



## Freedom of Information – News on Campus

Few people would have missed a major event earlier this month when the Department of Journalism and Media Studies, jointly with the Institute for Multiparty Democracy, presented the Freedom of Information Conference on our campus. It had been in planning since September last year.

The initiative was that of Prof Guy Berger, Head of the Department, and the result was arguably one of the most successful and relevant exchanges of opinions ever staged in Grahamstown. It was also of national importance, as evidenced by the extensive media coverage before, during and after the event, and the calibre of speakers, participants and delegates which it attracted.

Many columns of editorial generated by the conference were published in all of the country's major newspapers and the events were also widely reported on radio and television. Prof Berger and some of his colleagues were interviewed several times on some of the SABC's most topical actuality programmes, on radio and television, and the *Agenda* programme on the last evening had a lengthy insert as its lead item.

The official opening was by Executive Deputy President Thabo Mbeki and he was followed by a string of top level speakers including representatives from Government, the civil service, the security forces, the SABC, the FRD, the private sector, a host of media-related organisations and editors of several publications. Some speakers came from abroad; the United States Information service was represented and so were the Communications Directorate of Canada, the International Federation of Newspaper Publishers and the Association of Public Broadcasting Cooperations in Germany. There were many others, including Rhodes University personnel, specifically those from Computing Services who discussed the wonders of the Internet.

### Invaluable exposure for Rhodes

Given the extent of the press reporting on the conference, Prof Berger believes that it created invaluable exposure for Rhodes University and his Department. Mbeki is a highly important national leader to have visit our campus, he says.

Berger is convinced that the timing for the conference could not have been better.

"Shortly after we began planning, the



*Deputy President Thabo Mbeki greets Vice-Principal Dr Michael Smout after having been welcomed to Rhodes, moments earlier, by the Chancellor, Dr Gavin Relly (left). Dr Relly chaired the first session of the FOI conference and was in regular attendance during its course.*

Government advised that it was in the early stages of drafting the so-called freedom of information legislation – the Open Democracy Bill, to give it its proper name. It was a massive coup for the conference to have the working document released for the first time as part of our documentation. Further 'firsts' followed: the SA National Defence Force released its Media Communications Strategy and the Department of Correctional Services also opened doors hitherto inaccessible.

### News created news

The conference, a news event in its own right, created more news as it proceeded. Discussions during sessions provoked a public call for the release of police tape-recordings concerning the Soweto shooting and the last-minute cancellation of his appearance by the Minister of Posts, Telecommunications and Broadcasting were both significant news stories and received wide coverage." (Dr Jordan telephoned after the conference to explain his absence).

One of the most gratifying things to come out of the three-day proceedings, feels Berger, was the team building amongst his staff and their close work with the conference organiser, Ms Louisa Clayton. "The arrangements were out of the top drawer of professionalism", he said.

## Smout lecture abandoned

The public lecture which was to have been delivered by the Vice-Principal, Dr Michael Smout, in connection with his candidature for the Vice-Chancellorship, was abandoned an hour after it was scheduled to begin last Friday evening.

Commenting that it was "a sad day for Rhodes", the Public Orator, Prof M Van Wyk Smith, who chaired the meeting, said that the lecture will be rescheduled.

The cancellation followed an unscheduled address to the audience by Mr Mntwekhaya Nkwinti, himself a member of the selection committee, who said he was representing several organisations who felt that the selection procedure adopted by the University Council was unacceptable. He invited Dr Smout to withdraw his candidacy.

After Dr Smout was introduced to the meeting by the Chairman, Mr Nkwinti and about 100 supporters left the body of the Great Hall and gathered in the foyer where they sang at such volume that continuation was impossible. This action was in spite of assurances from the Chairman that the points made would be discussed by the selection committee at their meeting the following day.





## Letters to The Editor

### Selection of Vice-Chancellor

The Editor,

Mr Nkwinti voiced the concerns of many people, myself included, when he spoke in the Great Hall of Rhodes University last Friday about the way in which the selection of short-listed candidates for the Vice-Chancellorship has apparently been undertaken. I thank him for doing so.

I also support the right of people to leave the Hall rather than to listen to an address by one of the short-listed candidates. Nevertheless, I do not support the actions of a group of students who, by their conduct, prevented that candidate from speaking.

During discussion in the ante-chamber to the Hall it seemed clear to me that the Chairman of the Meeting should follow the format of: i) an address by the candidate; ii) a period in which the audience could put questions to the candidate, to which he could reply; iii) following withdrawal of the candidate from the Hall the floor would then be open for a discussion about the selection procedures.

The suggested format would have given everybody a chance to hear the candidate, question him, and subsequently air their views on the selection procedure. I believe that would have been fair to everyone and perhaps of great benefit to the community as a whole.

I regret that this was not agreed to by the small group of students who had apparently come to the Great Hall in order to protest at the selection procedures (as was their right) and to ensure that the candidate did not speak. In my opinion, in preventing the candidate from speaking, they acted in an undemocratic manner. I ask them to ponder their action.

Democracy needs participation rather than disruption and abstention if it is to succeed. The alternatives to democracy, which have been practised (and abandoned) in many countries already, have had disastrous and terrible consequences during the present century. These consequences deserve mature assessment before democracy is abandoned in our country.

I trust that in the weeks ahead the selection of a Vice-Chancellor will be handled in a more mature and sensitive manner than appears hitherto to have been the case. I also trust that the student body, and others, will allow the candidates who are short-listed under the new procedures that the University, in all honour, is now bound to institute, to address the

Rhodos invites correspondence on matters of concern to the University community. It is hoped that the contents of such letters, which should, ideally, not exceed 200 words in length, will indicate the wide spectrum of views held and will promote further discussion.

A pseudonym is acceptable, but the writer must supply his or her full name and residential address to the editor, who will respect confidentiality.

University without interruption, as befits a democracy.

Finally, I believe that by acting in future in a mature, responsible and truly democratic manner, the members of our University and of its surrounding communities will provide an example of tolerance and cooperation that will make a major contribution to the development of nation building in South Africa.

Colin A Lewis

### A suggestion ventured

The Editor,

Please allow me the microphone for a minute in the name of free speech. Thank you.

Anent the disruption and cancellation of Dr Smout's scheduled address on 24 February:

There is little point in making comments which even the Maylams and the Whissons of the campus would probably be disposed to agree with. Instead I would like to venture a suggestion that at least a few staff members will reject.

As the character and attitude of the student body changes towards some social equivalent of thermal equilibrium, it is likely that we will continue to experience a deterioration in civilised standards of conduct. It would be a pity if the University authorities were to be held responsible, in the eyes of the wider public, for such incidents as we experienced at the gathering for Dr Smout's address. I believe Rhodes should require all students, on registering with the University, to sign an undertaking not to engage in any activities which are directly or indirectly disruptive of the University's functions. Refusal to sign such a document should debar the student from the right to register, and failure to observe the conditions of the document should result in automatic exclusion.

I imagine a small but noisy cohort of people will "condemn" this suggestion, and perhaps the SRC, following in the footsteps of its immediate predecessor, will "demand" of the Vice-Chancellor that I be censured or "muzzled". (Perhaps a new V-C will go the whole hog and sack me.) Any such reaction will provide powerful evidence that my suggestion is a good one. As such, it is unlikely to be adopted. In this event the University authorities, rather than the student body, will assume larger responsibility for conduct prejudicial to its functioning.

Sirion Robertson

### FOI conference continued from page one

"From the fine details of registration and transportation, to the press releases and daily news sheet which were produced; from the catering to the facilities offered to working journalists (including a fully operational radio studio for interview purposes), everything ran efficiently. The banquet held for VIP's on the opening night was stunning – a state banquet in every sense of the word."

Prof Berger pays special tribute to his colleagues whose contacts in the field of journalism and the corridors of government were both invaluable and fully utilised.

"I sincerely believe that this conference will have important consequences", he adds. "A healthy multi-directional exchange of ideas and opinions has been established. Doors were opened. I believe that the legislators will have gained much from thoughts and opinions which were aired at the conference and other participants will, I am sure, be preparing submissions concerning the Open Democracy Bill which they will wish to have considered."

