



Farewell, Dr Jacot

The death on May 7 of Dr Amy Frances May Gordon Jacot Guillarmod (born Hean) has saddened family, friends and colleagues at Rhodes, the Albany Museum and in the Grahamstown community at large.

'Dr Jacot', as she was affectionately known, would have celebrated her 81st birthday on May 23, a birthdate she was proud to share with Linnaeus.

She leaves her son, Francois, his wife, Sandra and three grandchildren. Dr Jacot Guillarmod was born at Hillcrest, Natal in 1911. As her father was in the Royal Naval Reserve, she spent much of her childhood in Durban and Cape Town.

Her mother taught her at home until she was 11, when she began her formal schooling in Scotland. This was completed at Durban Girls High School.

She went on to St Andrew's University, Scotland, where she read for an MA in English and History. Having completed this, she realized that Science was her natural bent and she read for a BSc in Botany and Zoology.

Her DSc was awarded by the same University in the 1960s for her work on the flora of Lesotho.

On her return to South Africa, she taught in Durban before becoming a researcher in the Plant Pathology Division of the Department of Agriculture in Pretoria, where she studied virus diseases and market garden and tobacco diseases until her marriage, when she moved to Lesotho.

In 1940 she began a survey of the flora of what was then Basutoland. During the 20 years spent in Lesotho, she also lectured at the University College of Basutoland and was, briefly, head of the department of Botany.

Her intensive study of the flora of Lesotho finally culminated, in 1971, in the publication of her definitive work, *Flora of Lesotho*, which has remained a basic reference for anyone interested in montane flora.

In 1958, when her husband joined the staff of the Albany Museum in Grahamstown, Dr Jacot Guillarmod was appointed as a lecturer in the department of Botany at Rhodes. She later became a Senior Lecturer and retired in 1973.

In 1975 she became a Research Associate in the department of Zoology and Entomology at Rhodes, where she joined researchers in the Institute of Freshwater Studies, and concentrated her studies in large water plants.

During her time at the Institute, she was co-author of the *Limnological Bibliography for Africa South of the Sahara*.

She was also a researcher in the Albany Museum Herbarium, which falls under the National Herbarium in Pretoria.

During her career, Dr Jacot Guillarmod wrote and co-wrote over 200 papers and collected some 10 000 plant specimens.

The Botanical Research Institute of the Department of Agriculture and Water Supply dedicated Volume 50 of its Journal *The Flowering Plants of Africa* to Dr Jacot Guillarmod in June 1988, in recognition of her immense contribution to southern African botany.

She was a fellow of the Linnean Society in London and an Honorary Life Member of the Limnological Society of Southern Africa.

"She was one of the genuine botanical pioneers of southern Africa and was also one of those important people who are able to make science intelligible to non-scientists", said Professor Randall Hepburn, head of the department of Zoology and Entomology, on learning of her death.

"She had a giving spirit and was never too busy to help anyone. She was doing research and publishing almost until her death. This tiny little woman was a gentle giant", he said.

Dr Jacot Guillarmod was a woman of great and simple faith and was much-loved as a faithful congregant at Christ Church, Grahamstown.



Dr Derek Henderson, Vice-Chancellor, presented four more Thomas Alty Awards to staff who have completed higher degrees. Those who received the awards were: (from the left): Mrs Zena Jacobson, (MA), Dr Henderson, Mr John Stuart, (MComm), and Dr Steven Fourie (PhD) in Theology and Systematic Theology.



Hobson House recently celebrated its 25th anniversary with a teaparty for present and former students. Mrs Lil Haigh and Mrs Debbie Longhurst, founder members of the House, were there. They are holding a portrait of Professor Winnie Maxwell, the first Warden

Are you feeling you've missed the bus?

If you feel that your department, institute or research institute has been left out of the limelight for too long and you need some help in telling the world what you're up to, help is on the way.

Mr Kerry Swift, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Journalism and Media Studies, runs a course in public relations for fourth-year and Honours students, which has a large practical component.

The students are required to produce a portfolio of workable ideas for each 'client' and then implement them. These should include press releases, promotional brochures, posters and leaflets, or even promotional videos - in fact any aspect of public relations that is required.

