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Largest number of Graduates ever

Speaking at the Graduation ceremonies in Grahamstown earlier this month, the Vice-Chancellor, Dr Derek Henderson, said that more students than ever before – some 1 258 – had obtained degrees and diplomas. This represents an increase of 10% over 1993.

At the East London Graduation ceremony on May 14, a further 80 degrees are expected to be awarded.

During his graduation address, Dr Henderson recalled that, over the years, he has personally signed some 17 000 Rhodes certificates.

He was mindful, he said, of the fact that South Africa is "in the shadow of the most significant election in our country's history, less than three weeks away." No speaker on a public platform can possibly ignore this, he said, "but on an academic occasion such as this it behoves one not to express overt sentiments either comforting or discomfiting to any specific party."

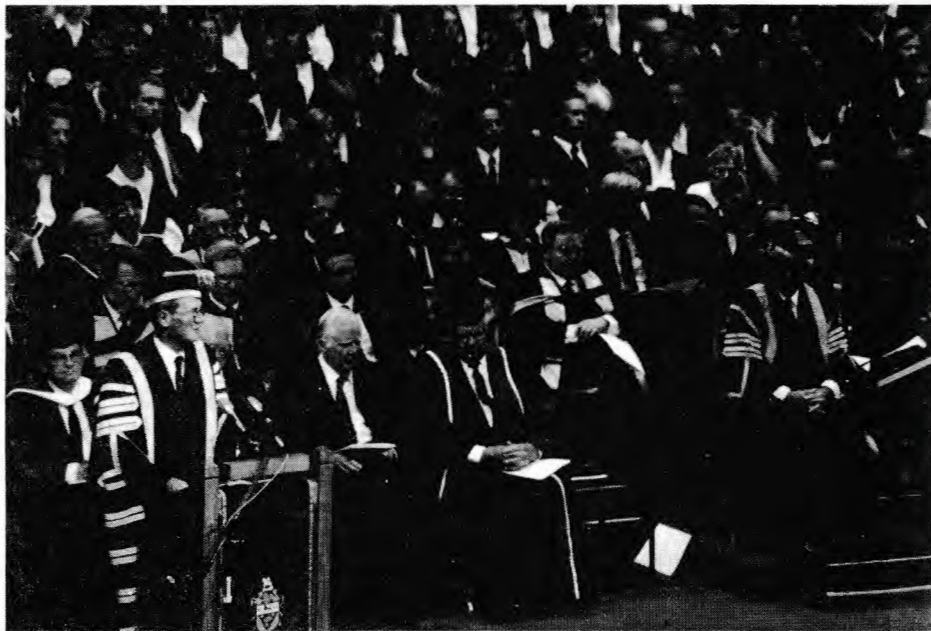
"I shall attempt to resolve this dilemma not by adding to the cacophony of electoral sound-bites; I propose rather to offer some observations on an important post-election consideration", Dr Henderson said.

"Translating the elevated sentiments of the party manifestos, policy statements and position papers into concrete, practical and positive results, after the election has been won, is where the really hard work begins."

Sound and conscientious administration

The crucial business of governing, as distinct from electioneering, requires one absolutely essential ingredient – sound and conscientious administration, the Vice-Chancellor believes.

"Good administration", he said, "is not just an Act of God. It has to be consciously willed and executed. Dedicated administrators require a strong commitment to obligation and service rather than personal entitlement. An originally medieval phrase, *noblesse oblige*, rather quaint-sounding to modern ears, but until recently a strong motivator, sums up an all too rare attitude. Roughly translated, it means that privilege entails responsibility. Would that there were a Bill of Obligations as strongly supported as a Bill of Rights: only with such an attitude widely espoused can paper entitlements be translated into visible results."



Dr Henderson addresses the congregation during a Grahamstown Graduation ceremony

Turning to administration in government as distinct from administration in general, Dr Henderson said that two levels of priority can be clearly distinguished. These are Public Order and Justice. He said that without an unequivocal commitment to public order no civilised society of any consequence can survive for long. Referring to the frightening deterioration of public order over recent months, he said that nothing so saps the morale of ordinary people than unpredictable threats to the safety of their persons or property.

"A viable and credible system for the administration of justice", he added, "is essential to ensure, at the very least, that the maintenance of order does not degenerate into tyranny. A judicial system must address both criminal and civil matters, including the enforcement of both contracts and property rights. Contractual obligations are at the root of successful commercial activity, while security of property is a necessary guarantee of personal liberty."

Dr Henderson said that the new government should be mindful of its responsibilities in the area of fiscal probity, the absence of which does more to undermine confidence in clean and efficient government than almost any other single factor. Governments are entrusted with taxpayers' money, usually a good deal of it. They must spend it, and be seen to spend it, on, and only on, the purposes for which it is intended. The provision and maintenance of a sound currency is an important facet of this responsibility. All modern governments fall short in this sphere; some at least have the grace to be ashamed of it. It is no accident that the countries with the least inflation are in general the most prosperous. In more robust days 'the debauching of the currency', as it was unequivocally described, was emphatically condemned.

Essential characteristics

Dr Henderson sees, as a further minimum essential characteristic of government, its duty to protect the country and its populace from external threats. "For this purpose armed forces commensurate with the perceived dangers must be kept in an adequate state of modernity, efficient training and readiness", he said.

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Any government which neglects these essential characteristics will fail, sooner probably than later, he said. Once these essentials are secured one may turn one's attention to other services of lesser priority, important though these services undoubtedly are. Amongst such requirements are the provision of housing, health and social services, education and scientific research, transport, power, water and communications.

Such facilities can be provided by government at either no direct user cost or low cost, by private enterprise either on a pay-as-you-go or an agency basis, or by a mixed system of government and private business. "Government is an essentially practical art. It is a very poor substitute for metaphysics or quasi-religious belief. 'What will work best in practice?', should be the operative question, rather than what conforms to a doctrinaire point of departure.