Other people realised for the first time that avenues to information previously shrouded in secrecy are opening up. The frank and open discussion of a variety of aspects concerning the pending legislation will certainly influence it and we should, as a result, end up with something which could be an international example. Pitfalls and dangers were highlighted as were instances where the right to secrecy and confidentiality of both individuals and organisations, including Government, were acknowledged."

All speakers at the conference were asked to supply the organisers with copies of their papers and presentations; these are being bound and published. Interested persons may order copies from the Department at a cost of R 100,00 each.

### Dog on Lino, Hardly!

The Editor,

While cleaning out my office recently I came across payslips for 1992 and 1993.

To my astonishment, the 'take home pay' received during December 1992 was R 32,500 more than that in December 1994. Similarly the December 1993 figure was R 68,06 more than that from December 1994. In effect, more was received in 1992 than in 1993 and 1994.

Where did the money go? Salary increases were 5% and 5,6% for 1993 and 1994 respectively; medical aid increased by 17,2% and 9,1%; short-term insurance (Prestasi) increased 70% and 31%; PAYE increased 5,95% and 16,42%.

The result was that deductions for tax, short-term insurance (admittedly there were claims during 1993) and medical aid were more than sufficient to reduce 'take home pay'. Thereafter, inflation joins the struggle.

Is this phenomenon unique, if so, why?  
W A Mitchell



# A sibling found – on the ‘Superhighway’

The power and extent of the internet was well illustrated recently when Janet Carr, Computer Consultant at Rhodes, made contact with her brother, whom she has not seen or heard of since 1963.

Janet, the youngest of three children, was two years old when she last saw her brother Alan and sister Lesley. At that time the Carr family had moved from Grahamstown, where they had lived for some years, to Port Elizabeth. The two eldest children separated from the family at this time.

When Janet was 15 her parents died and she made extensive efforts over a period of several months, to contact her siblings with the sad news. Old photographs led her to schools in the Cape and Natal but she had no success. “I gave up”, she says, “and since then, while I have often thought of my brother and sister and wondered where they are and what they are doing, I’ve never heard of them.”

Janet went to school in Port Elizabeth and, after she had matriculated, returned to Grahamstown and lived at her uncle’s home while studying at Rhodes.

Three years later, in 1983, after putting herself through University by means of part-time work, she graduated with a BA in English and Sociology. She took up employment at Rhodes, as a clerk in the transport department.

After a couple of years she went overseas, travelling for two years and working in the United States for a further two, in a clerical position at Ohio State University.

She then returned to Rhodes and was for a long period a secretary, in various departments.

Her last stint in such a position was in the Computer Services department in 1991 where she rapidly became hooked on computers, teaching herself everything she could, from

read, in part.

Within half-an-hour a message came back. No offence was taken at all; “I have this sneaky suspicion you might be my long-lost little sister”, he wrote.

After many e-mail messages and a telephone call, Alan persuaded Janet to join him for two weeks over Christmas and New Year and sent her a ticket.

Janet was unable to go at that time, however, and the meeting has yet to take place. In the interim though, she and her brother have caught up with each other to a great extent, by means of e-mail and the odd telephone call. They have



books, manuals and ‘hands on’ practice.

Towards the end of last year she was obliged to work for a few weeks as a relief secretary in the Department. During this period she was browsing through the *za.\** groups on the internet when the name Alan Carr caught her eye. He was advertising for certain manuals which he needed in the group *za.ads.misc*. He lives in Pretoria.

“I wonder . . .”, she thought, and sent an e-mail message to him. “If you don’t take offence . . ., what is the name of your father”, it

discovered that they have much in common. Both are working for universities, both in the field of computer support services. Alan manages a network server for the science faculty at the University of Pretoria. Both are fond of animals; both read avidly.

A visit is still on the cards, but there is no date set yet. Both Alan and Janet are busy people, but as soon as their diaries and the transport budget will allow, they’ll be seeing each other face-to-face for the first time since 1963.

## East London IS students “adopt-a-school” Programme

Computer literacy is an attainable dream for pupils at disadvantaged schools in the East London area, as a result of initiatives taken by staff and students at the East London Division of Rhodes University.

The Computer Society of South Africa (CSSA) has taken on an “adopt-a-school” project in which members acquire second-hand personal computers and software for disadvantaged schools. Members then act as volunteer teachers of computer literacy in the schools.

“The beauty of the scheme is the award of an attendance certificate to pupils. A larger CSSA tutoring certificate is also awarded to pupils who have done the course and then assisted the volunteers in teaching new groups”, said Mrs Rinette Roets, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Information Systems at Rhodes’ East London Division, who has coordinated the project in East London.

“The CSSA Border branch started the project but, because of the poor state of the schooling, we were hesitant to put the technology into the schools. Nestlé then donated an area in their training centre, where we have placed these personal computers and run the training courses for pupils”, she said.

“My information systems students, past and present, have spent three hours a day, weekly over nine weeks, to teach computer literacy. The courses have gone well and volunteer teachers, pupils and pupil tutors have been delighted with the results.”

“This year we have also done some training of teachers and will continue to do this next year.”

“The CSSA is also offering small bursaries for two standard nine pupils which will assist them with the expenses for their extra-mural

computer studies. We hope that this will be an added incentive for our pupils”, Mrs Roets said.



*The teachers and pupil tutors who completed the nine-week computer literacy course run by staff and students at Rhodes University’s East London Campus. They are (from the left, back): Ms Alice Ford, Mr John Petty, Mr Brett Fuller, Ms Felicity Murphy, Mr Darryl Richter, Mr Duane Boucher and Ms AnneMarie Beauzec and (from left, front): Mr Nobathembu Mtyongwe, Ntoni Zuko, Mr George Tyutula, Mr Thembela Mpanze and Mr Thembela Mngazi.*



# Mountain workshop sees early results

A rapid and direct result of a three-day workshop initiated by Rhodes' Department of Ichthyology and Fisheries Science and the Barkly Wild Trout Association late last year has been the formation last month of a conservancy in the Southern Drakensberg.

The conservancy will, among other objectives, promote the sustainable use of natural resources and assist in the coordination of efforts to cut down on stock theft along the Lesotho border. It will also, in the longer term, explore the benefits of eco-tourism in the area and the establishment of a montane sport fishing infrastructure.

The initial workshop, held in November 1994, was multidisciplinary by nature and took place in the mountainous areas around Rhodes, Barkly East, Ugie and Maclear. Delegates included ichthyologists, entomologists, farmers and fish farmers, geographers, geomorphologists, hydrologists, fly-fishermen, tour guides, nature conservationists, students and executives of the Drakensberg Regional Services Council.

During the three days over which it was arranged the interdependence of river systems and their adjacent areas became abundantly clear. Rivers cannot be utilised without an awareness of, and allowance for, the environmental impact in other areas.

## Positive response from landowners

Mr Martin Davies of DIFS, who with Mr David Walker of Tifindell Ski and Mountain Resort, arranged the workshop, said that interest from local landowners and rural communities in the potential of the region, was extremely high. As a result of a meeting held after the workshop, the Southern Drakensberg Montane Conservancy was established with some dozen landowners participating. More may be expected to join, he said.

Amongst the issues to which the conservancy will apply its resources is the acute problem of stock theft along the border with Lesotho, said Davies. The high incidence of rustling is causing an escalating border dispute which is impacting adversely on many farmers, he said. "When the landowners and local communities develop channels of communication in this regard they will also be able to apply their energies to coursewater issues and, later, to the enhancement of eco-tourism in the area. Effective and beneficial inter-communication is the key", he says.

Davies believes that stock theft and present land management practices in the area currently affect flora, fauna and fish. "It is an emotional matter", he says, "but it is one only of the broad range of constituents of an integrated catchment management plan which should be developed. The specific region which we are dealing with here comprises the catchment areas of the Orange River, and in

particular its major Kraai River tributary as well as the Umzimvubu River. It is a huge area of approximately 1 100 km<sup>2</sup>. Other issues which will have to be addressed by the management plan include predator control, grazing, burning, stocking, irrigation and others, leading up to the exciting potential for eco-tourism."