If you would like to have one of his students assigned to you for this practical section of the course, please call Kerry on ext 338 to discuss the matter.

RUSA News

Financial matters

RUSA is currently the custodian of some R19 000. This is invested at just 1% below the going 32 day call rate.

Some time ago the Executive Committee decided that when this magical figure was reached staff at Rhodes should be given the opportunity to suggest how best to manage these funds. Several suggestions have been received.

- Build the fund to R20 000 then offer three bursaries of R1 000 each to secondary school pupils, children of Rhodes staff.
- Lend the money to deserving staff for education, health-care or distress relief purposes only. Maximum loan, R500, repayable over 12 months, interest at 15%.

In making suggestions please bear in mind an important constraint. RUSA does not have a strong administrative arm. This means that any decision must be able to be implemented and maintained with a minimum of administration.

Please address your ideas to The Treasurer, RUSA,

c/o Public Relations.
John Eller, Treasurer

Promotion: Non-academic staff

After raising the question of the criteria to be used in evaluating Personal Promotion applications, RUSA was asked to clarify its standpoint.

In a letter to the Administration, RUSA said it seemed that the criteria used for academics had been transferred, with minor amendments, to non-academics. It indicated that not only should the criteria be reviewed to ensure that they were appropriate for administrative, technical and service staff, but also that the system itself be examined to establish its viability for non-academics.

RUSA further suggested that it may be necessary for an educational input to be made for whatever system was found to be the most suitable.

RUSA now awaits a response from the Administration.

RUSA Executive

COSAW to sponsor three literary awards

The Congress of South African Writers is sponsoring three literary prizes this year: the Nadine Gordimer Short Story Award, the Alex la Guma / Bessie Head Fiction Award and the Mankayi Sontonga Short Story Award.

Writers who have not had a collection of stories published may submit a maximum of two stories of up to 5 000 words, in any South African language, for the Nadine Gordimer Short Story Award. The work must be original, unpublished and not have been entered before. The prizes are book vouchers to the value of R500.00.

The Alex la Guma / Bessie Head Fiction Award offers a prize of R5000.00 for an unpublished South African novel or collection of short stories.

Novels of no less than 50 000

words or six short stories will qualify.

The Mankayi Sontonga Short Story Award is for a story of no less than 5 000 words in any indigenous language other than English or Afrikaans. The award aims to correct the imbalance evident in the fact that the majority of literary awards open to all South Africans are dominated by work in English.

The winner of the award will receive R1 000.00.

The closing date for all three awards is July 31, 1992. Winners will be informed in October and November.

Entries, under the name of the relevant award, should be sent to COSAW, P O Box 421007, Fordsburg, 2033. For more information, phone Andries Oliphant at (011)833-2530.

Visit the world's flowers

Under the title of 'Floriade', the World Horticultural Exhibition - a once in ten years event - is to be held in Holland.

In 1992, the year of European unity, this 'Floriade' will be something special.

Set in 68 hectare of parkland, the highlights start with exhibitions, flowers, bulbs, pot plants, trees, vegetables and and fruit from every corner of the globe. Then there are the pavilions, thrilling attractions, art, culture and special events.

A visit to 'Floriade' is the first day of a two-week September in Europe tour organized by the Port Elizabeth 1820 Settler Association. Travel by air-conditioned coach taking the

winding road along the river Rhine down to Heidelberg, then on to Munich home of the famous Oktoberfest. The mountains of Austria, the scenic splendour of Switzerland, well-known Parisian landmarks such as the Louvre, Notre Dame Cathedral, and a visit to the Palace of Versailles form part of the tour, which continues with a trip by coach/hoverspeed across the Channel to London. After a full day's sightseeing tour including Westminster Abbey, the Houses of Parliament, St Paul's Cathedral, the Tower of London etc, either fly home the next day or stay on to visit relatives or friends. Interested? Phone Hilda at (041) 55-3416.

Applications are invited for the following post from as early a date as possible:

Senior Technical Officer

Department of Ichthyology and Fisheries Science

Candidates should have experience in: General Ichthyology and Fisheries Science research techniques, including fishing gear and research equipment construction and maintenance; photography; outboard motor maintenance; fish culture and hatchery techniques; specimen preparation for practicals and display; woodwork and mechanics. Computer literacy is essential.

