (usually with a female 'guard' on the outside). Life is too short to worry about a couple of signs.

**Pat King**  
Business Administration

### No Coffee — No Cheer

#### THE EDITOR

Sadistically timed to coincide with the first chill breath of autumn, Day Kaif now no longer serves hot drinks.

Rumour has it that Day Kaif has become too popular and that there is an attempt to attract Rhodians back to main Kaif.

Therefore the staff needed to cope with the numbers at Day Kaif have been deliberately withdrawn.

This is totally mind-boggling. The success of Day Kaif lies in its centrality. During the mornings it and its pleasant patio is a hive of activity, a meeting place between lectures and one of Rhodes' most successful recent innovations.

Even to suggest that students and staff should

traipse down to the fringes of the campus during academic hours in order to get hot refreshment is to guarantee either abstinence (hence no added revenue to main Kaif) or the wasting of time.

Will those who walk all the way down to the Student Union feel the urgency or desire to hasten back again to the very area where it is all happening - academically speaking?

Day Kaif is (sadly) only open in the mornings when most students and staff are present in the heart of the campus. Not to offer a service where the demand is greatest is economic suicide. Bring back our cheering hot cuppas and, with them, customer satisfaction. We love Day Kaif - may it expand its services ever.

**Margot Beard**

## NONSENSE!

#### THE EDITOR,

Reading through the March issue of RHODOS I found Alison Terry's information on the South African Students' Travel Service on Page 7. I noted these few lines with great interest:

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

If I translate these lines into a 'sound', I hear the following: "The idiots are also invited!"

Alison is trying to promote a Travel Service. I don't think she wants to show some 'strength' - as

in many of the notice application forms distributed at Rhodes.

As a member of Technical Staff, I would never try to promote service by writing: "productive and non-productive staff can take advantage of these services"

How would the sound? I hope, that Alison and all staff members Rhodes (as I phrase it) will take note: To address a group of people as 'Non' is NON-SENSE.

**Heinz Jasson**  
Technical Staff  
Electronic Services

**Keep Your Campus Clean Use the Litter Bins!!**

## OOPS

Our apologies to Sirion Robertson from Pharmacy for omitting his name from his letter in the last issue of RHODOS headed Of naves and zodiac signs. We were so engrossed trying to find a catch headline, we quite forgot about appending the writer's name.



# The Wonderful World of Finance

Heinz Jasson

Many staff members at Rhodes own a house and are holders of a BOND registered at a Bank or Building Society.

These bond-holders should be interested to learn how loans and investments at financial institutions are calculated.

Naturally John Citizen assumes that when borrowing money at a certain interest rate (say 18%) the Bank or Building Society would apply the same method of calculation when he invests some money there at, let's say, 10%.

Normally John C does not have time and a com-

puter to really follow the accounts sent to him by Banks or Building Societies. When borrowing money the interest is usually calculated on a monthly base and compounded monthly (compounded means that this interest is added to your outstanding balance).

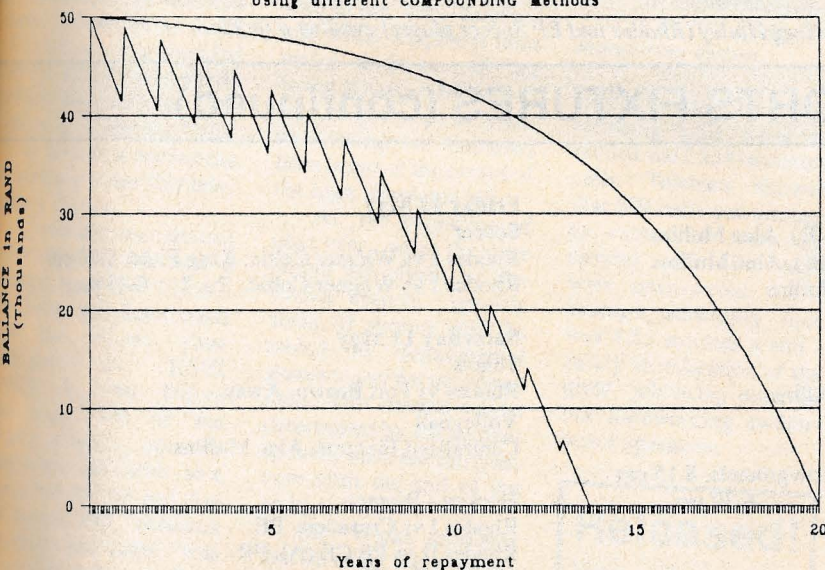
When investing money a 'small' difference is applied; the interest is again calculated monthly, but the compounding takes place yearly. John C gets interest on his interest after one year's delay.