The November workshop, in which several Rhodes staff members participated, identified areas of both concern and opportunity. These included the sustainable usage of fish resources, the role of regional authorities in the development of tourism, the establishment of standards and ethics in tour guiding, the importance of aquatic insects, soil erosion, grazing and burning, the development of the potentially large fisheries resource and the maintenance and enhancement of the natural environment.

Mr Davies is excited by the potential of the region and has applauded the establishment of the conservancy or 'biosphere reserve'. It will, he believes, have wide-ranging benefit. "It could enhance predator control methods, reduce the high incidence of stock-theft and lead to more sympathetic grazing techniques, thus raising the overall standards of land-management and consequently of the sport fishery. Advice and funding concerning water resource protection can be more effectively sought and used by a conservancy and this will lead to the general improvement and profitable sustainable use of the resources of the montane region."

## Snow in mid-summer?



*Yes; there was! Prof Colin Lewis, Head of the Department of Geography, attended the workshop last November, which was held near the town of Rhodes.*

## On Occasion

A guest column written by invitation.

As my contribution to Reconstruction and Development and as befits a member of an august academic community, I have decided that the English language needs some flag-waving in its defence.

The f-word seems to do duty as a verb, adjective and noun. I am sure it has been used as an adverb too, but I can't vouch for it.

To alleviate the strain of overuse on this word and spread the riches of verbal wealth over the other words in the dictionary, I hereby vow and declare that I shall attempt to learn and use one new word and its derivatives each day.

Today's words are 'pedicular' 'pediculous' and 'pediculosis'. How shall we use them?

"Today the weather is definitely pediculous. Well, it has been rather, over the past few weeks, hasn't it?

"I think that the whole process of selecting a new Vice-Chancellor has become completely

pedicular."

"Many of our first-year students look healthy and clear-eyed. However, others seem to be suffering from pediculosis. I'm sure that our Wardens are perfectly capable of dealing with this extraordinary phenomenon."

"There is a pediculous peculiarity in Admin's determination to flood academic departments with pieces of paper. I wonder why?"

"Perhaps we should invest in a pediculicide - that could solve the problem."

"Whenever I ask for leave to attend my grandfather's funeral I get a completely pedicular response. 'I'm not surprised, you're onto your sixth granddad by my count. Did he die of something related to phthiriasis?'"

Tomorrow's word is 'peen'. Now there's a word to conjure with. "If only I had a large peen to match my poll . . ."



# Day care centre off to good start

The on-campus day care centre, initiated by RUSA last July, has opened to what promises to be a successful year.

Staff are reminded that there are still some half a dozen places left and that their children, between the ages of three months and under four years may be enrolled.

The new Supervisor, Anne Krige, brings to the Centre a wealth of experience gained over the last 11 years at St Bartholomew's Day Care Centre in town. She has also, from her own resources, transformed the premises with bright posters and some sorely-needed equipment.

At the moment there are 13 children who attend on a daily basis and she has accepted applications from two or three others who will be starting soon. The capacity of the Centre is 20 children, a factor of the toilet facilities and the staff complement.

Anne and her colleague Deborah Tyatya, who has been there since inception, are in attendance on a daily basis from shortly before 08h00 until 17h00. The Centre was established by RUSA but is self supporting, being reliant on parents' fees. The University has, however, undertaken to maintain the building and has recently erected fencing around the outdoor play areas. The enrolment is open to children from the outside community as well as to those of RU staff members. Currently approximately half the children are those of RU parents.

Children attending indulge in a variety of activities every day. Painting, singing, sandpit play, climbing, listening to stories and rest periods are all included. Parents supply whatever meals are needed and these are served by the staff at the correct times.



*Deborah Tyatya, (left) and Anne Krige. Caregivers at the Day Care Centre on the campus.*

It is the goal of the Centre to become independent of RUSA although the staff association currently operates as an umbrella body. Ultimately the PTA will take over the full responsibility for salaries of staff and management.

The annual general meeting of the Centre is to be held on 1 March this year, on the premises in Rhodes Avenue near the CPU. All parents, whether or not they are currently using the facilities, are urged to attend. Items for discussion include the fixing of terms dates and fees and the requirements which need to be adhered to for the pending registration of

the Centre. The current fee structure calls for payment of R 100,00 per month for children 'out of nappies' (mornings only) and R 150,00 per month for those who stay for the full day. These fees are increased by R 50,00 per month, in both cases, for children still in nappies.

If any staff members have old toys, books and other appropriate equipment, Ms Krige would welcome donations. She is particularly keen to receive old clothes, and something in which to keep them, which can be used by the children for dressing up.

## News from the Rhodes Library

### Accessing the Library OPAC via the campus network

A number of staff have experienced problems in attempting to access the Library's On-Line Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) via the network. A root problem is the single port available for such access at present. The Library is aware of this and the position will be improved as soon as is possible.

In the interim the following comments may help to ease access problems:

- \* Staff who have difficulty in accessing OPAC or are uncertain of how to do so should telephone or e-mail the Library's Systems Administrator for instructions.
- \* When the OPAC has been accessed users should make sure that they log out and free the line after completing their search. If they experience problems in logging



out they should contact the Systems Administrator.

- \* Terminals can be made available in the Library, even at very busy times, to staff who are able to get to the Library reasonably easily.
- \* The OPAC is not available during the Christmas-New Year recess.
- \* The Acting Systems Administrator is Ms Kate Skinner and she can be contacted at 318-463 or LBKS@Giraffe.ru.ac.za

*Michael Berning  
Acting University Librarian*

### Educational Video Material

Aquisition of educational video material need not involve ordering from overseas and running the risk of punitive import charges any more.

Viewcom, a South African based company, is offering access to a wide range of video titles. Prices range from R 227,00 for general titles and R 450,00 for Open University titles, to R 1 994,00 for titles on human resources development.

Catalogues of video material covering a wide range of subject fields have been received from Viewcom, and are available at the Library's information desk. Please contact Sheila Luck or Vivien Botha for further information.

*Vivienne Botha, R U Library*



# Flanagan Scholarship winner announced

**D**r Ameena Goga, of Durban is the winner of the prestigious Patrick and Margaret Flanagan Scholarship, it was announced last year, by the Vice-Chancellor, Dr Derek Henderson, seen congratulating her on the right.

Dr Goga matriculated from Reservoir Hills Secondary School with an A aggregate and went on to the University of Natal, Durban, graduating with the MBChB degree in 1991. She completed a Diploma in Tropical Medicine, Sanitation and Hygiene at the University of the Witwatersrand in 1993. She will complete a Diploma in Child Health before she takes up the scholarship. At present Dr Goga is Medical Officer of the Islamic Medical Association in Durban and a Paediatric Medical Officer in the Natal Provincial Administration.

Dr Goga plans to study maternal and child health, with emphasis on developmental issues and preventative medicine, either at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, or the University of London.

The Scholarship was established when Mrs Margaret Flanagan bequeathed a large amount of money to Rhodes "for the benefit of girls



who are English-speaking: in the sense that they have a real love and affection for the English language . . . and prefer to express themselves in English rather than any other language". The field of study is not, however, restricted to the English language.

The Scholarship is open to South African

graduate women students at any university in the country, and enables the winners to continue their studies at a university overseas, preferably Oxford, Cambridge, Edinburgh, Andrew's or Trinity College, Dublin. The scholarship covers all the expenses of the winner.

## Support for Interpreters and Translators

**I**n response to the projected demands of the new national language policy, and with generous support from insurance group Sanlam, three language departments at Rhodes are jointly presenting a certificated short course in Translation and Interpreting.

The departments concerned are those of Afrikaans en Nederlands, Linguistics and African Languages.

It is especially aimed at matriculated, practising translators and interpreters who lack professional training in these disciplines and is expected to significantly enhance the skills of court interpreters. Operating as they do in a wide range of multilingual and multicultural environments, the course should give them better communicative and terminological competence in English, Xhosa and Afrikaans, the three main languages of the Eastern Cape.

As he handed over his company's cheque in the amount of R 10 000, Sanlam's Grahamstown manager, Mr Glen Coetzee, said that the use of 11 official languages in our country was increasing the demand for translating and interpreting. "Free and understandable communication are amongst the most important requirements for progress in our country", he added. "Language training is a fundamental part of the development of human potential", he said.

Mr Coetzee said that his company spent



over R 5,5 million on education last year as part of its programme of commitment to the Reconstruction and Development Programme.