Application forms and salary particulars may be obtained from Miss D Inge, Personnel Division, (ext 115)

Closing date: 22 May, 1992.



"It's the call of the wild."

Some PC Questions and Answers

by Tracey Chambers

(Continued from last issue)

Setting up a serial printer in WordPerfect

1. Press **Shift F7**, (S)elect, move to the printer you want to set (E)dit, (P)ort. Select the port corresponding to the printer.

2. It is seldom that an Olympia typewriter is set for a parallel port. If you have selected a serial port (COM1, COM2) you will be prompted for more information.

The following are standard settings for most Olympia typewriters connected to computers at Rhodes:

- a. The (B)aud (1) or speed at which information is sent to the printer. Most typewriters are set at 1200 (5). Laser printers and dot matrix are usually 9600 (8).
- b. If your printer is set to use 9600 baud, it is recommended that you also set (X)ON/XOFF to "Yes".

3. Press **F7** twice to return to the menu and (S)elect (1) the printer.

4. Attempt to print a document. Should the document not print, check the Printer Control (**Shift F7**, 4).

If the Message informs you that the printer is not accepting characters, it is possible that you have not selected the correct port (check first that the printer is online and that all the plugs are secure).

If you follow the above steps to change the port again, ensure that you have cancelled the first print job (**Shift F7**, 4, 1) before sending a new test to the printer.

With the correct combination of the plug in the correct port and the printer set up correctly in WordPerfect you should be printing within a very short while.

5. Once you have correctly set up your printer(s), make a note of each of them, including: the port that they each use and other information eg. baud etc.

Keep this information handy as it will be useful should you experience any problems or should you require to set up another printer.

The information provided is intended as a guideline. Should you still experience any difficulties contact Tracey Chambers at PC Support (Ext. 288).

Letters

The Editor

I wrote this little bit of satirical criticism on the often trivial and worthless research sometimes done for higher degrees and the self-importance and intellectual arrogance of some of the researchers many years ago. After careful consideration, I decided to keep it to myself, for fear of offending some of my colleagues. But now, after some 40 or 50 years, it could, I think, see the light of day without offending anyone.

Distinguished Scientist Returns to South Africa

Professor Nystagmus V Contrex, the well-known professor of Cheiropterology, gave an interview today to our reporter on board the 'Ivory Castle', (his favourite ship), on his return home after seven months of arduous and exciting research done in the belfries of Flanders.

He was accompanied by his grandmother. "I am pleased to report" said the professor, who looked somewhat pale, but quite fit, after his very strenuous time in Flanders, "several important and exciting discoveries. We have, for instance, definitely established the fact that *Pipistrells Nutticaphalus* has only one hundred hairs on the middle phalange of the fourth toe, and not two hundred, as hitherto believed. And it cuts its back teeth irregularly, the wisdom teeth coming several months before the pre-molars. This settles a long-standing controversy that has held up the classification of the

galoepitheci. "The field work" he added, "was very exacting, and often highly dangerous, for, besides the extreme difficulty and fatigue of climbing the numerous belfries, the excited bats were likely to fly straight into one's face, sometimes inflicting wounds with their claws that could be extremely septic."

The professor, it appears, was greatly and very ably assisted in his work by his grandmother, who, having spent many years of her childhood in India, has naturally mastered the famous rope trick. This unexpected proficiency was of great assistance to them in tackling the belfries. She also devised an ingenious method of treating the sores caused by the bats. If the mouth is applied to the affected part, and stimulated to salivate freely, while the breath is inspired and expired vigorously, it will be found that the agony gradually abates.

Bats, according to the professor, should never be allowed to gain entry into any belfry, for they almost always tend to become an unsupportable nuisance. In the gloom and vacuity of the average belfry, the disturbance and discord caused by even a single bat can hardly be overestimated, and can easily become a public menace. He himself, he added, had got rid of his belfry many years ago. He dislikes bells, and spends all his spare time, (which of course is very limited), with his trumpet.

D M Morton

The Editor

There have been a number of letters of late written regarding the appearance of the campus etc. I believe a response is necessary both to inform and put the story straight.