The 'small' difference is nicely illustrated by the graph. I have computed the effect of

these different methods of calculations on the repayment of a R50 000 Bond at the present interest rate of 18%. The line in the graph ending at 20 years shows a normal repayment, the line ending at less than 14 years shows the result of the interest being compounded yearly. The total difference in repayments is almost R58 000. It's magic, isn't it?

In my next article, I will concentrate on some 'helpful transactions' on accounts done by the 'helping hands' that make a 'small difference' to your account - together with some hints on how to avoid them.

**BOND REPAYMENT**  
Using different COMPOUNDING Methods



## WANTED

The Public Relations Division needs a number of slide/tape programmes and wonders if there is anyone at Rhodes who could take on the preparation and production of such programmes.

Please contact Mrs Jean McPherson on extension 513 if you would like to discuss our requirements and fees.

## SMALLS

For **COMPUTER & TV REPAIRS** - contact Heinz Jasson at Ext. 458 or after hours at 22203. **Speedy service by the expert!!**

## THANKS

The Superintendent, on behalf of the Staff of Grounds and Gardens, wishes to thank all those staff and students, who express their appreciation and support for the efforts being made to improve the appearance of the campus. Your valuable support is much appreciated.

Mark Hazell

## SPORT FIXTURES

**Thursday 20 April**

Badminton

Rhodes (A) vs Cradock. Alec Mullins

**Saturday 22 April**

First National Bank Settlers Marathon

Soccer

Rhodes I vs Walmer Celtic. Away

Rhodes II vs Walmer Celtic. Away

Rugby

U20 (A) vs Despatch. Away

U20 (B) vs Crusaders (B). Away

Rhodes I vs Parks. Away

Rhodes II vs Parks. Away

Rhodes III vs Parks. Away

Tennis

Rhodes vs Sidbury. Home

Hockey

Rhodes I vs PE (A). Away

Rhodes II vs Uitenhage. Away

Rhodes III vs P E (D). Home

**Sunday 23 April**

Basketball Rhodes (M) vs Dynamos. Alec Mullins

Rhodes (W) vs Dynamos. Alec Mullins

Hockey

Rhodes (M) vs P E Crusaders. Away

**Monday 24 April**

Squash

Rhodes (M) I vs ZYC. Away

Rhodes (M) II vs " " "

Rhodes (W) vs ZYC. Away

**Wednesday 26 April**

Soccer

Rhodes I vs Drostdy Park. Uitenhage. 8.15 pm

Rhodes II vs Drostdy Park. Uitenhage. 6.30 pm

**Thursday 27 April**

Badminton

Rhodes (A) vs Trinity. Alec Mullins

**Friday 28 April**

Soccer

Rhodes I vs Hume Park. King Field 8.30 am

Rhodes II vs Hume Park. King Field 6.45 pm

**Saturday 29 April**

Tennis

Rhodes vs Sevenfountains. Home

Volleyball

Centralized fixtures. Home

Hockey

Rhodes (W) I vs UPE. Greydene

Rhodes (W) II vs PE (B). PE

Rhodes (W) III vs Greydene (B). Home

Rugby

U20 (A) vs SAP. Away

U20 (B) vs Despatch. Away

**Sunday 30 April**

Basketball

Rhodes (M) vs Delta. Alec Mullins

Rhodes (W) vs Delta. " " "



## ATHLETES FARE WELL

by Doug Coghlan

Four activities seem to be prominent among staff members at the moment - squash, hockey, running and golf. Many other members of staff are involved in bowls, tennis, soccer, triathlon, shooting and rugby and we hope to have details of these in the next issue.