The first course will be presented in early May and will consist of lectures and practicals on eight Saturday mornings. It will be presented again in September; attendance is limited to 20 persons.

Applications for the first course close on 24 March. Further information and application forms are obtainable from Prof Peter Mtuze, Head of the Department of African Languages.

*From left, Prof Vivian de Klerk, Head of the department of Linguistics and English Language, Prof Barbara Bosch, Head of the Department of Afrikaans en Nederlands, Mr Glen Coetzee, Grahamstown Branch Manager of Sanlam and Prof Peter Mtuze, Head of the Department of African Languages, discussing the content of the new course in translation and interpretation.*



# First large donation to Centenary Fund

The Rhodes University Centenary Fund has received a significant donation of R 250 000 from the Molteno Brothers Trust. This brings the total raised since the Fund was launched last September to almost R 277 000.

The Molteno Brothers Trust has indicated that, should circumstances permit, further support for the Centenary Fund would be considered.

The Fund was launched on the 90th anniversary of Rhodes University in September last year, when the Vice-Chancellor announced the establishment of a complex to house library, lecture hall and conference facilities.

The buildings will be scheduled for completion over the next ten years, at a cost of R 25 million.

"The centre of a University should always be the library. Our library is centrally situated, but it has become too small for the needs of

the University and we aim, over the next ten years to establish a complex to house library, lecture and conference facilities", Dr Henderson said.

The University hopes to open the new complex, to be built on the recently-acquired Eden Grove site, as part of its centenary celebrations.

## 'A most exciting project'

"This is a most exciting project and we would very much like to be associated with it", said Mr Michael Watermeyer, Chairman of the Molteno Brothers Trust.

For more than twenty years the Trust has been a major donor to the Molteno Project, the largest mother-tongue literacy and bridge-to-English programme in the country, which was established at Rhodes before becoming independent two years ago.

The first phase of the Centenary building

project will be undertaken within the next four years. The University hopes that the National English Literary Museum (NELM) and the Cory Library for Historical Research, both of which need special environmentally-controlled space to preserve their collections, will be the first to move into the new buildings. They will be followed by the libraries of the Departments of Law and Education and, later, the Departments of Music and Divinity will probably follow, thus forming a library devoted to the humanities. Space will be freed in the existing library, which will continued to cater for Science and Commerce. New lecture and conference facilities will also form part of the complex.

Although the Molteno Brothers Trust has made the largest donation to date, many alumni of the University have also come forward to support the project with their donations.

## Vice-Chancellor's Awards for 1994

The Vice-Chancellor's teaching and research awards for 1994 were awarded to Professors Perry Kaye and Peter Clayton towards the end of last year.

Prof Kaye, Head of the Department of Chemistry, received the Vice-Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Teaching and Prof Clayton, of the Department of Computer Science, that for Distinguished Research.

Prof Kaye holds an MSc degree from the University of Natal and a DPhil degree from Oxford University. He lectured at the Natal Technikon and at the University of Natal before joining the staff of Rhodes as Professor of Organic Chemistry in 1987. He has been Head of the Department of Chemistry since 1992.

Prof Clayton holds a PhD degree from Rhodes. He has lectured in the Department of Computer Science since 1982 and was promoted to Senior Lecturer in 1986, Associate Professor in 1989 and Professor in 1992.



*Professors Peter Clayton (above) and Perry Kaye receiving their Awards from the Vice-Chancellor.*







## F-PROT – The new virus protection scheme

"F-PROT Professional was acclaimed the top anti-virus program by eight leading international PC magazines in 1993/94, and it continues to dominate in independent virus software reviews" (*The Antidote*, December 1994).

F-PROT comes in two parts; F-PROT.EXE to scan your computer for known viruses and remove them, and VIRSTOP.EXE to prevent viruses from infecting your computer in the first place.

Rhodes University has now adopted F-PROT as the official virus protection scheme and will soon obtain a general site licence. Computer users can obtain these programs from Janet Carr or Tracey Chambers at PC Support. Please bring a 1.44MB or 1.2MB disk or two 360kB disks with you, as loan disks are no longer provided. PC Support will provide an in-house install program for easy use. Instructions on how to use the install program will also be provided. Please note that McAfee is no longer licensed.

## SAPA newfeed and Usenet news

The "sapa" newsgroups are available exclusively to Rhodes University through an arrangement between the South African Press Association and the Department of Journalism and Media Studies. They are provided to the Rhodes University community for academic teaching or research purposes on the understanding that the news articles are copyright, and may not be used for any purposes that would contravene this copyright.

The SAPA newfeed is broadcast as part of the carrier of the normal TV1 signal, using a technique known as Vertical Blanking Interval,

or VBI. The TV1 signal is processed via a special commercial decoder, and fed at 9600 baud into the serial port of a PC running software known as Sapa Online. This software processes the incoming news articles and stores them on the PC's hard disk, separated into several broad categories. It is possible to run the Sapa Online software on a Novell server, and thus save the articles on the servers file system, where they are available to other applications programs.

In order to make the received news articles accessible to a wider community, it was decided to inject them into Usenet news, which can be accessed using the "Trumpet" software on Novell, or "nn" and "tin" on the various Unix systems on campus.

The required processing is carried out on one of the Unix systems supported by Computing Services, and makes use of standard public domain applications software packages to transfer incoming articles from the Novell server to the Unix machine, scan the articles and inject them into the appropriate Usenet newsgroups, archive them, and build an indexed database that will allow old articles to be retrieved using a simple boolean keyword search.

Articles are transferred from the relevant Novell server to the Unix system every twenty minutes, round the clock, so the appearance of articles in Usenet news should never be more than half an hour after they were transmitted by SAPA.

There are eleven categories into which the Sapa Online software saves the incoming press stories: News local, News world, Finance, Sport descriptive, Sport results, Sport racing, Parliamentary, Arts, Features, Diary, and Public Relations

These have been extended into a range of newsgroups in order to make it easier to

navigate through hundreds of articles in a single broad category. In order to access these articles, subscribe to one or more of the sapa.\* newsgroups.

The first two are intended for staff and students to exchange views on the content or to be made aware of changes in the operation of the newfeed. Anybody may read or post articles to these two groups:

sapa.announce: Announcements and information

sapa.discussion: Discussions about the content

The remaining newsgroups are "read only", i.e. it is not possible (or desirable) for people to post articles into them – the only information appearing will be from the SAPA newfeed, which has been subdivided into these more descriptive categories:

The last newsgroup contains cross-posting of all the articles. It is used by the archiving process, and one would not normally subscribe to it.

sapa.arts: Arts and entertainment  
sapa.diary: Editorial advisories and control information

sapa.features: Feature articles  
sapa.finance: Financial reports  
sapa.news.press-releases: Press releases  
sapa.news.regional: South African and regional news

sapa.news.world: World news

sapa.politics: Political reports

sapa.sport.cricket: Background reports on cricket

sapa.sport.cricket.results: Cricket results

sapa.sport.golf: Background reports on golf

sapa.sport.golf.results: Golf results

sapa.sport.misc: Background reports on miscellaneous sports

sapa.sport.misc.results: Miscellaneous sports results

sapa.sport.racing: Horse racing results

sapa.sport.rugby: Background reports on rugby

sapa.sport.rugby.results: Rugby results

sapa.sport.soccer: Background reports on soccer

sapa.sport.soccer.results: Soccer results

sapa.sport.tennis: Background reports on tennis

sapa.sport.tennis.tennis: Tennis results

sapa.weather: Weather reports

sapa.xref: All SAPA news articles one newsgroup.

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The course consists of 15 hours of tuition. An ADP officer, Mr Fred de-Heer-Menlah provides mini-lectures twice a week and supervises an additional eight hours practice time on Saturday afternoons.

A series of consecutive courses will begin on 25 April and 29 May. Those interested in attending should contact the CSD at 19 Somerset Street or by phone at 2 4408.

## Overheard

... on the way to the Great Hall  
24 February, 2.17:00

Staff Member: "What is this protest about?"

Student: "We are protesting because they have elected a new Vice-Chancellor and we don't like him."

Staff Member: "Oh? Who have they elected?"

Student: "We don't know."