It pleases me that there are so many people at Rhodes who care about the appearance of the campus and take an interest in what happens or doesn't happen. This, of course, does make it rather difficult to meet expectations because there are so many different ones - that is where the challenge comes in.

Dead Palms

Dominic Thorburn's letter (*Rhodos* 16/4/92) refers to the dying palms. According to my experience of this in other parts of the country the problem is: There is a white grub, similar to the large ones found in compost heaps, which bores down the centre of the palm into the growing tip, thereby destroying it. Unfortunately, once this is observed it is usually too late as the damage is

already done.

The palm has a single growing point - not like a tree which would develop side growth when something such as this happened. A number of the palms at Market Square have suffered similarly. Remedy is difficult as it requires aerial spraying of insecticides to penetrate the crown. The insecticide itself is quite toxic. Until recently we did not have the equipment to spray to such a height. The person spraying in such a situation needs to be well protected as there is potential for spray drift.

Gardens

Bess Allen's letter (*Rhodos* - 16/4/92) The country has been in the grip of its worst drought in over 30 years - longer than most folks have worked at Rhodes - this has had its impact on the University's water supply, from six boreholes. The volume has decreased and the quality of water has deteriorated over the last few years. What Mrs

Allen does not report is the fact that her Hall (Oriel) as well as Founders, St Mary, the Great Hall, and Hobson have not had a supply of borehole water for over two years - since the borehole at the Great Hall dried up. Furthermore, we have not been allowed to use municipal water due to the restrictions imposed by the Municipality on 1/7/92. Therefore, the gardens in that very hot, sun-baked part of the campus have had to rely on what little rainfall there has been.

We have been unwilling to do large-scale planting of the area for fear of loss of the material.

With reference to the House Warden's garden at Beit House, it needs to be noted that the area referred to is approximately 100m² and that most, if not all, the plants were supplied by Grounds and Gardens at no cost to the House Warden - whose efforts were much appreciated.

The removal of the roses to Jamieson were the result of a decision taken to relandscape Quad II and

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Grounds and Gardens had to implement this before the year began. They were used to replace others which had been removed without permission as they formed part of the rose garden in front of the building. Mrs Allen is aware that these roses came from Quad II as there had been debate about it at the time.

Parking

Due to the depth of feelings around the Campus I believe it is correct to help diffuse the situation by making some suggestions.

The Campus is well provided with parking - the question is how close to Admin or the academic departments. No parking should be more than five minutes from campus. The parking at Red Square is a short and pleasant walk from the campus centre and has lots of trees for shade. The same will soon be the case at the Museum Car Park.

Mark Hazell
Manager Grounds and Gardens

To All Male Pensioners

The next luncheon will be held at the Rhodes Club on Tuesday, May 19, at 12.15pm for 12.45pm.

The lunch will cost R11.00 per head. For catering purposes, kindly phone Terry Jackson at 23536 before May 18 to make your booking.

As not all of us read *Rhodos* timeliness, please pass this notice on to all pensioners you meet.

Applications are invited for the following post from July 1, 1992.

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in the Rhode University Sanatorium

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Application forms, salary and further particulars may be obtained from Miss D Inge, Personnel Division, (ext 115)
Closing date: May 25, 1992.

EL Grad should be amazing!

Staff would be well advised to read minutes of meetings closely - some surprising things are to be found in them, such as the following snippet:

"The Registrar informed the meeting that Dr Crocker would not be preparing a speech and a stenographer or tape recorder would be required at the Ceremony."

WHAT'S ON



Thursday, May 14

Squash:
 RU staff vs PA • Home
 RU vs SAC firsts • Home
 RU vs OG seconds • Away

Friday, May 15

Rugby:
 RU 2 vs Progress
 • Great Field A, 7:10pm
 RU 3 vs Progress
 • Great Field B, 7:10pm
 RU 1 vs Progress
 • Great Field A, 8:15pm

Soccer:
 RU 1 vs Dynamos
 • King Field

SRC Disco
 • Great Hall,
 7:00pm - 12:00pm

Saturday, May 16

Graduation, East London Division
 • Guild Theatre, 11.00 am

Rugby
 u20 A vs Uitenhage
 • Great Field A, 1:10pm
 RU u20 B vs Harlequins
 • Great Field B, 1:10pm

