

# *Rhodes University*

*Annual Report 1981*



## **RHODES 1981**

Founded: 1904

Students: 2986

Academic staff: 232

Ratio 12.9 : 1

Faculties: 8: Arts                      Commerce  
                    Science                  Social Science  
                    Law                                  Divinity  
                    Education              Pharmacy

Academic departments: 38

University and  
associated research  
organizations:

Dictionary of South African English  
Hydrological Research Unit  
Institute for Freshwater Studies  
Institute for the Study of English in  
Africa  
Institute of Social and Economic  
Research  
International Library of African  
Music  
J.L.B. Smith Institute of Ichthyology  
Leather Industries Research Institute  
National English Literary Museum  
and Documentation Centre  
Pineapple Research Unit  
Southern Oceans Research Unit  
Tick Research Unit

Grounds: 195 hectares

Major buildings: 70

Students in residence: 1700

# **Annual Report of the Vice-Chancellor of Rhodes University**

**Dr D S Henderson**



In the history of our University, the year 1981 will be seen as one in which seeds, previously planted, germinated and began to grow into realities, the fruits of which will benefit us all for many years to come.

I refer, for example, to the implementation of our fiscal policy of creating additional income through careful handling of our resources. We were thus enabled to absorb our 14 per cent share of government-announced salary increases in April, as well as the full cost of salary hikes to residence staff in the same month. We were also able to keep our academic fee increases for 1982 down to 10 per cent. In the face of a national

tariff increase for accommodation of between 20 — 30 per cent we were able to contain our residential fee increase to 17 per cent.

I refer too, to the opening of the Rhodes University East London Division. After eight years of negotiation, the Division was formally inaugurated in February at an impressive ceremony held at the Guild Theatre, East London. An enrolment of 50 for the part-time B Com degree was double our expectations; and as the year progressed, we realized that the use of premises kindly made available to us by the East London Technical College would not adequately cater for future needs. We were most for-



tunate in acquiring the Wool Exchange Building in Church Street, a property excellently suited to cover our needs for some years to come. Enrolment prospects for the B Com degree and for adult education classes augur extremely well for the new year.

Back in Grahamstown, the pre-university Summer School for new students, run for many years by the Herald newspaper, was organized for the first time by the University itself. Enrolment in the course was high, and the undoubted advantages students attending the course enjoyed through their early familiarization with university life was a most rewarding factor for the hard-working staff who organized the week's programme. At the same time the course for new lecturers was reformulated, and has proved to be of great benefit to both lecturers and students alike.

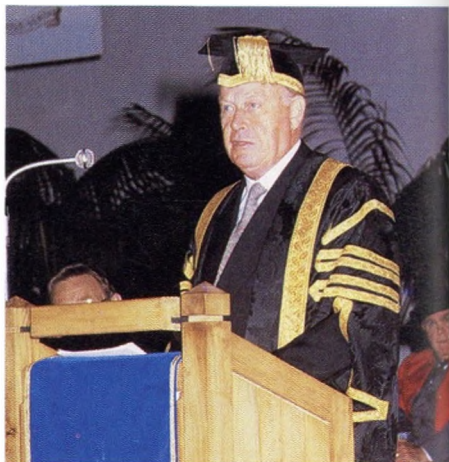
Quad II, our building expansion programme, went ahead as planned in July.

Progress so far is ahead of the two year schedule. The completion of this project will leave only two departments requiring better facilities — Pharmacy and Fine Art.

Two of the three Chairs endowed in 1980 have been filled — the CU Peat Memorial Chair of Accounting and the Federale Electronics Chair of Electronics. Still to be filled is the HA Molteno Chair of English-Second-Language. Nonetheless plans already made to pinpoint language comprehension

problems by the administering of NIPR (National Institute of Personnel Research) tests to all new students in 1982 will go ahead. Those thus identified as "at risk" students will receive back-up tutoring according to their needs. A new Chair of Limnology, the study of inland water systems, sponsored by Barclays Bank, was endowed during 1981, and officially announced at a ceremony in Johannesburg in October.

With the completion of residence renovations at the end of this year, the Univer-



*The Chancellor, Dr Ian Mackenzie, officially inaugurated the Rhodes University East London Division in February.*



*Left: A model of the Quad II project. Right: Work progresses — December 1981.*

city will have 130 more beds available. Accommodation for married students has been made available during 1981, and contingency plans, such as the advance booking of hotel accommodation, have been made to avoid the development of a possible accommodation problem in the new year.

The year has seen some innovations in the field of schools liaison, the results of which will only become apparent in the next year or two. The University has had a special

stand constructed for use with an audio-visual programme at careers exhibitions all round the country. At the same time a new series of pamphlets has been used and post-cards pre-addressed to Rhodes requesting information leaflets have been distributed at these exhibitions and through careers magazines and guidance teachers. Work has also begun on a complete overhaul of the University Calendar, in order to streamline its appearance and comprehensibility.



*A Taste of Coelacanth*

Excitement ran high at the JLB Smith Institute of Ichthyology when a fresh-frozen coelacanth was brought out for dissection in February. It was the first coelacanth to be examined at the Institute since the specimen brought back from the Comoro Islands by Professor J L B Smith in 1952.

The new coelacanth, caught off the Comoro Islands last May and frozen immediately, landed up in the fridge of the Queen Victoria Museum in Salisbury, Zimbabwe. It was found there by Dr M N Bruton, acting head of the new Department of Ichthyology and

Fisheries Science. The dissection, attended by the entire staff of the Institute, was performed by Mr Martin Davies of the Fisheries Development Corporation. Professor Margaret Smith offered champagne all round if the 68 kilogram fish was a female bearing young. But it turned out to be a male.