# Environmental education developing rapidly

**M**s Eureta Janse van Rensburg, who holds the Murray & Roberts Chair of Environmental Education at Rhodes, has been closely involved with various groups active in the process of reconstruction and development in recent months.

She has also participated in a UNESCO project for teacher education in the Asia-Pacific region, and spent time in Australia, where she was invited to contribute to graduate programmes in environmental education.

A major initiative to influence education policy, where environmental education is concerned, has been a joint venture by the Environmental Education Association of Southern Africa (EEASA), of which she is President, and the Department of Environment Affairs (now the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism).

"The Environmental Education Policy Initiative involved a wide range of parties with an interest in education, from formal government departments and extra-parliamentary groups, to a student union and tertiary institutions", Ms Janse van Rensburg said.

## Environmental education in the national curriculum

"Discussion documents on environmental education were formulated and submissions were made to the National Education and Training Forum, as well as other

decision-making groups, on the importance of taking note of environmental education when reforming the national curriculum."

"Regional workshops have served as fora where teachers, academics and field workers debated the place of environmental education in the school curriculum and contributed to the national submissions through comment on the discussion documents and the establishment of working groups for those with particular interests", she said. Several submissions have been made to regional governments by these groups, with the support of Ms Janse van Rensburg and her colleagues.

One of the groups established in the Environmental Education Policy Initiative focuses on teacher education. "Our first task has been to submit a response to a document on *Norms and Standards in Teacher Education* developed by the Committee of Teacher Education Principals, to draw their attention to ways in which environmental education should become part of teacher education", she said.

## 'Priority of priorities'

"In recent years teacher education has been identified as the 'priority of priorities' as far as environmental education is concerned, particularly by UNESCO, which is developing international resources for teacher educators in the Asia-Pacific region. I have been invited to join a team of writers to contribute to this project."

"This involvement allows me to give exposure to some of the best environmental education projects and thinking from this country, drawing on our own experience in the graduate diploma and degree courses for teachers at Rhodes, and the action research and community problem-solving projects and material developed in Natal."

"It also allows us to engage with some of the best concepts and teaching materials developed internationally", Ms Janse van Rensburg said.

## Drawcard for students

"Environmental education is now part of almost all courses for teachers and other educators offered in the Department of Education at Rhodes. This has proved to be a draw card for several students."

"Sixteen students were registered for the Masters in Environmental Education course this year, including three from Namibia, who should be able to make an important contribution to the development of environmental education in that country, where the process is constitutionally supported, but lacks the contribution of local academic experience", she said.

## Local programmes compare favourably

Ms Janse van Rensburg was also invited to contribute to Masters and PhD programmes at Deakin University in Victoria, Australia, and to visit one of the largest environmental science faculties in the world at Griffith University, Brisbane. This gave her the opportunity to compare local programmes with what are widely regarded as of the best internationally and to meet scholars and environmentalists of international standing.

"Our Masters programme compares very well with what is offered elsewhere" she said.

The invitation to contribute to a prestigious graduate environmental education programme in Australia was an indication of the recognition of the growing capacity in South Africa to contribute to the academic development of this field. "In the past this field has been characterised by enthusiastic but uncritical environmental education programmes, with little theoretical clarification to inform future directions."



*The Steering Committee of the Murray & Roberts Chair of Environmental Education at Rhodes University, Grahamstown, met recently to review the work of the past year and discuss plans for the future. They are (from the left, standing): Prof Mike Bruton, Director of the JLB Smith Institute of Ichthyology; Dr George Euvrard, Deputy Head of the Department of Education; Prof Terry Marsh, Dean of Education; Mr J Taylor, Head of Extension Services for the Wildlife Society of Southern Africa; and Prof Pat Irwin, Head of the Department of Education. Seated are: Ms L Padfield, Manager of Conservation for the Southern Africa Nature Foundation, Mr Llew von Essen, Director of Corporate Public Relations, Murray & Roberts; Mr Gugile Nkwinti, Speaker of the Eastern Cape Regional Parliament; and Ms Eureta Janse van Rensburg, who holds the Chair of Environmental Education.*

## RHODOS DEADLINES

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## *Law students achieve success*

Students from the Law Faculty at Rhodes recently competed in the national Moot Court competition which was held in Pretoria last month.

Rhodes was placed joint second in the preliminary round and only missed a place in the final on a count-out. Our written work was adjudged second-best and one of our oralists, Ms Lara Colananni was placed fourth overall in the individual oratory competition.

## *GADRA Matric School students excel*

GADRA Matric School pupils in Grahamstown excelled in the recent Department of Education and Training (DET) matriculation examinations, with a 97.3 percent pass rate and two distinctions.

Mr Monde Boko achieved an A for English and Mr Mawetu Mtwalo an A for history.

Mr Boko has applied to study electrical engineering at the Technikon Port Elizabeth. He re-wrote English, mathematics, biology and physical science and improved his symbols by an overall total of ten.

Mr Mtwalo, the top history student, also re-wrote English, Geography and Biology, improving his marks by 11 symbols on the combined results. Seven students achieved B symbols for English.

Enrolment for the 1995 school year has closed and classes have already commenced.

## *RU pharmacists collaborate in percutaneous drug research*

For the first time, a French dermatological research institute has collaborated in a research project with workers in Africa, when trials of formulations for dry skin conditions were held at Rhodes.

Two research scientists at the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences at Rhodes, Dr Eric Smith and Prof John Haigh, have attended conferences in San Francisco, Seattle, Lisbon and Berlin, where they presented data from their research programmes concerning the way in which drugs pass through the skin.

A joint study with workers from the Centre Internationale des Recherches Dermatologiques, in France, on dry skin therapy has recently been completed.

This is the first time that the French institute has collaborated with a research group in Africa.

## *New Science options offered*

Rhodes has, from the beginning of this year, increased the range of options offered to students reading for the Bachelor of Science (BSc) degree, enabling students to graduate with more career-focused degrees by studying law, management or journalism as part of the course.

The new options will require students to complete ten credits rather than the nine in the traditional BSc degree structure. At least seven of these credits must be taken from the core sciences, such as chemistry, physics and electronics, zoology and entomology, biochemistry and microbiology, botany, computer science, geology and mathematics.

## *New computer literacy course offered*

The Department of Computer Science now offers a half-credit course in computer literacy.

The course can be incorporated into various degree structures as a formal part of the curriculum.

## *Cellphones send astronomers into space*

Your cellular telephone may be forcing radio astronomers to move to the far side of the moon.

Mr Justin Jonas, Research Officer in the Department of Physics and Electronics, attended the General Assembly of the International Astronomy Union in the Hague, where the problem of radio interference was a matter of much concern.

"There was a session on radio interference during which discussion was aimed at protecting radio astronomy by keeping frequencies available for experimental work. Satellite communication and the proliferation of cellular telephones has put sensitive experimental work at risk and, in some areas, made it impossible", Mr Jonas said.

"In fact, so serious is the problem for researchers that they are now lobbying to keep the far side of the moon free from radio interference as a base for future work."

## *Co-operation with US university possible*

Prof Peter Clayton, of the Department of Computer Science, has returned from a visit to the United States during which he

became aware of a heightening of interest in South African research amongst American academics. During his visit, the President of the Oswego campus of the State University of New York (SUNY), Dr Stephen L Weber, asked me to meet him in connection with a programme that they are putting together to work with historically black universities in South Africa.

There is a healthy confidence at SUNY in the standard of established South African universities such as Rhodes. After hearing about Rhodes University's history of association with Fort Hare and black education in general, Dr Weber expressed a desire to involve historically white liberal universities in a three-way association with historically black universities and SUNY.

## *DIFS studies aquaculture of marine angling fish*

The aquaculture of top angling fish off southern African coastlines should be a real possibility in the next two to three years, says Prof Tom Hecht, Head of the Department of Ichthyology and Fisheries Science. DIFS is undertaking a study into the feasibility of culturing the spotted grunter and other species such as Roman and carpenter.

"We have been looking at the fishes' environmental requirements, such as temperature and salinity tolerance, as well as growth and feeding frequencies", said Hecht, "and we are happy that the spotted grunter is the correct fish for this work and are now looking at the requirements for spawning and larval rearing."