The first priorities of government, said Dr Henderson, will not be deliverable unless we have available people of the necessary calibre to serve in the police force; unless there are learned and incorruptible judges, magistrates and officials to operate the courts; unless there are Reserve Bank and Treasury officials with the requisite knowledge and backbone to counter the more extravagant follies of the politicians; and unless we have a fully professional army loyal to the government of the day. Priorities of the second category will likewise require doctors and nurses, social workers, teachers and researchers, builders and engineers whose first concern is to deliver the services for which they were engaged.

'Your obedient servant'

Dr Henderson said that, if these extra-professional characteristics of good administration are not encouraged or are absent, it is all too evident that the country will have to endure a continuance of its dismal track record, with its well known symptoms of the Info scandal, Inkathagate, toilet towns in the veld, school textbook scams and sundry

security force 'dirty tricks'. "What a tragedy it will be if our new masters simply pick up where the old ones left off", he said. "We need administrators who put 'Your obedient servant' at the bottom of their letters and mean it."

"The almost 30 000 graduates produced by Rhodes, over the years, have possessed in full measure these positive characteristics. In this 90th anniversary year we should be aware that the next ten years will be crucial for us. We aim to come through those ten years a stronger and a better institution than we are to-day. We shall continue to flourish because our graduates by and large have attributes of knowledge and character which are in desperately short supply. We shall do best if our ethos and values, which stand in the mainstream of academic traditions, are not too crassly and shortsightedly interfered with. The goose will continue to lay the golden eggs as long as its diet is not drastically impoverished and impatient people resist the temptation to extract the product before it is properly formed."



Letters to The Editor

Past Rhodes student

The Editor,

Craig Urbani, who graduated from Rhodes at the end of 1991 with a degree in Drama, has been performing in the *Buddy Holly Show*

It appears to have done very well, with much television coverage.

Is it possible that *Rhodos* could make some contact with Craig and perhaps feature an interview (even if a telephonic one)?

Those of us who knew Craig are very proud of him and hope that the University is too.

J M Caines
Lilian Britten House.

Rhodos invites correspondence on all 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, so long as you also supply your full name and traceable address to the editor, who will respect confidentiality.

Name for the new bar

The Editor,

A name for the new bar? What about *Kaif*, which was the name of our tiny tea-room at Rhodes; I am going back half a century.

Many Old Rhodians (grand parents, mostly) will tell you about *Kaif*.

Incidentally, Chambers (no pun intended) Dictionary has this explanation for the word 'kaif'; it is Arabic, meaning 'an undisturbed quiescence'

(Mrs) Kay Isted

Rhodos has forwarded your suggestion to the managers of the bar, but we should advise that Kaif is very much in use – and a Rhodes institution. Thank you, though, for the interesting background. - Editor

Cover design by Rhodes student selected for invitation

The art work of Rhodes student Nina Welgemoed will feature on the cover of the University of South Africa's 1994 Fine Art Exhibition invitation.

A hopeful, yet 'realistic assessment' of the changes South Africa is undergoing is the focus of Welgemoed's work, which puts traditional images alongside their often startling counterparts.

Her art depicts "overindulgence alongside famine and squatter camps, and industry and economic growth alongside pollution and decay", says the artist.

Hope is an important feature of all her work, which combines past and present realities of South Africa.

The piece which will cover the invitation is entitled *Crossing the Rubicon*, a reference to the fate-changing trek Julius Caesar made while leading his troops into war.

The jewel-like images characteristic of Welgemoed's art are created by adding colour through drawing, painting and collages to pre-made pictures from magazines, photocopies and transparencies.

The use of bright colours and contrast is her personal style, but she believes that "this is a time when the country is going to become very vibrant with regard to art".

Wendy Goldman

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Tweaking Sally's Tail!

What does Bob have in common with Sally? And where do two professors of divergent disciplines fit in?

The answer to the first question is to be found in the belfry of the Cathedral of St Michael and St George. And to the second in the persons of Professors Norbert Nowotny (Music) and Colin Lewis (Geography), who have between them made regular ringing possible and entrenched this activity for the future.

Colin Lewis, not unaided, but perhaps more than most, has been largely responsible for the restoration of the bells in the Cathedral. Norbert Nowotny, as Head of the Department of Music, has agreed to the re-establishment of the Music Department's Certificate in Change Ringing. This is a six-week course open to any would-be campanologist, whether a member of the Rhodes Community or not. Bell ringing now forms part of a compulsory part of their Music Studies Programme for BMus students, together with exposure to such diverse musical aspects as jazz, computer music, 'pop' and Indian music.

Bob, by the way, is the name given to a specific sequence of bell-ringing. And Sally? The name given to a part of the bell-rope; that which is padded for the purposes of a better grip. Below the Sally is the tail, by the way.

Restoration of the Cathedral bells began in 1989 when the design of a frame for ten bells was

commissioned from England. In 1990 contracts were signed between the Cathedral authorities, the South African Guild of Church Bellringers, and Rhodes, which assumed responsibility for administering the finances. It is thus fitting that the two Rhodes professors have continued this link between the University and the Cathedral.

During 1991 and early 1992 the eight bells and old wooden frame were removed from the tower. A steel bell frame was designed and donated. From February to April in 1992, stone masons prepared the tower for the new frame, which was installed in June.

The bells were shipped to England in April 1993 for modification and the fitting of metal headstocks, wheels and other items and were returned in October. The parish of St. Martin in the Fields, London, donated five redundant bell wheels, which reduced restoration costs. Eayre and Smith, the English firm responsible for designing the bell frame, further reduced costs by supplying five second-hand clappers and providing the other three clappers at cost. SKF donated bearings.