That evening, staff gathered for a taste of their favourite fish. They found it remarkably like shark in taste and texture. After a couple of jaw-breaking bites of fried coelacanth, the staff soaked some in vinegar. When cooked they proclaimed it "just like pickled fish."





Our students have continued to show a spirit of individual enterprise, something of which we are very proud. Rhodes's own radio station, Rhodes Music Radio, got under way early in the year. Although at present it reaches only the Student Union building, it is hoped to extend it to residences next year. Four new student publications were started this year: *SR Scene*, a Students' Representative Council publication; *Rehearsal*, put out by the Rhodes University Theatre; *Focus*, a newspaper for students holding viewpoints not expressed by other campus newspapers, and *Rhodes Sport*, edited by a group of students with the backing of the Sports Union. These are in addition to the student newspapers *Rhodeo* and *Oppidan*. Moves are afoot too to revive *Rhodian*, the annual student magazine which has been defunct for several years. Another example of student initiative was a very official-looking letter circulated to all departments declaring the day of the Royal Wedding a university holiday!





## Sports Union 1981

During the course of the year the Sports Union catered for 30 affiliated sports clubs providing for both the competitive and recreational needs of Rhodes students.

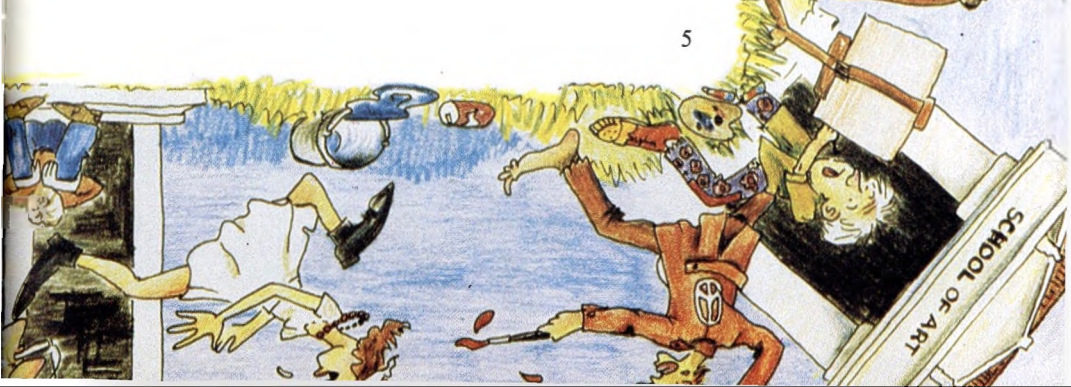
Sixteen Rhodians were chosen for South African University teams and 23 played for their province. A Rhodes student captained the South African Soccer XI, another was selected for the Junior Springbok small-bore rifle team, and one student played for the Rest of South Africa Hockey XI.

Owing to our relative geographical isolation, and the residential system, inter-house and interhall competitions continued to play a vital role in the overall campus sports programme. A statistical evaluation carried out during the year showed that 88,7 per cent of all Rhodes students participate in some form of regular physical sport, whether on a competitive or social basis. During the July vacation the University hosted two South African Universities Winter Tournaments — Basketball and Squash. Both proved to be great successes, thanks to the respective club committees who collaborated with the Sports Union in the organization of the tournaments.

The annual Intersvarsity versus the University of Port Elizabeth took place this year in Port Elizabeth. Despite adverse weather conditions, both universities fully enjoyed the two-day event, and although Rhodes was the vanquished rather than the victor, our students gave of their best and were certainly not disgraced.



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During the course of the year certain occurrences led to some criticism of the Disciplinary Code in its present form, as a result of which I am glad to say, a clearer separation of judicial and executive powers will be considered by Senate early in the new year.

In the first term of the year, the Students Representative Council re-affiliated to NUSAS (National Union of South African Students). This was opposed by a large number of students on the grounds that such an action was undemocratic. In the third term, a well-run campaign was launched and after a clean referendum, the pro-NUSAS faction won by a small majority. The Rhodes University SRC is now fully affiliated to NUSAS.

As has happened in the past, a number of our students have been harassed by the security police. In conjunction with the Vice-Chancellors of the Universities of Cape Town, Natal and the Witwatersrand, I released the following statement to the South African Press Association:

From time to time the security police play a more active role than is usual on certain campuses and in relation to certain students. The last few months have seen the banning of a number of student leaders, and the arrest, detention and harassment of many others. In some instances the action of the police can be interpreted by the dispassionate observer as going beyond any reasonable level of investigation and extending to the level of intimidation.