"This is an excellent eating fish and one of the top angling species. However, it has taken a beating through recreational fishing. If it is possible to culture the fish cost-effectively, it will help to take some of the pressure off the wild stocks", he believes.

## *Chemistry students gain experience*

Industrial chemistry projects have been introduced as an integral part of the third year curriculum by the Department of Chemistry. This recognises the need to broaden students' understanding of the practice of chemistry in the commercial and industrial sectors, said Prof Perry Kaye, Head of the Department.

The class is divided into teams, each of which is assigned a chemical manufacturing project. Team leaders are elected and portfolios are delegated to each member. The teams are required to develop a capital proposal for submission to a board of directors.

The Anglo American and De Beers Chairman's Fund have provided financial support and AECI Limited have provided the prize for the winning team.



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## Aquaculture training course

During January, DIFS presented a training course on fish and shellfish farming to prospective and practising aquaculturists, agricultural extension officers, Agrilec advisers, agricultural journalists, nature conservation officers and representatives of non-governmental organisations.

Questions and techniques related to the culture of marine fish and shellfish, freshwater fish and ornamentals were addressed, with special emphasis being placed on husbandry, breeding techniques, diseases, nutrition marketing and the economics of aquaculture.

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## Prof Gordon nominated for Vita Dance award

Prof Gary Gordon, of the First Physical Theatre at the Department of Drama, and one of his senior students, have been nominated for a dance award at the FNB Vita Dance Umbrella to be held in Johannesburg in March.

Prof Gordon has been nominated for the Best Choreographer of the Year (1994) award for his work *Shattered Windows*. Mr Lanon Prigge, an Honours student this year, was nominated in the Most Outstanding Performance by a Male Dancer in Contemporary Style category, for his performance in *Shattered Windows*.

Prof Gordon has won several awards for choreography and was nominated for the Vita Best Choreographer of the Year Award last year.

First Physical Theatre will travel to Johannesburg for the 'Dance Umbrella', where they will give two performances on March 8 and 10, in the Wits Theatre.

"Before we go to Johannesburg we will give two student benefit performances in the Rhodes Theatre, on Friday March 3 and Saturday March 4, at 7.30 pm", Prof Gordon said. "The proceeds will be divided between

the Phoenix Fund which is collecting money for the fire-ravaged 1820 Settlers National Monument, and the students' travel and subsistence fund for performances in other centres".

Two works will be presented. They are *They Dreamt of Diving where the Fishes Fly*, by Gary Gordon, and *Like Icarus from the Ashes*, by Juanita Finestone, a Masters student at Rhodes.

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## Prof Kanfer nominated for top Pharmaceutical committee

Prof Izzy Kanfer, Professor of Pharmaceutics and Director of the Biopharmaceutics Research Institute, has been nominated to stand for election in the Bioavailability and Biopharmaceutics category of the United States Pharmacopeia's (USP) 1995 - 2000 General Committee of Revision.

The USP is an international compendium of medicinal products and includes monographs and specifications of drugs in use throughout the world. It is acknowledged as the universal standard used by the pharmaceutical industry for the manufacture and quality control of medicinal products.

The Committee of Revision will be elected at the USP's meeting to be held in March in Washington DC.

Committee members will be elected to either the Standards Division or the Information Division.

Those elected to the Standards Division will be responsible for establishing legally enforceable standards of identity, strength, quality, purity, packaging and labelling of drugs, dosage forms, diagnostic products and related articles used in health care. Those elected to the Information Division will be responsible for forming advisory panels in 35 medical speciality, practice and policy areas.

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## New bursaries available for Afrikaans & Nederlands students

The Nederlandse Taalunie (Dutch Language Union) has made R 120 000 available for bursaries in the Department of Afrikaans & Nederlands at Rhodes University, Grahamstown, over the next three years.

The Head of the Department, Prof Barbara Bosch, said that the money will be used for financial support for both undergraduate and postgraduate students in the Department.

Mrs Greetje van den Bergh, the general Secretary of the Taalunie, said that the Taalunie aims to promote the study of both Afrikaans and Nederlands in the Eastern Cape (where Afrikaans is the second largest home language).

Prof Bosch said that academic liaison programmes and lecturer exchange programmes with Dutch and Belgian Universities are also in the pipeline.

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## Botanist receives medal for thesis

Dr Anthony (Ted) Avis, of the Department of Botany was last year's recipient of the SA Association of Botanists Junior Medal, which he received for his PhD thesis on coastal dune management.

The Association evaluates PhD theses from South African universities each year. Dr Avis received the medal for his dissertation entitled: *Coastal Dune Management in the Eastern Cape*, which was judged best of those submitted.

Dr Avis investigated the geographical distribution of dune plants along the coastline from Cape St Francis to Kei Mouth and undertook more detailed studies on successional changes in dune vegetation at Kleinmond and in Natal. "An understanding of plant succession has important management implications, such as the stabilization of dunes with vegetation, which was also investigated by Dr Avis", said Prof Roy Lubke who supervised the thesis.

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## Wildlife in Music

Paul Winter, a leading American jazzman and eco-conscious musician joined the renowned musicologist, Andrew Tracey, to entertain delegates at the Freedom of Information Conference at Rhodes University.

Mr Winter leads the Paul Winter Consort and incorporates the sounds of wildlife into his music. He heard a recording of the Humpback Whale and was "profoundly moved by the beauty of their sounds." This opened the door, he said, to the "symphony of nature".

He aspires to create "earth music" in which he celebrates the creatures and cultures of the earth. His latest album, entitled *Prayer for the Wildthings*, records the voices of 27 mammals and birds of the Rocky Mountains.

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## New poetry anthology published

An anthology of the thoughts and feelings of young people in the Eastern Cape has been launched.

Speaking at the launch of *Parking Space, an East Cape Schools' Poetry Anthology*, the editors, Robert Berold and Alan Finlay said: "This collection of poetry was assembled in pre-election 1993. It is a snapshot, a moment in time and place revealing what young people are thinking and feeling." The anthology includes poems written by Afrikaans and Xhosa speaking pupils.

The Director of the ISEA, Prof Laurence Wright told the young poets that they had "written something that experienced editors have thought worth putting into an anthology." Professor Wright has prepared a radio broadcast based on the anthology which should be transmitted in *The Poet Speaks* on Sunday, March 19.



# New 'student in residence' at PR and Development

This is Yashica Haribhai (right), who has joined the Public Relations and Development Division as student assistant for 1995. She will be with the Department until approximately the end of September.

While at Rhodes, she will be actively involved in various aspects of the Public Relations work programme, predominantly in the generation of press releases and assisting with articles in *Rhodos* as well as taking various photographs.

Yashica is a third-year Public Relations

student, currently studying through correspondence with Technikon Natal. She is from Durban and studied there full time from 1993 until the end of last year.

To our readers she says; "I look forward to my time on your campus and look forward to meeting you!"



## NEWSCLIPS

### *Afrikaans & Nederlands staff to deliver papers in London*

Three staff members of the Department of Afrikaans & Nederlands at Rhodes University, Grahamstown, were invited to deliver papers at the same conference in London earlier this month.

Prof Etienne van Heerden, Dr Godfrey Meintjes and Mr Anton Vorster will participate in an interdisciplinary conference, entitled *Presenting the Past*, hosted by the Centre for Low Country Studies at University College, London.

### *JLB Smith staff assist Lake Malawi fishery scientists*

Staff of the JLB Smith Institute of Ichthyology are helping fishery scientists in Malawi keep a watch over the important fishery of Lake Malawi.

Fishery scientists working on Lake Malawi have one particular problem, the large number of species of fishes in the lake. It is estimated that over 600 species occur there, many of which are found only in Lake Malawi.

"Without considerable specialist knowledge of these fishes it is extremely difficult to identify and name the various species. But once a fish is identified and its scientific name is known, one can discover all that has ever been recorded about it", said Dr Humphry Greenwood, Honorary Research Fellow of the Institute.

"The disappearance of certain species, or changes in the relative proportion of different species living in a particular area are important indicators that overfishing could be taking place. All these factors are vital if a fishery is to be properly managed and not face ultimate destruction or, at best, a decline in its economic importance", Dr Greenwood said.