Between October and December 23, 1993,

This year a wooden floor was installed in the tower between the bell chamber and the ringing room. Acoustic tiles for sound proofing were installed and the walls of the ringing room painted. Electric lights have been installed which will enable the ringers to work during the dark evenings of winter.

At the beginning of the year training of new bell-ringers began. By mid-March, fourteen beginners were under instruction, of whom three were already sufficiently competent to ring for services. Five of the recruits are

studying for the Certificate in Change Ringing under Prof Lewis, and three are 4th-year BMus students.

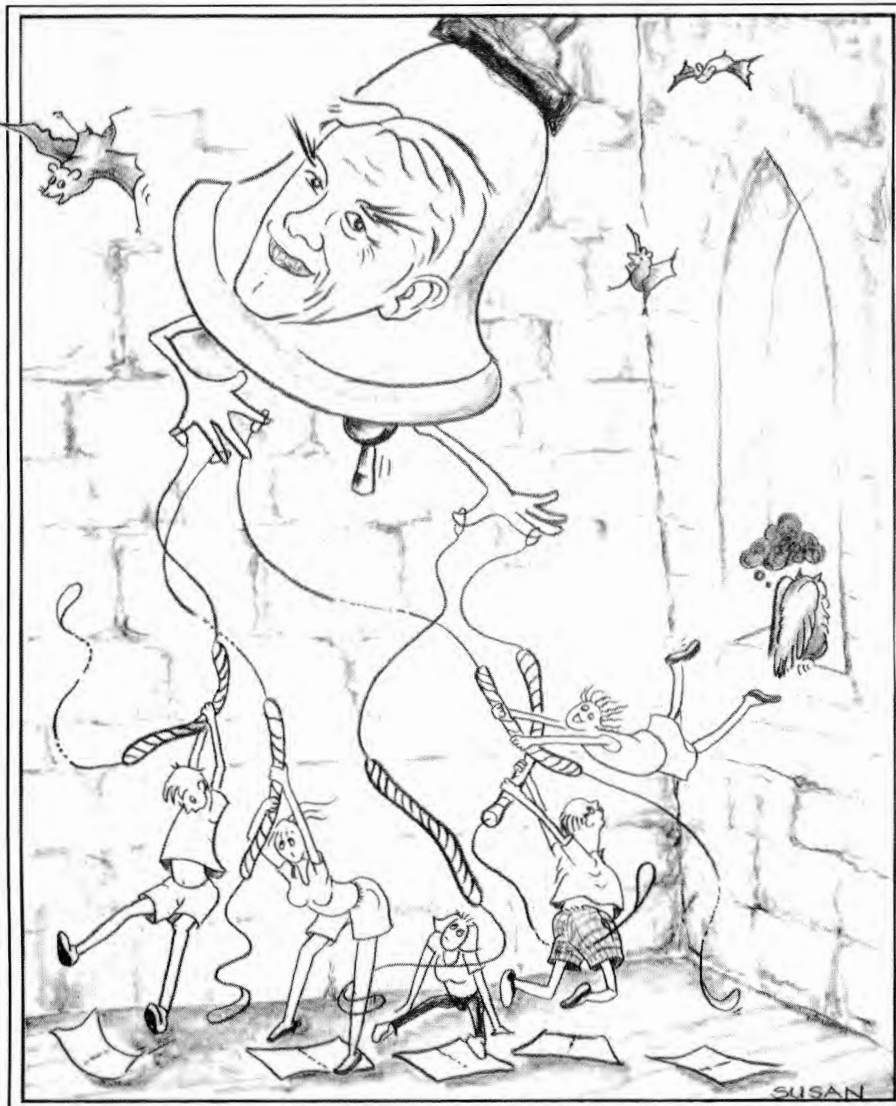
Writing in the Parish newsletter, *The Spire*, Prof Lewis and Tower Captain Michael Berning believe that the restoration has been a tremendous success and Grahamstown now boasts one of the finest rings of bells in the world. They have been rung every Sunday since January 25, and were heard by the town on the occasion of the awarding of the Freedom of the City to Prof Guy Butler. Those ringers who are of the 'pre-restoration' team, Prof Lewis, Michael Berning, John English, Andy Soper, Gill Lewis and Catherine Letcher are being most patient with their new pupils who should over time ensure that a core of bell-ringers is available for all occasions.

Perhaps they will be heard during the National Arts Festival on a regular basis? Space in the tower may not permit tours, but who knows what other ideas may be found to expose visitors to the bells? After all, the fund-raising continues, to finally pay for the restoration.

After the Festival, the bells will be dedicated at a special service provisionally fixed for July 16th, at which many visitors, representing donors and bell-ringers from around the country are expected. The Parish has appealed to townsfolk to assist with accommodation and hospitality, and would be pleased to hear from anyone who can help.

Anyone interested in learning the ropes, as it were, should contact Prof Lewis at the Geography department, who will be happy to advise how one can go about ringing Bob by tweaking Sally's tail!

Chris Walwyn



Mr Winston Robinson (free of charge) and a team of labourers raised the bells into the tower and hung them in the new frame. He and Prof Lewis together ensured that all wooden fittings, including the pulleys, stays, sliders and slider bars were properly fitted.

Mr Eric Tasmer, also free of charge, made the pulleys, pulley boxes and the rope bosses.

Individual bells were rung on a test basis during November and early December and in sequence for the first time on December 23. They were heard again on Christmas Day and at midnight a week later to herald the New Year.

Rhodes students return from Germany



Two third-year students in the Department of German recently celebrated the end of their second year of studies by taking up scholarships awarded by the Goethe Institute and spending two months in Germany.

They are Zenobia Africa (left) and Petros Khumalo, who were persuaded to apply for scholarships by the German Department. The two travelled to Germany at the end of last year and went to the cities of Rothenburg and Boppard respectively. They had to win acceptance by passing a test (which included the question: Why are you studying German?) and on the strength of their second-year results.