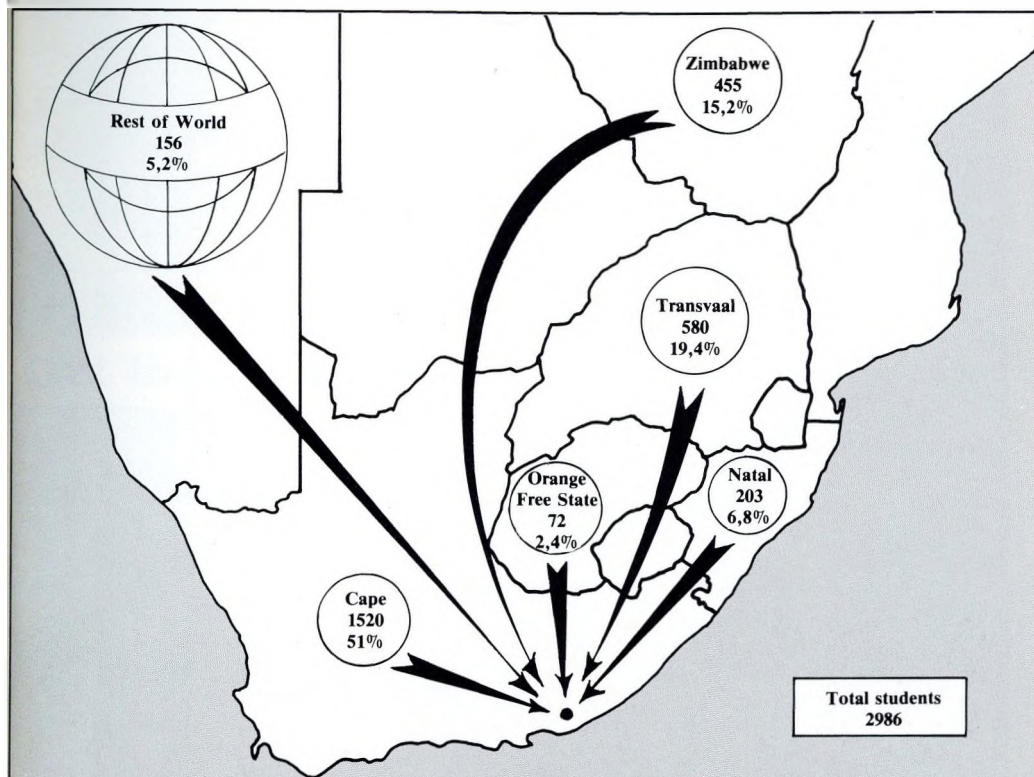
In our individual capacities we have frequently placed on record our opposition in principle to arbitrary arrests and interrogation, detention without trial, bannings and other extra-legal, administrative forms of interference with personal liberty. We further believe that many activities of this nature by the authorities, far from being conducive to the maintenance of peaceful public order, tend to subvert it; and we consider it our solemn duty to call on the authorities to refrain from provocation of this kind.



*Lunch-hour concerts arranged by the Music Department are held on St Peter's lawn several times a year.*



# Geographic Origin of Students 1981



*Rhodes University students come from far and wide to Grahamstown. This map shows a breakdown of the student body according to geographic origin.*

## Old Rhodian Union

The Old Rhodian Union has had an active year. Old Rhodian gatherings have been held in a variety of centres in South Africa, Zimbabwe and the United Kingdom. A member of the Rhodes staff attended each function, to keep Old Rhodians in touch with present-day developments on campus.

In addition the Old Rhodian newsletter was sent out twice during the year, in July and December, and the Rhodes Review, which also goes to all donors and friends of the University was sent out in mid-year.

An Old Rhodian reunion was held at the University in July to coincide with the Five Roses Festival of the Arts. During the reunion, Judge D Cloete, President of the Union, announced plans for the formation of a museum of Rhodiana and called on all Old Rhodians to provide whatever memorabilia they could for the museum.

# Student Numbers 1981

		Arts	Commerce	Divinity	Education	Law	Pharmacy	Science	Social Science
Under-graduates	1981	858	520	40	95	8	395	349	66
	1980	871	441	40	123	9	428	306	59
Post-graduates	1981	244	48	8	103	59	16	118	9
	1980	217	37	14	138	64	16	109	9
Total	1981	1102	568	48	198	67	411	467	75
	1980	1088	478	54	261	73	444	415	68

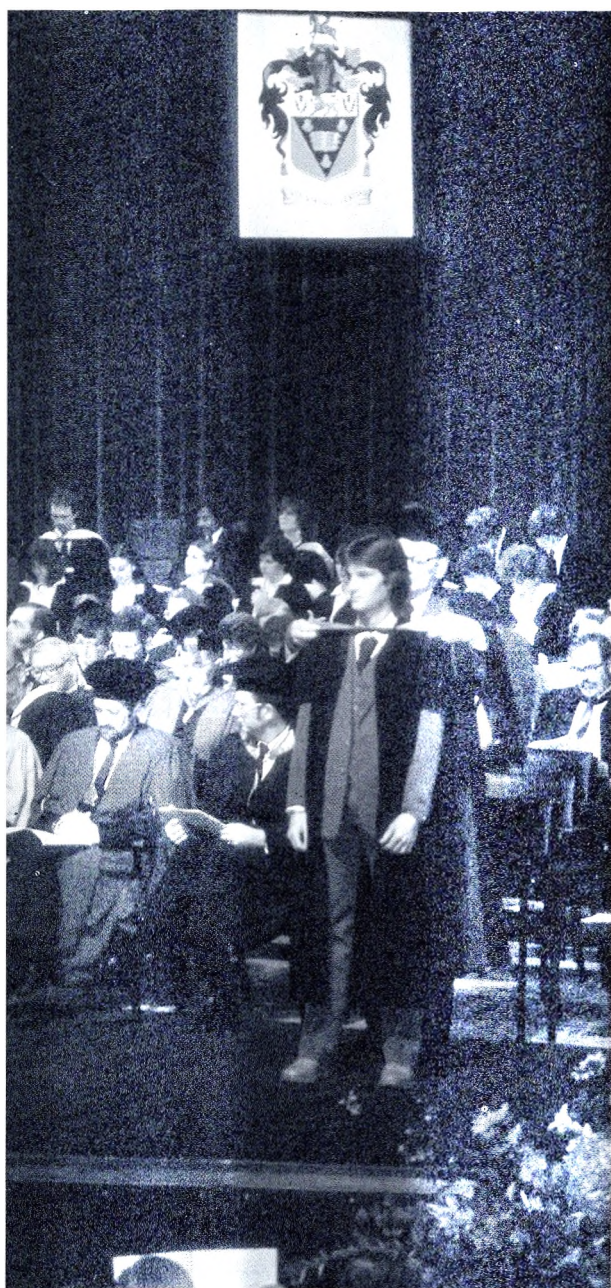
As this report is printed before graduation there may be changes to the April 1982 awards.  
Final figures will appear in next year's report.