Lake Malawi supports a fishery of great importance to the well-being of the people of

Malawi, both as a source of protein and of income.

Dr Greenwood returned to Grahamstown with several hundred specimens which now have to be identified. "Initially this will be done in the laboratory, but ways must be found to identify quickly and accurately the more than 100 different species as they are emptied from the trawl net", he said.

As part of this operation, and at the invitation of the JLB Smith Institute, five Malawian fishery workers visited Grahamstown for a two-week training course devised by Dr Greenwood.

### *Arts Journalism introduced*

The Department of Journalism and Media Studies has introduced a new senior option in arts and culture journalism.

The course will focus on journalism and the arts in the southern hemisphere, with particular attention to Southern Africa.

"We intend to train journalists who can bridge the conceptual gap between the arts and the so-called 'ordinary' media consumer, to move the subject from the ghettos of arts pages/programmes into mainstream media coverage", said Prof Guy Berger, the Head of the Department. "No other specialist training is available for prospective arts journalists, although arts have been identified as fundamental to the new core qualifications framework. This course is designed to make a contribution to the transformation of arts in South Africa by producing a new generation of arts journalists who understand the issues and the media's responsibility".

Selected students will gain experience working on the Department's two arts publications: *Cue*, edited by Catherine Knox, and *Video Cue*, produced by George Mazarakis. Both editions of *Cue* are published daily during Africa's leading arts event, the Standard Bank National Festival of the Arts.

### *New lecturer for Accounting*

Dr Minga Negash has recently arrived from Ethiopia to lecture in the Department of Accounting.

He studied for a diploma in Accounting at the Addis Abbaba Commercial School following which he obtained his BA degree in Accounting at the Addis Ababa University. After graduating he taught at the university of Asemara.

Returning to Addis Abbaba he was promoted to Assistant Deputy Dean of the Extension Division at the College of Social Science. After working there for three years, he completed the Masters in Business Administration (MBA) at the Catholic University of Leuven in Belgium.

In 1990 he completed his doctorate in Economic Science specialising in Accounting at the Free University of Brussels.

In 1992 he taught Advanced Management Accounting and Theory of Finance at the University of Zimbabwe.

### *Schreiner collection moves from Cradock to NELM*

The National English Literary Museum (NELM) at Rhodes University, Grahamstown, now has one of the most significant collections of manuscripts, letters, journals and other memorabilia associated with Olive Schreiner in the world.

As a result of negotiations between the NELM Council, the Schreiner House Local Committee and the Cradock Municipality, the manuscript collection belonging to Olive Schreiner has been transferred to NELM. The collection remains the possession of the Cradock Municipality, although it is housed at NELM. It complements the Schreiner material already at NELM.



# Grounds and Gardens Staff hold open day . . .

Shortly before the end of last term the staff of Grounds and Gardens were invited to welcome their family members to the campus for an Open Day.

Their spouses and children were able to see at first hand how the breadwinners spend their time at Rhodes. Each staff member was able to act as a specific tour guide, pointing out workplaces of personal interest and achievements of which they were particularly proud.

After the tour groups had travelled around the campus they joined together for refreshments on St Peter's lawns. "It proved a most enjoyable day", said Manager Mark Hazell, "much appreciated by staff and visitors alike".



## . . . while two colleagues score highly in examinations.

Considerable success has been achieved by two of the staff members at Grounds and Gardens recently.

Messrs Mkhonzi Elijah Ntentile and Xolile Michael Mkolo have written and passed their examinations in Production and Supervision Skills after attending a three-month course presented by the Damelin Group.

Mr Ntentile passed with distinction, gaining 94% and Mr Mkolo was close on his heels, with 74%.

The pair responded to an advertisement and borrowed money from Rhodes to register for the course, which involved lectures on Saturday mornings and the examination.

Both found it extremely worth while and are grateful for the support given to them by their Manager, Mr Mark Hazell.

Mr Ntentile says that he learned a great deal

about supervising and communication. This has translated into an improved capability for giving instruction and for developing a team spirit amongst his subordinates, who number 20. Mr Mkolo concurs, saying that he feels his staff, and Rhodes generally, will benefit measurably if a sense of 'joint ownership' of the University's assets can be instilled.

Both men feel that more attention needs to be paid to safety on the job and intend doing something about ensuring that every worker takes the implementation of safety practices personally. "This will be far better than individuals feeling that safety is something that somebody else should be implementing", they say.

The two men will be presented with their certificates at a ceremony to be held in Grahamstown on 10 March.



*Elijah Ntentile (left), and Michael Mkolo, who have written and passed examinations in Production and Supervision Skills*

## Legal Aid Clinic plans expansion

As word spreads that the Rhodes University Legal Aid Clinic offers willing assistance to certain indigent persons with legal problems, demands for its services are increasing steadily.

Apart from providing legal assistance, the Clinic also plays a vital role in providing practical training for Rhodes law students who consult with clients and manage their own files.

Students meet regularly with the Director, Mr Jonathan Campbell. Shared experiences and interesting cases enable students to learn from each other. The meetings serve as an important tool in the learning and teaching process that takes place at the Clinic.

"The Clinic is largely dependent on donations for its funding but expansion is planned. A contract has been signed between the University and the Legal Aid Board which provides for a joint project between these two organisations", Mr Campbell said.

"The Legal Aid Board will employ another attorney and up to ten candidate attorneys who will join the Clinic, thus increasing the size of the operation considerably. The goal of the Legal Aid Board is to provide legal services to indigent people and to train candidate attorneys. Their focus will be on criminal as opposed to civil work in an effort to reduce the extremely high percentage of criminal accused who stand trial without representation", he said.

The services of the new project will not be limited to Grahamstown but will extend to neighbouring magisterial districts such as Port Alfred, Alexandria, Bedford, Adelaide and Fort Beaufort. In this way the Clinic will be able to serve more people and the training function of students and candidate attorneys will increase and be enriched.

*by Yashica Haribhai*



## Dr Sholto Douglas joins Buskaid programme

Dr Ishbel Sholto-Douglas, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Music and Musicology, recently participated in an environmental programme run by the African Youth Ensemble at Lapalala Children's Trail in the Waterberg.

During the five-day programme, the children attended daily music workshops, as well as a series of activities arranged by the Wilderness Trust. The programme is sponsored by Clive Walker, an internationally known environmental and conservation expert, and 'Buskaid' which has generously supported the African Youth Ensemble in the past.

Ten years ago, a young Sowetan violinist, Kolwane Mantu, returned home after studying in the United Kingdom on a British Council Scholarship and found himself overwhelmed by requests for lessons from deprived youngsters.

Apart from giving free lessons, Mr Mantu was soon subsidising the children's needs from his earnings as the only black member of the Transvaal Chamber Orchestra.

In 1991, when he could no longer cope with the financial demands made on him, Mr Mantu turned to the media for help.

His story was heard by a British viola player, Rosemary Nalden, who was so moved by the plight of the young musicians that she enlisted the support of about 120 of her colleagues.

These leading professionals gave their time and talent in an extraordinary variety of simultaneous 'concerts' hosted by sixteen British Rail main line stations. In two hours they raised £ 6 000 sterling. A year later a similar sum was raised and Buskaid became a registered charity.

Since Buskaid was founded, Mr Mantu's teaching practice has expanded from 40 to over 70 pupils, ranging in age from three to 35. The older students now help to teach the younger children and the African Youth Ensemble, drawn from the most gifted pupils, is now considered to be the leading black string group in South Africa.

Money raised by Buskaid has also helped buy and repair instruments, buy music and strings, pay fares and lunch money for children travelling to lessons, maintain the minibus donated to the African Youth Ensemble and support one of the more advanced students studying in the United Kingdom.

Rosemary Nalden, who has made several visits to South Africa since Buskaid was founded, was also involved in the music workshops. She hopes that there will be further visits to South Africa by British musicians, including those who originally 'busked', to teach and play with township youngsters.

*Dr Ishbel Sholto-Douglas (right), Senior Lecturer in the Department of Music and Musicology.*

## Farewell to retiring staff members



Rhodos has received photographs of two people who retired from the staff at the end of last year and is happy to publish them.