For Zenobia the experience was of particular value because she has long planned to study for a Masters degree in Germany and had not previously visited the country. She stayed in a student hostel, or *Woonheim* ("No rules whatsoever!", she says) and went to school daily. Courses exposed her to a wide range of German cultural and social influences, including politics, literature, education and the background to and organisation of German Festivals. A far cry, but very rewarding, from

her first exposure to the language while studying towards her matric at Herschel, in Cape Town.

Petros' early days were spent in Vryheid, where he went to school. His early German, he says, was self-taught, a necessity almost for it was the only way in which he could further explore a range of interesting influences which he had discovered through reading. A 3rd-year Journalism student, he likes languages and was able to continue his contact with German, before coming to Rhodes, through books, magazines and radio programmes. He, too, enjoyed the experience immensely and found it both rewarding and a spur to continuing with his studies. He wants to work there one day, - "the pay's better!", he says, and his ambition is to join the editorial staff of the famous *Der Spiegel*.

Zenobia and Petros were two of five South Africans who won acceptance to the Goethe Institute last year. The others came from the Rand Afrikaans University, the University of the North and Stellenbosch.

A Glimpse of tomorrow

The Arts Major lecture theatre was virtually full on the morning of 16 March, for a two-hour telecast event that involved a live satellite link-up (via M-Net) with Mr Bill Gates, "whiz-kid" head of Microsoft in Seattle, USA.

Mr Gates gave a brief overview of the computer industry, past, present and future, looked at the likely progress of software programmes in the next few years, and answered questions put to him by people participating in the show in the main centres around South Africa.

Arranged free for Rhodes

About 2 500 people had paid R 300 per head to see the telecast, but the indirect link-up for Rhodes (it was not possible to ask questions) was arranged free of charge - thanks to the intervention of Mr Mike Bergen, who sits on the Advisory Board of Rhodes' Department of Information Systems and who was one of the chief sponsors and organisers of this unusual conference.

Organisers and technical experts behind the event at Rhodes included Paul Goodwin and Brian Gardiner, of Information Systems; and John McKinnel of Electronic Services.

Bill Gates spoke enthusiastically about a future characterised by "action at your fingertips" and about the improvements likely to be brought into our lives by new modes of digital communication.

Comments were made about the value of this marvellous tool in the field of education, particularly in South Africa, but it was generally agreed that the person-to-person element would always be necessary and that the computer could never entirely replace the teacher.

New watering hole for Rhodes staff

Mark Musson, manager of the Rhodes Club, has advised that the old bar, with the balcony overlooking the Great Field, is to be opened for the exclusive use of staff members who are also Rhodes Club members, on Friday evenings, from about 16h30.

He anticipates that this will be a popular move and that many staff members will take advantage of the new surroundings (and good prices) when enjoying that drink after work before going home for the weekend.

Name the Pub

The competition to name the new bar in the Rhodes Club continues, but a closing date for entries has now been fixed and we are in a position to announce the prize.

The closing date is 25th April and the prize, donated by Richard Boshoff and Mark Musson, is one year's membership of the Club, worth R 50,00 at today's rates.

Should the winner already be a member, his or her subscription will either be refunded or transferred to the 1995 financial year.

Entries should be directed to Mark Musson, at the Rhodes Club, in the Union Building.



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On Occasion

A guest column written by invitation.

A couple of weeks ago I drove to Cape Town and back. The distance between Port Elizabeth and Stellenbosch must be in excess of 800 kms, and the area in between is punctuated with quite populous centres such as Plettenberg Bay, Knysna, George and Mossel Bay. It is characterised by a great variety of successful economic activities – grain, fruit and stock farming with their associated initiatives; those related to forestry and timber, fishing and other ocean-related industries such as natural gas.

As a venue for both international and local tourism, the 'Garden Route' is second only to the Kruger Park. It is also a favourite site for retirement.

In other countries, beautiful and blessed stretches of coastline and their hinterlands have universities associated with them. I haven't been there, but I believe this is true of New England and California in the United States; it is certainly the case in the U K, with Oxford dominating the glorious Thames Valley, Sussex near Brighton and Exeter on the Devon coast, among many other examples.

In South Africa, including the soon-to-be former bantustans, we have clusters of universities to the west and the east of the Garden Route – UCT, UWC and Stellenbosch at one end, UPE, Rhodes, Fort Hare and Unutra at the other – but nothing inbetween. In a post-apartheid South Africa, we should be looking to correct such distortions. UWC, UPE and UNITRA were direct expressions of Afrikaner nationalist ideology, after all.

The congestion of universities at either end of the Garden Route and the omission of a 'University of the Southern Cape' can be resolved at a stroke. Recognising the ethnic and linguistic make-up of the Garden Route communities, the best plan would be to cater for three media of instruction – English, Afrikaans and Xhosa. With its natural appeal, the area would lend itself to a largely residential university along the lines of Rhodes and Stellenbosch, catering for students from all over the country and abroad.

Indeed, Rhodes and Stellenbosch could combine to set up the new, provisionally-named University of the Southern Cape, moving those departments, institutes and faculties which duplicate their equivalents at other universities in their areas and creating new emphases which would suit the particular conditions of the southern Cape. The gaps they leave could be profitably used by the universities and other tertiary institutions in their area, which would be best consolidated into multi-campus universities and former technikons of the western Cape and eastern Cape, respectively.

With the advantages of its siting in a world-renowned area and its academic reputation drawn from Rhodes and Stellenbosch, it may be possible for the campus to be less dependent on Government for funding. The private sector may be persuaded that this initiative would be an excellent investment and pick up the whole tab, thereby releasing funds for other tertiary institutions.

Penn A Line

Obituary: Robin English

Dr Robin English, a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Chemistry, died suddenly on April 13, at the age of 45.