Tennis:
 RU 1 vs Fort Brown 1 • Home
 RU 2 vs Fort Brown 2 • Away

Hockey:
 RU 1 (women) vs Old Grey A
 • Away

RU 2 (women) vs UPE C
 • Great Field A, 3:00pm

RU 3 (women) vs Old Grey
 • Upper Barret, 3:00pm

RUCSA Ball (Chinese Society)
 • Great Hall, 7:30pm -
 12:00pm

Sunday, May 17

Soccer
 RU 1 vs Stinging Bees • Away
 Inter League Lower and
 Upper Pros • 11:00 - 2:30pm
 Oppi Video
 • Arts Major, 7:30pm -
 10:30pm

Monday, May 18

Volleyball
 Grahamstown League
 • Alec Mullins, 7:00pm

Tuesday, May 19

Male Pensioners' Luncheon
 • Rhodes Club, 12.45 pm
 Public Lecture: *The Rise and
 Fall of Nations: Language and
 Ethnonationalism*, by Profes-
 sor R Herbert, Associate Pro-
 fessor of Linguistics and
 Anthropology at the State
 University of New York.
 • Arts Minor, 5:15pm

Weekly wine tasting
 • Grand Hotel 7:30pm

Wednesday, May 20

Squash:
 RU (women) 2 vs SAC • Away
 RU (women) 1 vs SAC • Home
Table Tennis:
 RU B vs Gelvandale • Away

Hockey:
 RU 1 (women) vs UPE A
 • Away

Soccer:
 Inter League Lower and
 Upper Pros • 5:00 - 7:30pm

**Inaugural Lecture: A Secret
 Weapon against Strikes?**, by
 Professor John Grogan
 • Arts Major, 8:15pm

Thursday, May 21

Squash:
 Ken 1 vs RU Staff • Away
 PA 1 vs RU 1 • Away
 RU 2 vs SF 3 • Home

Friday, May 22

Rugby:
 RU 2 vs UPE
 • Great Field A, 7:00pm
 RU 3 vs UPE
 • Great Field B, 7:00pm
 RU 1 vs UPE
 • Great Field A, 8:15pm

Soccer:
 RU 1 vs Shamrocks
 • King Field, 7:30pm

Saturday, May 23

Tennis:
 RU 1 vs Sidbury 1 • Away
 RU 2 vs Carlisle 2 • Home
Hockey:
 RU 1 (women) vs Crusaders
 • Away
 RU 2 (women) vs Old Grey D
 • Away

Sunday, May 24

Soccer:
 RU 1 vs Entertainers • Away
 Inter League Lower and
 Upper Pros • 11:00 - 7:30pm
 Oppi Video
 • Arts Major, 7:30 - 10:30pm

Monday, May 25

Hockey:
 RU 3 (women) vs Tech B
 • Away

**Public Lecture: Why Media
 and Marketing are the two
 most important places to be,**
 by Mr Noel Coburn
 • Arts Major 5.00 pm

Monthly wine tasting
 • Grand Hotel 7:30pm

Tuesday, May 26

Squash:
 RU 1 vs Walmer • Home
 RU 2 vs Walmer • Home
Monthly wine tasting
 • Grand Hotel 7:30pm

Wednesday, May 27

Ascension Day
Squash:
 RU (women) 2 vs K C • Away
 RU (women) 1 vs SAC • Home
Soccer:
 Inter League Lower and
 Upper Pros • 5:00 - 7:30pm
Weekly wine tasting
 • Grand Hotel 7:30pm

Thursday, May 28

Squash
 RU 1 vs RU staff • Home:

Friday, May 29

Soccer:
 RU 1 vs Major Chiefs
 King Fields, 7:30pm

Saturday, May 30

Rugby:
 RU 2 vs Crusaders
 • Great Field B, 12:50pm
 RU 2 vs Crusaders
 • Great Field A, 2:10pm
 RU 1 vs Crusaders
 • Great Field A, 3:15pm

Tennis:
 RU 1 vs Carlisle 1 • Home
 RU 2 vs Sidbury 2 • Away

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