Mrs Rosie Tobi (second from left above) retired after 35 years of service. She was on the staff at Drostdy Hall at the time. At her farewell function she was joined by (from left) the Hall Warden, Prof C Whiteley, Miss Jane Dalton, General Manager: Catering and Housekeeping, and several of her colleagues. These included Peggy Oerson, Heather Tilney and Nobantu Monana.

Earlier, Mrs Val Mills (right) retired from her position as Administrative Assistant in the Department of Accounting.

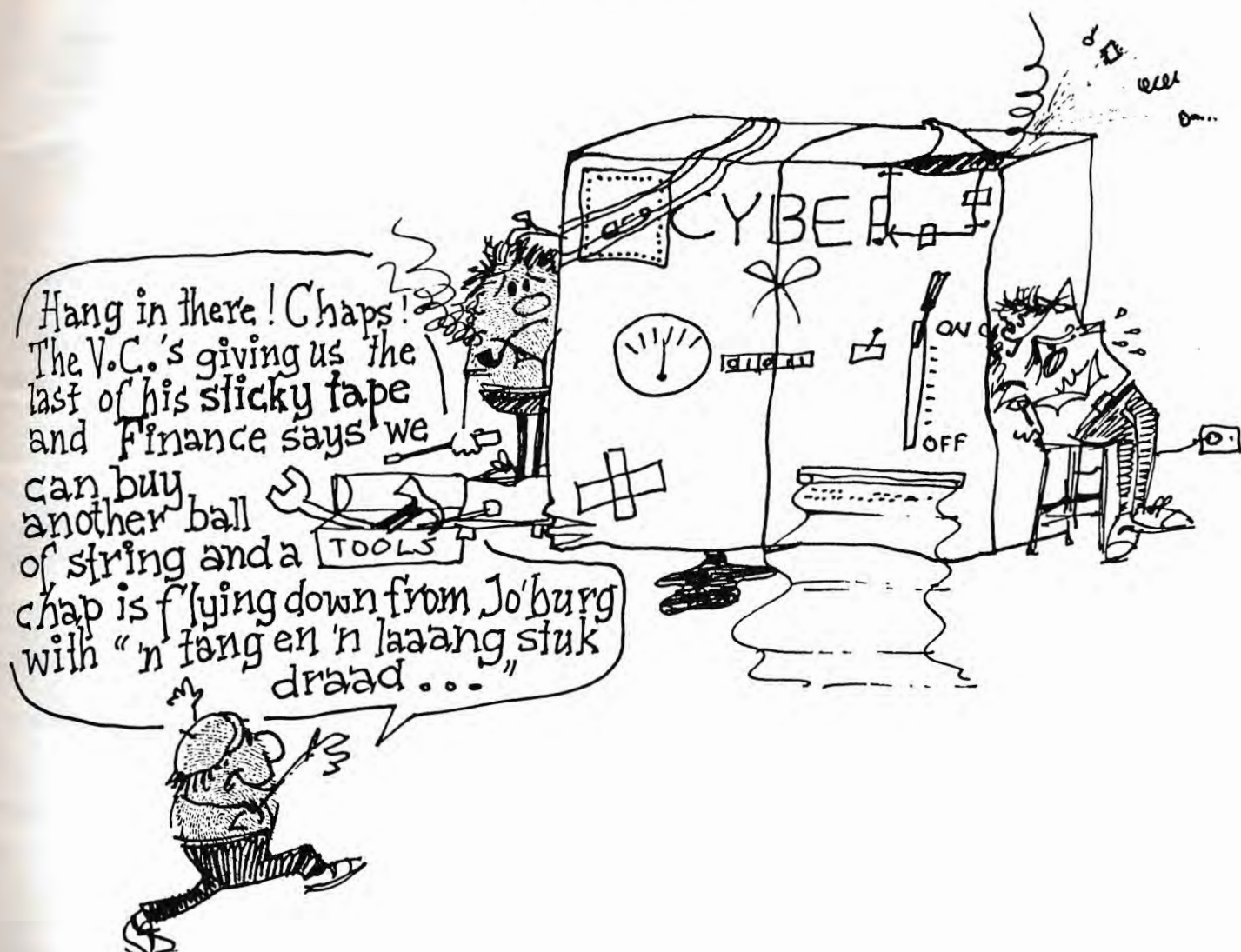
Val has been on the staff of the University since 1975. She started as a part-time secretary in Accounting, in a shared office, now the fax room. She first joined Rhodes, for a five-year stretch, directly after leaving Victoria Girls' School, whence she matriculated.

A keen bowler and bridge player, she is looking forward to spending more time relaxing and at the Albany Club where she is a member.





# 'The team' survives as applications increase this year



In spite of computer problems prior to registration week this year, the team of people working to respond to queries and applications for admission (depicted in the cartoon by Mike Ginn above) managed to come through smiling.

They have every right to smile, for the number of applications to study at Rhodes University increased considerably this year, with offers of places to prospective students up by about 14 percent over last year.

As Rhodes goes to print, Residence Officer Lesley Lowry reports that she has only ten beds left of a total of 2 233 on the campus. She expects that these will be filled within days as some students who are expected on the campus have not yet returned.

Figures from Mrs Rosemary Mullins, Assistant Registrar (Records and Planning) tell a similar story. While they will still increase slightly, as last minute data is captured and evaluated, they show that 3 180 students had

registered by 27 February. Last year's comparative figure was 2 975. There are 954 new under-graduates (1994 - 820) and 1 652 who have returned to the campus (1 627).

"Offers of places in the Faculty of Science have increased by a healthy twenty percent and the Faculty of Pharmacy is already full", said Mrs Judy Hilton-Green, the Assistant Registrar (Academic). For the first time a series of tests for pupils from Department of Education and Training (DET) schools were held in Johannesburg, East London, Umtata, Port Elizabeth and Grahamstown.

"These tests were in addition to the matriculation examination and were designed to test the pupils' potential, as distinct from knowledge gained at school", Mrs Hilton-Green said. "They were written by 240 DET matriculants. Those who performed well were admitted to Rhodes, even though their matriculation results were not good enough to warrant automatic admission", she said.

## Situation Vacant

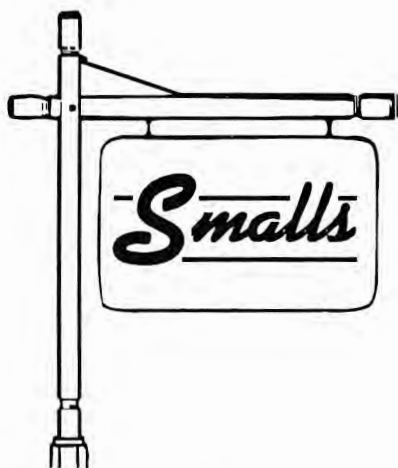
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### Senior Sports Officer/Sports Officer: Sports Administration

The successful candidate will be involved in the administration of a number of sports clubs as well as being responsible for various other Sports Council projects. Experience in Sports Administration or a related field, experience or an interest in rugby and outdoor pursuits, and a qualification relevant to the post would be an advantage. Good interpersonal skills are essential.

Application forms, salary particulars and further information may be obtained from Mrs A Orsmond in the Personnel Division to whom completed applications should be sent by 10 March 1995.





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#### Friday, 3 March

Presentation to interested *Concil Chamber,* staff members and post-graduates by Dr Rose Morris of the HSRC's Centre for Science Development. She will speak about funding - collapsing of categories, first timers, supervisors and other related matters. Dr Morris will also be available for personal interviews on 3 March. For an appointment contact Jenny King at ext 8101.



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#### Sunday, 5 March

Steak Evening. Best *Upstairs at the Union,* Sunday night meal *from 19h00* in town; the first of the Rugby Club's popular steak evenings for 1995. Family and friends welcome. Cash bar.

#### Tuesday, 7 March

Public lecture by Prof 16h00 - *Physics Lower* Juan G Roederer *lecture Theatre* of the Geophysical Institute of the University of Alaska. *Solar Variability Effects on Climate.*

#### Friday, 17 & Saturday, 18 March

*Spellbound*, presented by *Rhodes Theatre* hypnotist Evans Brown. *watch press for time!* Bookings at Grocott and Sherry.

#### Early Warning - 5th and 6th of May

Intervarsity - at Rhodes this year.

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