Dr English grew up in Rhodesia (Zimbabwe), where he received his early schooling. He also attended Stowe School in the United Kingdom. He held BA (Honours) and Masters degrees from Cambridge University, and a PhD degree from the University of Cape Town.

Dr English spent some years as an industrial chemist before taking up the position as science instructor at Markham College, Lima, Peru, in 1972, where he taught physics, chemistry and maths. During his time in South America he travelled extensively in Peru, Ecuador, Bolivia, Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay, and became fluent in Spanish.

On his return to South Africa in 1974, he became a junior lecturer in the Department of Chemistry at the University of Cape Town. During his time there he completed the PhD in



Dr R B English

Chemistry. In 1978 he moved to the University of South Africa as a lecturer and was later promoted to senior lecturer. He joined the staff of Rhodes University as a senior lecturer in 1984.

Dr English's fields of expertise were organo-metallic chemistry and x-ray crystallography. He was a Foundation for Research Development (FRD) rated scientist and maintained an active interest in research. He had recently returned from an international conference in Beijing, China, and a period working with an expert crystallography team at the University of California, San Diego.

Dr English had a diverse range of interests outside his professional life, including hiking, SCUBA diving, windsurfing, para-gliding and road-running.

He leaves his mother, Mrs Kitty English of Somerset West, a brother and two sisters and two sons, Paul (13) and Richard (11), to whom his colleagues express their sincere condolences.

Affirmative Action in Student Admission at Rhodes

by Annette Clifford-Vaughan

This is an extract from an article by the Director of Public Relations and Development which appears in the current edition of the department of Philosophy's "Comment". It was written in response to "Reflections on the Summit" by Mr Vuyo Kahle in the previous issue. In the article he expressed his disapproval of a post-Summit press release issued by Public Relations and his support for strongly-worded accusations by Ms Ingrid Salgado (in an earlier letter to "Rhodes") that in this release the University Administration had lied about the assistance it gives to disadvantaged students. It is to be regretted, says Mrs Clifford-Vaughan, that in disagreeing with this information the people concerned should see fit to accuse the University of deliberately misleading the public about what they call Rhodes's "fascist and racist admissions system".

As a small university located in the Eastern Cape, Rhodes has much to recommend it. *We've grown big, reads our advertisement, by staying small.* However, the very advantages experienced by our students and graduates can also be disadvantages in other respects.

Not least among these is the fact that virtually all our students have to travel great distances to get to the University and thus incur the added expenses of residing away from home. The pluses of tuition at Rhodes small classes; close contact between lecturer and student; the residence system; a friendly, homely ambience all come at a price.

The University does its best to keep fees low, increasing them by less than 10 percent in 1994. Nevertheless, a student embarking on a Rhodes degree in 1994 will have to find at least R 48 000 over the next three years to pay for tuition and residence.

Over the years 1991 to 1993, the proportion of black (African, Coloured and Indian) students among the new enrolment in Grahamstown more than doubled, from 20 to 42 percent. This is the fastest rate of increase of all the historically white universities.

Another feature of this period is that the number of black students who registered with fewer than the faculty-required points increased from 53 to 60 percent and there was a marked increase in the total number of students with low Swedish points.

Not only first-time entering students, but also the overall enrolment figures, show a marked increase in black students, Africans in particular. Firstly, the white student body, which represented 94 percent of the student population in 1980, decreased to 69 percent in 1993. Then, among black students, the African component increased from 23 percent in 1980 to 64 percent in 1993. Over the same period, Coloured students decreased from 32 to 11 percent and Indians from 45 to 25 percent of the total black enrolment.

These figures well illustrate the changing face of Rhodes. This change has taken place naturally and inexorably because the University has continually reviewed and revised its admissions policy, to take account of the different education systems. This year a system of structured interviews with "borderline" applicants has been introduced, in an attempt to find those most likely to succeed. In addition, the Deans have very wide powers of discretion concerning admission to their faculties and they use them.

Says the Registrar, Dr Keith Hunt: "Rhodes has never felt the need to formulate an official

affirmative action policy, as have some of the larger, more impersonal, universities simply because we are small enough to be able to consider each application individually, on merit, and to then take affirmative action where it is appropriate." The increasing number of students admitted with fewer than the faculty-required points is indicative of the effect of Rhodes's unofficial affirmative action. The appropriate Dean examines every application, even if the matric results count as low as 11 Swedish points, and looks to see whether there is any factor which may suggest a redeeming feature. If he finds it, he accepts the application. "But the selection process is far from simple" adds Dr Hunt: "When deciding whether or not an applicant should be accepted, there is a moral dilemma resting in the responsibility of the selector, for a student who subsequently fails is generally worse off than if he or she had never been selected, with all the raised expectations that this entails."

Academic Development

Rhodes's commitment to affirmative action is clearly evidenced by its growing involvement in academic support and development. The Academic Development Programme makes special efforts to assist educationally disadvantaged students but, of course, it cannot address all imbalances overnight. It would be naive to expect the effects of forty years of apartheid education to be corrected with ease and the Administration has often indicated its awareness that the work done is not enough.

From a financial perspective, however, it should be noted that there is no government subsidy for academic support. As a result, fund-raising is an important aspect of the ADP Director's duties. Rhodes's own contribution has risen from R 100 000 in 1992 to a budgeted R 411 500 in 1994, this in spite of severe constraints on the University's budget. The total ADP budget for 1994 is in the region of R 1,5 million.

The programme is constantly being improved and expanded. A measure of the need is the fact that there were more than 13 000 student attendances at ADP tutorials, workshops and lectures in 1993. More than a quarter of all undergraduates attended and some 20 departments were involved. There is much evidence on a case-by-case basis that the programme has been of great assistance to many students, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Statistics for 1993 seem to indicate only one strong trend: Science students who attended ADP sessions regularly and in three or more

courses, had severe difficulties. According to the Director of the ADP, Mr Phil Collett, a closer look at the students in question shows that many are English second language students with a DET or homelands background. Case studies indicate that even more of these would almost certainly fail without the ADP support.