## Graduation April 1982

Under-graduate Diplomas/Certificates	1982	3	14	2	43	—	—	—	—
	1981	10	17	—	35	—	—	—	—
Bachelor's Degrees	1982	196	78	8	14	—	78	71	16
	1981	212	66	8	—	3	71	58	12
Post-graduate Diplomas/Certificates	1982	6	6	—	49	—	—	—	—
	1981	8	17	2	63	—	—	—	—
Second Degrees	1982	65	10	—	—	25	—	31	1
	1981	47	4	—	30	24	—	24	2
Master's Degrees	1982	9	—	—	1	—	2	15	—
	1981	19	1	—	2	—	3	20	1
Doctorates	1982	5	—	—	—	—	1	6	—
	1981	3	1	1	—	—	—	1	1
Total Diplomas & Certificates	1982	9	20	2	92	—	—	—	—
	1981	18	34	2	98	—	—	—	—
Total degrees	1982	275	88	8	15	25	81	123	17
	1981	281	72	9	32	27	74	103	16
Total awards	1982	284	108	10	107	25	81	123	17
	1981	299	106	11	130	27	74	103	16



Occasional students	Total	%
50	2381	79,7
33	2914	79,3
—	605	20,3
—	604	20,7
50	2986	100
33	2914	100
Total		
	62	
	62	
	461	
	430	
	61	
	90	
	132	
	131	
	27	
	46	
	12	
	7	
	123	
	152	
	632	
	614	
	755	
	766	



*A Journalism/Political Science Honours degree was conferred on Mr Shaun Johnson in April. With a choice of a Fulbright scholarship, a British Council award and a Rhodes Scholarship, Mr Johnson chose the latter. He intends studying for an M Phil degree at Oxford in 1982.*

# Departmental Reports

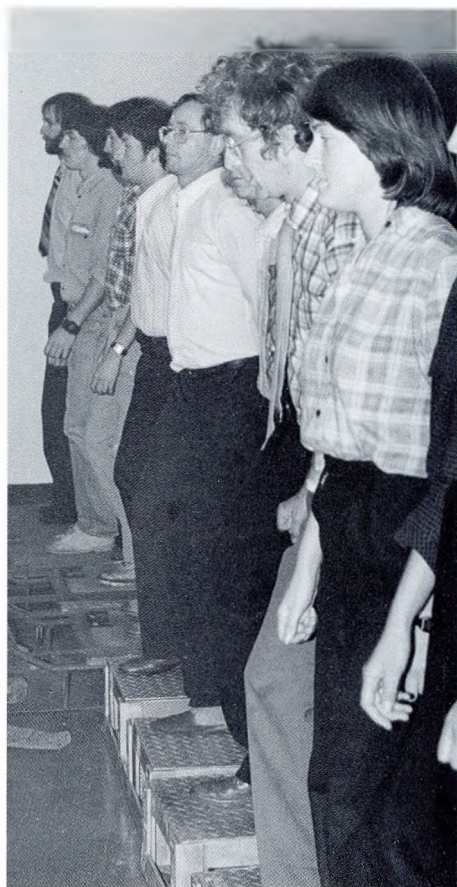
In the *Department of Accounting*, two of our students were in the top ten in South Africa of the 1 102 candidates who sat for the Public Accountants and Auditors Board Examination in May.

Professor D Fivaz, Head of the *Department of African Languages* was re-elected Chairman of the African Languages Association of South Africa. He has played a major part in guiding this new enterprise through its first years.

Staff members of the *Department of Afrikaans en Nederlands* have been active during the year in the promotion of the teaching of Afrikaans. Members of the department lectured at a Winter School for local Black pupils organized by the Grahamstown Area Distress Relief Association and the 1820 Foundation. An in-service training course for Black Afrikaans teachers was organized on behalf of the Foundation in collaboration with the Department of Education and Training and the Ciskei Department of Education.

An innovation in the *Department of Chemistry* was a highly successful industrial tour of the Reef during the September vacation. Students were able to meet directors, research managers, factory managers and professional chemists in some of South Africa's major mining and chemical industries, thus giving them a clear picture of the vital role chemistry plays in today's industrial development. Plans are already under way for a similar tour in 1982.

Owing to the tremendous increase in enrolment for the B Sc (Information Processing) degree, the *Department of Computer Science* doubled its first year intake in 1981. The department has initiated several co-operative ventures with other institutions in the area, one result of which has been the attendance of several postgraduate students from the University of Port Elizabeth at an honours course in microprocessors. Third year students in the department have developed a number of computer assisted learning packages for use at schools. These



*Chemistry staff and students underwent physiological tests in the industrial hygiene laboratory at the Chamber of Mines during a tour of Reef industries in September.*

efforts will be expanded as more schools acquire microprocessors.

Ten bursaries of R2 500 each have been made available for 1982 by the Anglo-American Chairman's Fund for Black, Coloured and Indian graduates or teachers to improve their qualifications through the Rhodes *Department of Education*. At the first year level, registration was low at the beginning of 1981, a phenomenon attributable possibly to the adverse publicity concerning teachers' salaries during the previous year. However, with increases announced in 1981, enrolment applications for 1982 look very healthy.

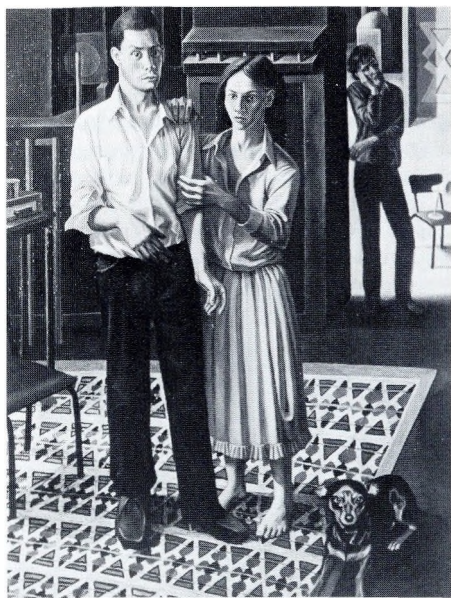


The *Electron Microscopy Unit* celebrated the 50th year since the invention of the electron microscope with an exhibition organized by the Albany Museum. The unit, which operates as a Faculty of Science service facility, acquired a new microscope, a JEOL JEM 100CX 11 at a cost of R140 000 this year. The unit now has three electron microscopes and a comprehensive range of ancillary equipment to accommodate research scientists in several disciplines.