The staff hockey club held its annual meeting recently and players are training hard. No matches have been played as yet. Anyone interested in playing for the team should contact Alex Weaver on extension 320 or Richard Buckland on extension 513.

The squash scene is hotting up, with the second team having played their first match and the first team set to play their first match in the Grahamstown League tonight.

Arthur Webb was the first staff member home in the Two Oceans Ultra-Marathon in a time of 4rs 09mins - just missing a silver medal. John Haydock and Mike Hanley also competed. These runners, and others, will no doubt be going for silver medals in the forthcoming Settlers Marathon from Grahamstown to Port Alfred on Saturday, April 23. A record field is expected for this event.

Chris Whiteley ran the SA Marathon Championships in a time of 2hrs 34mins recently - earning him ninth place in the Veterans' Section. He was the first Eastern Province runner to finish in his section.

Two golfing fixtures have been arranged for staff in the second term. There is a match against the University of Port Elizabeth at home on Saturday, May 13 in which 12 players will be involved.

The following Sunday sees the annual visit to Bedford - a joint venture involving staff and students and lots of fun on the Bedford fairways.

The shooting season begins in May and we'll be bringing you news of the successes of stalwarts like Ray Haggard and Ian Dore.



Greg Hatley (Rhodes and EP Soccer player) evading a tackle.

## SPORTS FIXTURES (continued)

### Monday 1 May

Squash

Rhodes (M) I vs Londt Park (B). Alec Mullins

Rhodes (M) II vs Crusaders (B). Alec Mullins

Rhodes (W) vs UPE. Alec Mullins

### Tuesday 2 May

Badminton

Rhodes (A) vs Vets. Alec Mullins

Wednesday 3 May

Soccer

Rhodes I vs Heatherbank. Showgrounds. 8.15 pm

Rhodes II vs Heatherbank. " 6.30 pm

### Saturday 6 May

Tennis

Rhodes vs Salem. Away

Rugby

Rhodes I vs SAP. Away

Rhodes II vs SAP. Away

Rhodes III vs SAP. Away

### Sunday 7 May

Hockey

Rhodes (M) II vs Occasionals. Great Field 11.00 am

### Monday 8 May

Squash

Rhodes (M) I vs Crusaders. Away

Rhodes (M) II vs Londt Park. Away

Rhodes (W) vs Crusaders. Alec Mullins

### Wednesday 10 May

Hockey

Rhodes (W) I vs Walmer. Away

Rhodes (W) II vs Uitenhage. Home

### Friday 12 May

Soccer

Rhodes I vs Walmer Celtic. King Field. 8.30 pm

Rhodes I vs Walmer Celtic. " 6.45 pm

### Saturday 13 May

Tennis

Rhodes vs Fort Brown. Away

Volleyball

Centralized Fixtures. Alec Mullins

Hockey - Women

Rhodes I vs Crusaders. PE

Rhodes II vs PE CE (A). PR

Rhodes III vs Cluneys. Home

Soccer

Rhodes I vs Westview. Away

Rhodes II vs Westview. Away

Rugby

Rhodes I vs Crusaders. Away

Rhodes II vs Crusaders. Away

Rhodes III vs Crusaders. Away

U20 (A) vs UPE. Great Field. 3.00 pm

U20 (B) vs SAP. Great Field 1.40 pm

### Saturday 14 May

Hockey - Men

First Round of the President's Cup

### Monday 15 May

Squash

Rhodes (M) I vs UPE. Alec Mullins

Rhodes (M) II vs UPE. Alec Mullins

Rhodes (W) vs Walmer. Alec Mullins