Financial support

Each year, a large number of the places offered to disadvantaged students is not taken up. In 1993 there were 200 such places left vacant. Sadly, the reason is only too obvious.

The newly named Financial Aid Bureau (formerly the Bursaries Office) and the Dean of Students do their best with the limited resources at their disposal, to assist students with financial problems. The Bureau is staffed by five people, four of whom are women and two of whom come from a financially disadvantaged background. They are well placed to assist students who need advice on managing their financial resources. Unfortunately, it is not possible to help them all simply because the funds that Rhodes receives for bursaries are very small in comparison to those awarded to the larger universities.

During 1993 the total student enrolment was 31 percent black to 69 percent white. A total of R 4 833 580 was available for distribution in the form of bursaries and scholarships. Of this amount, R 4 049 175 was distributed among 434 black students, who received, on average, R 9 300 each. The balance of R 784 405 was distributed among 401 white students, who received, on average, R 1 956 each. This means that the apportionment of available funds was 84 percent to black students and 16 percent to whites.

It is interesting to note that in 1993 the overall percentage of African students at Rhodes was on a par with the figures at other traditionally white, English-medium universities: Cape Town - 17%; Natal - 23%; Rhodes - 19%; Wits - 19%.

Enrolment 1994

Provisional enrolment for 1994 show that Grahamstown enrolment is down, even following an increase of 13 per cent in the total number of offers made for 1994. The University had anticipated approximately 1 080 new undergraduates in Grahamstown but it appears instead that we have a reduction of 10 per cent over 1993.

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The total number of new enrolments as at 28 March was 903, a drop of 96 students.

Over the last four years, the number of offers made to white undergraduates has dropped from 71 percent to 48 percent, and the number of offers made to blacks has risen from 29 percent in 1991 to 52 percent in 1994. In spite of that, because of the vast difference between the acceptance rates of the two groups, the first-year enrolment in 1994 is 39 percent blacks and 61 percent whites.

Reduction in number

It seems likely that our Grahamstown campus will experience an overall reduction of about 200 (seven percent) in the total number of undergraduates.

On the other hand, the East London Division appears set to increase its enrolment, in both undergraduate and postgraduate courses. In fact, the decline in the number of African students in Grahamstown this year seems paralleled by a corresponding growth in East London, due largely to the transfer there of the HDE undergraduate diploma for teachers and the first years of the BSocScience and BSocScience (Social Work) degrees.

Postgraduate figures are not available since the closing date for registration is 1 May. None of the figures is final until 'census day' on the second Tuesday of June.

Funding problems

About 45 percent of the offers made to African students this year has not been taken up. There is little doubt in anyone's mind that the reasons are largely financial.

What bursary funds we have at Rhodes are being used mainly for Africans, but the money we are receiving is simply not enough. Much of the financing for bursaries which previously came to us direct from donors is now being forwarded instead to funding organisations, which distribute it largely with an eye to the number of African students at each university. Traditionally black universities are receiving a larger slice of the cake and students in need of bursaries will obviously go where the money is.

A danger inherent in this situation is that, if this trend were to continue, it could lead to the traditionally black universities spending vast sums of money on providing new facilities for increasing numbers of students, while good facilities at the older universities stand under-utilised.

It is clear that the most disadvantaged blacks, essentially those with DET and homeland backgrounds, are most affected by shortages in bursary funds. Rhodes is hoping that the situation will improve when the new government sets up its proposed student funding scheme.

Long service award for Pharmacist



Professor of Pharmaceutical Science, Issy Kanfer, (left) recently received an award from the Vice-Chancellor, Dr Derek Henderson, marking the occasion of his 25th anniversary of service to Rhodes.

Adult Literacy Project in Port Alfred

by Craig Hollins

The Adult Literacy Unit, in conjunction with the Institute for the Study of English in Africa (ISEA) and an inter-denominational church group from Port Alfred, has started a literacy course along the guidelines of the Adult Basic Education (ABE) model.

"We hope to teach the participants skills that will benefit them economically. This is why we have introduced courses like shoe making and sewing", said Mr Kurt Hirshbeck, Senior Literacy Officer at the ALU.

The course is known as the New Life

Literacy Project and is organised by a committee of six people from different churches involved in the project. These are the Zionist Christian Church, Methodist Church, Baptist Church, Order of Ethiopia, Methodist Church in Africa and the African Ethiopian Church. It caters for 60 participants from the Port Alfred area and aims to equip learners with marketable skills as well as teaching them basic literacy skills. Tutors are trained at the ALU and then return to Port Alfred to teach the rest of the group.

This project is part of a number of adult literacy courses being run in conjunction with the ISEA.

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Aardvark biology

Dean Peinke, a Zoology Masters student at Rhodes, is studying the biology of the aardvark in the eastern Cape, as well as the effects of land management on its population structure, behaviour, and some aspects of its physiology.

He aims to examine the influence of agricultural practices, particularly bush clearing and grazing, on various aspects of aardvark biology, including density, home range, territory size, activity patterns and diet.

Literature awards

Two Rhodes lecturers have won awards for literature. Prof Etienne van Heerden of the Department of Afrikaans en Nederlands has been awarded the AKTV Award for Fiction, and Ms Reza de Wet of the Department of Drama received the 1993 Fleur du Cap Award for the best new indigenous play.

Professor Van Heerden receives the R 15 000 prize for his novel *Die Stoetmeester* and Ms de Wet R 3 000 for her play *Mis*.