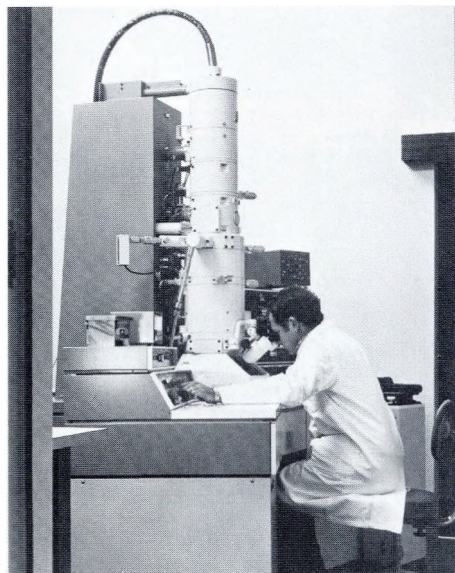
The *Fine Art Department* acquired a new Head of Department, Professor Robert Brooks, in July. The exhibition hall was completely refurbished and four major exhibitions were held between August and November. Student photographic work was also exhibited at the Port Elizabeth Technikon in September.

The *Department of History* has had a good year in terms of work published by its members. These included "Working for Boroko" by Marian Lacey, a re-interpretation of the Hertzog era in South African history, and "The House of Phalo" by Jeffrey Peires, the first general history for over fifty years of the emergence of the Xhosa nation. Members of the department are working from fifteen different primary source materials on 19th century Eastern Cape history in their capacities as members of the editorial board of the Graham's Town Series. Half of these projects are expected to be completed during 1982. Honours graduate Mr Jeremy Ive has taken up a research scholarship to Christ College, Cambridge, where he will do research into aspects of the English Civil War.

Members of the *Faculty of Divinity* have made contact with diverse groups of ecclesiastics this year through attendance at, amongst others, a conference in Rome on New Testament Studies, a Judaeo-Christian Buddhist Dialogue at the Buddhist Retreat Centre, Ixopo, Natal, and a conference in York, England on Parish Renewal within the Contemporary Church. At the same time, visitors to the department from other countries helped to strengthen the dialogue between people of different faiths.



*"Interior". This painting by Fine Art student L Coetzee has been bought by the University for the University Collection to be housed next year in the Rhodes Union.*



*Mr Robin Cross of the Electron Microscopy Unit made a trip to Japan this year to negotiate the purchase of the most advanced electron microscope available.*

A well-attended and successful conference, 'Careers in Economics' was organized by the *Department of Economics* in May, in conjunction with the extremely active student society AIESEC (International Association of Commerce and Economics Students). Miss Gaile Hambly attended an AIESEC conference in Belgium in February and in May the International Chairman of the society, Ms Joan Wilson, visited



*Professor H H Smith retired this year after 32 years at Rhodes. He was Head of the Department of Business Administration and had been Dean of Commerce for 15 years (1963-1978).*



*Professor H Schutte, Head of the Department of Mathematics and Dean of Arts left us at the end of this year for Stellenbosch University. He is seen here with his wife Sylvia.*

Rhodes in the course of a tour organized by the South Africa Foundation. AIESEC also organized a Commerce Week programme with guest speakers ranging from freelance economist Symond Fiske to insurance expert Margaret Naidoo. The department was most disappointed to hear that its proposed B Com (Agricultural Management) degree had been turned down by government. Plans are afoot to re-motivate the idea during 1982.

The formerly separate Departments of Pure Mathematics and of Applied Mathematics merged this year into a single *Department of Mathematics (Pure and Applied)*, which now offers graduate courses in the mathematics of modern theories of matter. The department has also acquired a series of colour films from the Mathematics Association of America to assist in the teaching of undergraduate calculus.

The *Department of Music* organized a full programme of interesting extra-mural concerts and seminars, ranging from outdoor lunchtime concerts, a course in the Carl Orff school music method, a piano workshop by international pianist Ren  Reznek, to a three-day conference in September on ethnomusicology held in conjunction with the International Library of African Music headed by Andrew Tracey. Contributors included Dr David Rycroft from London University, Zulu diviners from Natal, and the pop group Juluka.

In the Motor Learning Laboratory of the *Department of Physical Education* a start was made in presenting a course in motor improvement, and assistance was given in the development of motor skills in impaired children in the Grahamstown area. Outdoor education has developed in 1981, with students leading groups of school children, in a link-up between the Education Department, local schools and the Albany Outdoor Society. A team of students from the Sport Sciences Centre participated in the South African Games Anthropometrical Measurement project in Durban.

Visitors to the department have included groups of Johannesburg businessmen; Dr Gerrit Viljoen, the Minister of National Education; Dr John Powell, an ex-Rhodes



lecturer, now a professor at Guelph University in Canada; and Mr C K Yang of Taiwan, ex-Olympic record holder in the decathlon and pole-vault.

Plans have also been laid for closer contact between Rhodes and the Ministry of Sport in Transkei, whereby Rhodes would help to train groups of physical education teachers from that country in the new year.