Cantica Nova Choral Ensemble

The Cantica Nova Choral Ensemble, which was founded last year and comprises twelve singers, has vacancies for a First Tenor and a Second Bass. Applications are welcomed from any students or staff members at Rhodes. Membership is open to anyone, not necessarily music students, although the ability to read music is a prerequisite. Previous choral experience will be an advantage.

Cantica Nova rehearses once per week and performs a wide range of music, sung *a capella* and with accompaniment.

Anyone interested in joining should contact either Roy Hobson or Lawrence Schafer, at the Music Department.

Inaugural lecture delivered

Prof Peter Clayton of the Department of Computer Science delivered his Inaugural Lecture on Wednesday, March 23. It was entitled *Parallel Computing: The Story of the Elves and the Shoemaker*.

Prof Clayton completed the BSc degree with

distinctions in computer science and physics at Rhodes. This was followed by an Honours degree, also with distinction, in computer science and electronics. His Master's degree was awarded with distinction in 1983, and he completed the PhD degree at Rhodes in 1989.

Professor Clayton joined the staff of the University as Lecturer in Computer Science in 1982. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer in 1986, Associate Professor in 1989 and Professor in 1992.

New Directors appointed

Mr Dave Wilson has been appointed to the post of Director of Computing Services.

The newly designated "Computing Services" will be an amalgamation of the former Computing Centre and Electronic Services. Mr Tony Scott has been appointed Director of the Administrative Computing Unit.

Acclaim for Rhodes Drama

Rhodes' First Physical Theatre, led by Professor Gary Gordon, Head of the Department of Drama, was received with acclaim at the recent FNB Dance Umbrella, held in Johannesburg.

The Dance Umbrella is a platform for all professional and amateur dancers and allows them to showcase their talents.

The Rhodes dancers presented three of their own works; Sarah Tudge's *Riots of Passage*, PJ Sabbagha's *Catacomb II* and Gary Gordon's *Shattered Windows*. Prof Gordon also choreographed a work entitled *Re-Enter Ariadne* for a dance group from Cape Town.

Certificates presented to GADRA students

Mrs Thelma Henderson, Director of the Centre for Social Development, has appealed to employers in Grahamstown and the surrounding areas to consider taking on successful students of the Grahamstown Area Distress Relief Association (GADRA) Commercial College. 21 students received Pitman examination certificates recently. Eighteen of the 21 students received distinctions in typing and all passed the English as Communication examination.



Two houses open all year

Rhodes' Conference Officer Lesley Lowry has advised that two of the University's Houses of Residence, Milner and New House, are now open all year round.

Interested people who may see fit to use them for the purposes of conferences or seminars, even during term time, should contact her directly.

Voter Education on campus

The Adult Literacy Unit (ALU) in the Institute for the Study of English in Africa (ISEA) was responsible for the implementation of a very successful Voter Education Training programme at Rhodes during March.

Its aim was to train and co-ordinate delegates to run the Voter Education programme on campus. Some forty delegates from the Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU), the Institute for Pastoral Education, the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union (NEHAWU), the student newspaper, 'Rhodeo', the South African Students' Congress (SASCO), the South African Students' Press Union (SASPU), and Rhodes Students' Representative Council (SRC) attended', said Mr Kurt Hirschbeck, of the ALU.

A further initiative on the campus saw the ALU present a programme which covered the process of voting and mock elections, with follow-up sessions to tackle problems and queries that people may have. Three mock elections have been held involving some 269 people. Only nine ballot papers were spoilt. The Rhodes Personnel Division gave time off to staff wishing to attend the voter education sessions.

The ALU views voter education as being an essential part of Adult Basic Education in the creation of an increasingly literate society, said Mr Hirschbeck.

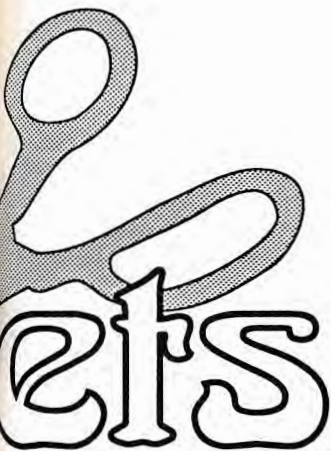
Masthead competition

The deadline for the competition to design a new masthead for *Rhodos*, that at the top of the front page being a temporary measure, has been extended for a fortnight; entries will now be accepted up until May 15th.

Just to remind you all – there is a prize to

the winning designer of a Sunday lunch for two, with wine, at the Monument restaurant.

Designs should be in black ink on white paper and may incorporate a suitable slogan, if desired. They should be submitted to the Editor, at the Public Relations and Development Division.



He is gathering material for a volume of the book series *Varieties of English Around the World*, which he is co-editing with Prof Vivian de Klerk, head of Rhodes' Linguistics Department.

Prof Görlach said that South African English is going through a fascinating phase in its development with the social and political changes that are occurring. It has become necessary to revise the current system of standard South African English and decide what will be acceptable in future.

Adult Education

The Adult Literacy Unit (ALU) at Rhodes has started an adult education course in conjunction with the Community Interaction Programme (CIP). The course will introduce staff to basic English reading and writing as well as voter education and various life skills.

The lessons will be given by five members of the service personnel and eight Honours students in the Department of Linguistics and English Language. The course is largely participatory and introduces the concept that learners can be teachers.

The CIP has been running this course, which fits levels two to three of the proposed national Adult Basic Education (ABE) model, in conjunction with the National Education, Health and Allied Workers Union (NEHAWU) for the past two years. This is the first time that it is being done with the ALU.

Rhodes hopes to implement the programme in conjunction with COSATU for the benefit of all workers in the Grahamstown area who are not employed by the University.

New technology for mushroom growth

Increasing food production in Africa was one of the focal points of a conference on technology in Africa, held recently in Dakar, Senegal. The only South African delegate was

Prof Ralph Kirby of the Department of Biochemistry and Microbiology.