Another department to report strong links with Transkei is the *Department of Psy-*

*chology*. Visits to and from honours students at Rhodes and the University of the Transkei form part of the transcultural psychology section of the honours degree. These visits provide students with a total learning experience through socialization and academic contact. Professor D Kruger's book 'An Introduction to Phenomenological Psychology', first published by Juta, was published internationally by the Duquesne University Press, Pennsylvania, this year.



*Physical Education students perform a graceful gymnastic exercise.*



*Thembu musicians played traditional Cape Nguni musical instruments, Uhadi bows, at the ethnomusicology conference held at Rhodes.*

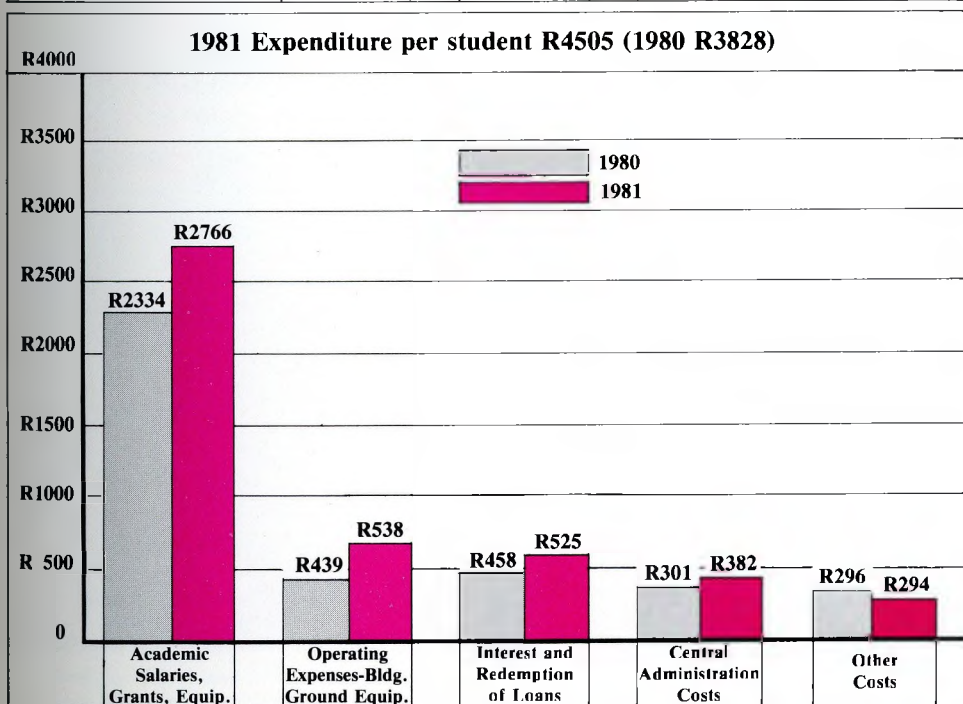
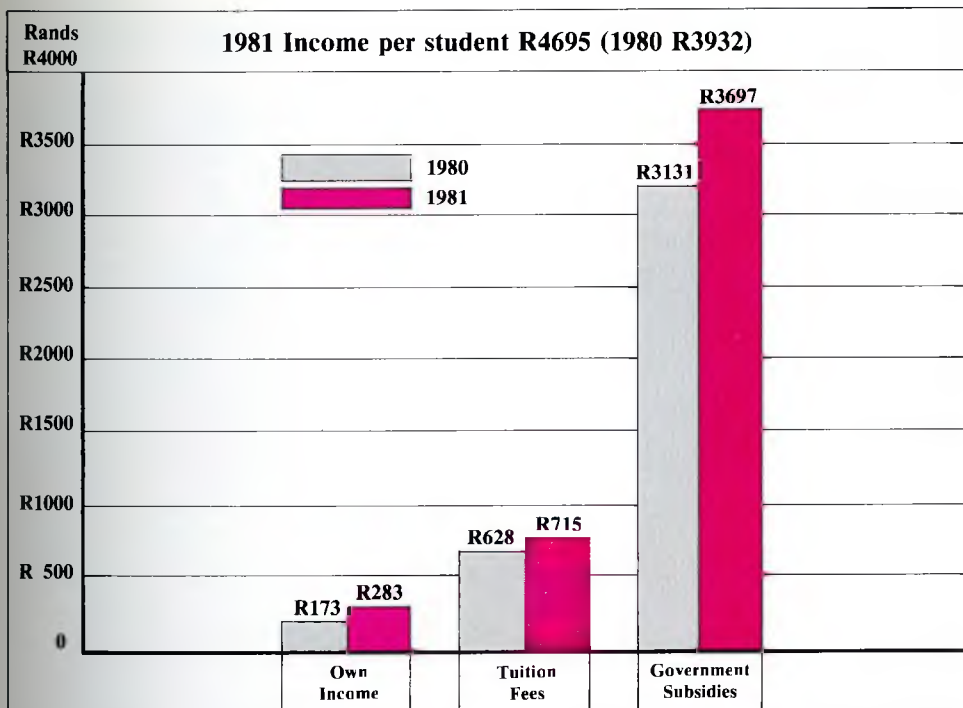
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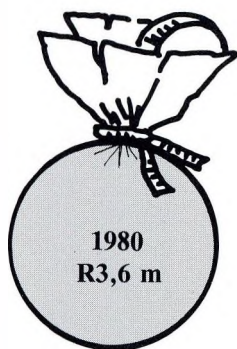
The University's finances continue to be soundly based. The benefits of maintaining sensible levels of reserves are beginning to manifest themselves, allowing replacement equipment to be purchased out of income generated by such reserves rather than from the reserves themselves.

The favourable liquidity ratio enabled the University to take advantage of high interest rates on offer during the early part of the year resulting in an investment income of approximately half a million rand. This liquidity will enable construction of the Quad II project to continue at full pace despite the lag between payments to contractors and receipt of government subsidies.

	R000s 1981	R000s 1980
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>13,453</b>	<b>11,155</b>
Academic salaries, grants, equipment etc.	8,258 (61%)	6,801 (61%)
Operating expenses — buildings, grounds and equipment	1,608 (12%)	1,279 (11%)
Interest and redemption of loans (gross)	1,568 (12%)	1,336 (12%)
Central administration	1,142 ( 8%)	,876 ( 8%)
Other — including transfer to Replacement Reserve	,877 ( 7%)	,863 ( 8%)
<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>14,020</b>	<b>11,457</b>
Government Subsidies/Grants	11,041 (79%)	9,124 (80%)
Fees	2,134 (15%)	1,828 (16%)
Other	,338 ( 2%)	,295 ( 2%)
Investments	,507 ( 4%)	,210 ( 2%)



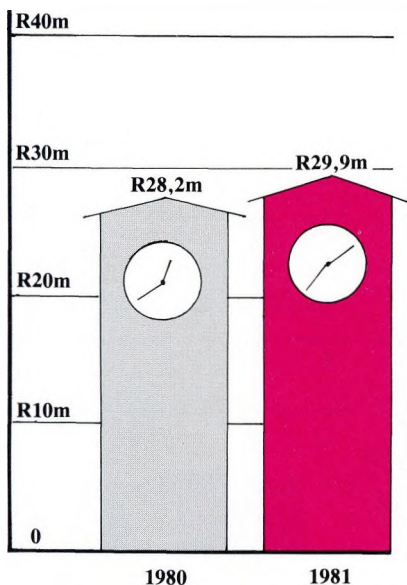




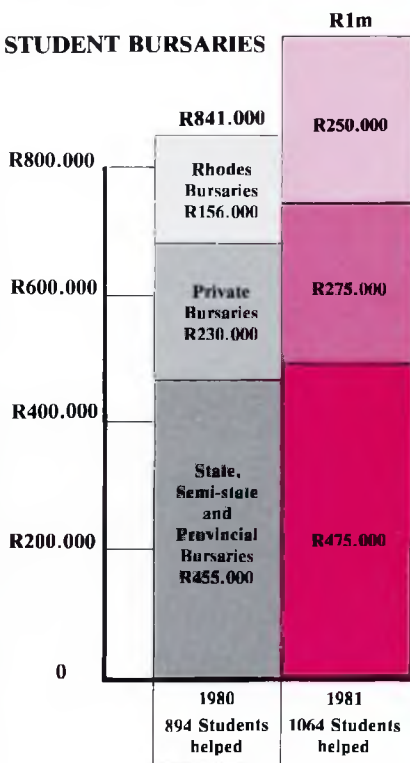
## INVESTMENTS

### FIXED ASSETS

The University had fixed assets worth R29,9 million (1980 R28,2m) at the end of 1981. Long term loans totalled R18,8 million (1980 R17,2m).



### STUDENT BURSARIES





# Visitors and Conferences

There have been many distinguished visitors to Rhodes in 1981 and many members of our staff have conducted research and attended conferences both at home and abroad.

Visitors came to Rhodes from the University of Iowa, the Free University of Berlin, the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, from Melbourne Australia, from Lusaka Zambia, Michigan USA, Reading England, Guelph University Canada, Boston USA, Edinburgh Scotland, Christchurch New Zealand, the University of Zimbabwe, The Wesleyan University USA, from Oxford, Cambridge and almost every university in South Africa. At the same time, Rhodes staff have travelled to many corners of the world. Mr J S Claughton of the Department of African Languages attended the Summer Linguistic Institute at Cornell University, USA. Professor J N Suggit of the Department of Divinity researched the gospel of St John at Lincoln Theological College United Kingdom. Professor Guy Butler worked in the Bodleian Library Oxford in July. Mr J S Gouws from the Rhodes Department of English researched the prose work of Fulke Greville at Oxford and London Universities.

Mrs S M Railton studied the development of the French novel in the past decade at UCLA (University of California, Los Angeles). Professor R Mason was the Visiting Fellow in Exploration Geology at Queens University, Canada. Dr M N Bruton, acting head of the newly established Department of Ichthyology and Fisheries Science did research work and carried out discussions in London, Paris, and Washington DC. Professor L Switzer of the Department of Journalism attended seminars at ten different universities in the United Kingdom. Professor T de Wet of the Department of Mathematical Statistics undertook research at the Universities of Michigan, Iowa and Texas A and M. Dr S T Sommerville of the Department of Philosophy worked on the Bertrand Russell Editorial Project in London. Professor G de Jager, holder of the new Federale Electronics Chair of Electronics was a Visiting Fellow at the Australian National University. Mrs M A MacDonald completed her PhD at Oregon State University immediately prior to her appointment to the Rhodes Physics and Electronics department. Dr I D Railton of the Department of Plant Sciences undertook research at UCLA. Mr M Frost of the Department of



*Dr Derek Henderson and Dr and Mrs L G Viljoen on a tour of the Rhodes campus during the Minister of National Education's visit in July this year.*

Political Studies went to London to do research into international relations. Professor D Kruger, head of the Department of Psychology, undertook research into phenomenological psychology in Europe and the USA. Professor M Roberts from the Institute of Social and Economic Research was a Visiting Fellow of Trevelyan College, Durham University, and visited Stockholm for research purposes. Mr P C Heemstra of the JLB Smith Institute of Ichthyology visited museums in Paris, Vienna, Frankfurt-am-Main, Hamburg, Stuttgart, Leiden, Berlin, London and Washington DC for purposes of taxonomic research.

twenty minutes to spare. One of our staff members who visited Rome this year was Mr R C G Palmer from Anthropology who delivered a paper at the conference Mediterranean VI. Mr A W Stone from Geography attended both the Institute of British Geographers Conference in Leicester and the Hydrogeological group of the Geological Society in Birmingham. Professor L E Switzer from the Department of Journalism and Media Studies attended a conference on International Communications in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Dr D A Hendry and Professor J F E Newman of Microbiology attended the International



*At Intersarsity 1981*

A number of staff members have been to congresses and conferences abroad. Professor André Brink attended the International Writers' Reunion in Lahti, Finland; Dr W F Jonkheere attended the Algemene Conferentie der Nederlande and the Conference of Vlamingen in de Wereld in Belgium. Professor J Gledhill was involved in the planning of two international scientific conferences held simultaneously in Scotland and the USA. Split-second timing got him from Washington DC to Edinburgh with

Congress of Virology in Strasbourg, France. The Pharmaceutical Sciences staff had a particularly adventurous year during which Professor I Kanfer attended the American Pharmaceutical Association Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences in San Antonio, Texas, Dr. N T Naidoo and Mr L T Paton were at the International Pharmaceutical Federation Conference in Vienna, Austria, and Professor B Potgieter attended the International Congress of the Pharmaceutical Society in Japan.





*At a party held in April in the original Drostdy Lodge, home of the Rhodes English Department, are (from left) Professor M van Wyk Smith, the author Jack Cope, and Professor Guy Butler.*



*The teaching staff and students who read for their BA Honours degrees in English-Second-Language: They are (back left) Professor L W Lanham, the course director, and Mr David Segathle, (front from left) Mrs Grace Duba, a Senior English teacher at a Port Elizabeth high school, Mr Joe Pitt, Mrs Mary-Louise Cobbing, lecturer, and Mr Marcus Parsotam, Headmaster of the Mary Waters School in Grahamstown. Mr Segathle was awarded a scholarship to the University of Michigan, and Mr Pitt a Fulbright scholarship to the United States of America. Mrs Duba will be joining the Rhodes academic staff next year.*





*Speech and Drama students put on a modern dance display at the opening of an exhibition of the work of Ken Robinson at the 1820 Monument in April.*

During the course of the year, a number of conferences were held at or supported by the University. In January, an International Conference on Tick Biology and Control was held, organized jointly by the Rhodes Tick Research Unit and the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research. Delegates from Australia and other countries with tick control problems attended.

A symposium for Latin teachers was held in June at which new methods of teaching were discussed, such as teaching young children to speak Latin for fun, as opposed to learning it merely as a dead language. Children at the GADRA Winter School and the Schools festival organized by the 1820 Foundation, received instruction in a variety of subjects from Rhodes University lecturers. The South African Pharmacy Students Federation met at the 1820 Monument, involving Rhodes Pharmacy staff and students to a very large extent.

The 12th Annual Congress for Sociology in Southern Africa was held at the University in July at which papers were read by Rhodes staff members.

The beneficial effects of correct physical exercise as part of the treatment for cardiac patients was the subject of a meeting of Eastern Province medical men held at the Rhodes Sport Sciences Centre. The Spring



*The Annual Garden Party held after Graduation was a colourful occasion, with music provided by the Wind Band, conducted by Dr Albert Honey.*



Philosophical Colloquium was held at Rhodes in September. At a conference for teacher-psychologists, also held in September, the role of careers guidance was discussed as well as the educational requirements of teacher-psychologists. At the end of September the Second International Conference of Ethnomusicology was held jointly by the ILAM section of the Institute of Social and Economic Research and the Music department. The Computer Society of South Africa met at Rhodes this year, as did the Eastern Cape Branch of the South African Geographical Society.

Inaugural lectures delivered in 1981 were those of Professor W A Mitchell, head of the Department of Social Work, Professor M van Wyk Smith, head of the Department of English, and "twin" inaugurals delivered on the same evening by Professor D E A Rivett and Professor T M Letcher, both from the Department of Chemistry.

The Rhodes Commemoration Lecture was delivered by Professor G A Shepperson of Edinburgh University on the subject of "Cecil John Rhodes: Some Biographical Problems", while Professor J N Suggit from the Rhodes Department of Divinity delivered the Bishop Grosseteste Memorial



*Rag Queen this year was Miss Jenni Bainbridge. Altogether R33 000 was raised and distributed amongst 30 charities.*

Lecture in Lincoln Cathedral, England, entitled "The Agony and the Ecstasy: The Role of the Church in South Africa".

Early in February, the University was saddened by the death of the Chairman of



*In April, law student Mr John Fletcher visited various schools in the Eastern Cape to discuss different aspects of university life. In the picture, Mr Fletcher talks to pupils at a Port Elizabeth school.*

Council, Mr Justice Norman T Addleson. Mr J S Levy was elected Chairman in his place and Mr L B Green Vice-Chairman.

Professor M Roberts, Honorary Fellow at the Institute of Social and Economic Research received the King's Medal on the ribbon of the Seraphim from the King of Sweden for the contribution he has made to research into Swedish history.

At Graduation in April, honorary degrees were conferred on John Day, Jack Cope and Lucy Mvubelo. Dr Stanley Shuttleworth, former head of the Leather Industries Research Institute received an honorary doctorate from the University of the Orange Free State and Dr H Gluckman, a member of our Board of Governors was awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of the Witwatersrand.

Once again one of our students was awarded a Rhodes scholarship. Mr Shaun Johnson, received one of the four "Whole of South Africa" Rhodes scholarships. Mr Joe Pitt was awarded a Fullbright Scholarship to the United States of America, and several other students were offered British Council awards for study in the United Kingdom.

Finally, I should like to say that the major asset of a good university is not merely a combination of the knowledge offered and the surroundings in which that knowledge is imparted, but is embodied in the commitment, dedication and sheer hard work of the people who serve that university. When I look over the accomplishments of a year and what has been achieved by a team of which I am proud to be a member, I realize that there is nothing I would rather do than the work I am doing now. I could hardly ask for more.

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