His particular interest at the conference was food biotechnology. During the conference cassava use and mushrooms were the main topics discussed. Prof Kirby was elected chairman of the committee on mushroom technology, which could become a viable cash crop in southern Africa without using complicated technologies to produce them.

Mushrooms can be grown on cellulose and biological waste such as wood chips from Port Jackson Willow, mielie cobs, leaves and stalks and straw. It has to be steam sterilised before being used to grow mushrooms, but complicated technology is not necessary.

At present Professor Kirby and one of his research students are investigating the possibility of cultivating the South East Asian oyster mushroom in southern Africa because complicated technologies, as are needed for the cultivation of button mushrooms in this country, are not required.

Pamphlet for poets in need

Robert Berold, Editor of *New Coin*, the poetry magazine published by the Institute for the Study of English in Africa (ISEA), has produced a short pamphlet to help those toiling at this most difficult of arts. It is called *Finding the Poem Within the Poem*. In the pamphlet, Berold swiftly directs aspirant poets towards discovering themselves through the medium of poetry.

In her review of the pamphlet, Beverley Doherty said that she was encouraged to move with the rhythm of her own intuition; "not complicating myself with what has gone before me".

"Berold's observations," she said, "are sharp, his suggestions uncluttered. As a poet, Berold has tussled with unspoken forces. This pamphlet, therefore, does not intend to confound us further. It does not prescribe".

The pamphlet is available from ISEA at a cost of R 4,00.

Abalone Food – a Commercial Proposition

Leather tanning and aquaculture would appear to have nothing in common, but an algae produced in tannery effluent is proving invaluable to ichthyologists researching the culture of abalone.

Mr Peter Britz, a lecturer in the Department of Ichthyology and Fisheries Science, recently presented his findings on the development of an artificial feed for abalone to a conference on abalone farming in Hobart, Tasmania.

Abalone are very slow feeders which means that any manufactured food has to remain stable in water and not dissolve quickly. Mr Britz has used a mixture of conventional animal feed with starch and a species of algae called *spirulina* which significantly boosts abalone growth rates. This algae is being experimentally cultured in tannery waste water by biotechnologists at Rhodes, and is used in diets for abalone and fish by the Department of Ichthyology and Fisheries Science. The abalone food, which replaces harvested seaweed, is manufactured in a flat pellet-form, similar to lasagna, which lasts in water for up to four days with minimal leaching.

Abalone, which is caught by commercial fishermen, sells for between US\$ 30 and US\$ 40 per kilogram. This includes the weight of the shell.

Sea Plants Products of Hermanus, a company which processes wild harvested abalone, has responded to a high level of interest in the feed by sending samples to Australia, New Zealand, China, Mexico and the USA for evaluation. The company hopes to market the feed internationally.

Visitor gathers English Material

Professor Manfred Görlach, a professor of English Language and Medieval Studies at Cologne University in Germany, recently visited the Department of Linguistics and English Language.

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FESTIVAL BED AND BREAKFAST

Guy Butler honoured by City

In a simple and dignified ceremony on 11 March in the Grahamstown City Hall, the Freedom of the City was conferred upon Professor Emeritus Guy Butler. Present were a broad cross-section of people including civic officials, the Judge President, many of Prof Butler's colleagues and friends and members of his family.

In accepting the honour and a magnificent illuminated scroll prepared for the City Council by Mike Ginn of Rhodes, Prof Butler joined the ranks of six others who have been thus honoured. The first was Miss Josie Wood, in 1962. She was followed by the 1st City Regiment in the same year; Mr Charles Henry Wood (1966); 6 Battalion SAI (1967); Dr J N Malan (1970) former State President J J Fouché, in 1974 and Mr Harry Oppenheimer in 1983.

In his address, the Mayor of Grahamstown, Cllr Stephen Birt, remarked that Prof Butler, someone who has lived in the city for many years and is famous, "doesn't behave like a famous person. This quiet, sincere, honest and friendly man confuses us", he said, "because he doesn't flaunt his successes".

The Mayor recalled Prof Butler's early life; as the son of a newspaper proprietor and thus acquainted with the written word and its impact on communities from an early age. The future Head of the Departments of English and Drama at Rhodes began his association with the University as a student in 1936. He graduated, with distinctions in English and History in 1936, and received his Masters Degree cum laude in 1939.

Military service, which ended when he was demobilised in 1945 as a Captain, interrupted Prof Butler's plans for further study. This was resumed after the war, however, when he enrolled at Oxford, graduating three years later with an Honours degree in English Literature. He returned to South Africa, taught at the University of the Witwatersrand until 1950, and then moved to Grahamstown and Rhodes.

Prof Butler established, and became the first Head of, the Department of Drama at Rhodes, in 1966. He also campaigned for the Chair of English and was its first incumbent. The National English Literary Museum owes its establishment to his efforts and is itself paying tribute to Prof Butler with an exhibition at the Natural History Museum.

Among other fascinating and interesting memorabilia which make it well worth a visit, this exhibition has a collection entitled *50 years of Press Cuttings - Prof F G Butler*. That one individual has consistently generated so many years of written commentary is surely remarkable. NELM Director, Malcolm Hacksley, says that many more cuttings than the space allowed for reproduction were edited from the end result.

Cllr Birt referred as well, during the

ceremony, to Prof Butler's role, from the early 1960s, together with that of the then MP for Albany, Dr Tom Bowker, in the establishment of the 1820 Settlers' National Monument, in Grahamstown. The 1820 Settlers' National Monument Foundation - Prof Butler has served on it since 1969 - celebrates its 25th anniversary this year and the Monument itself its 20th. He was the founder Chairman of the National Arts Festival and, since 1992, an Honorary Life Vice-Chairman.

The Mayor mentioned more of Prof Butler's achievements and contributions to the City of Grahamstown and many related activities and projects. On the subject of the English language and its role in the cultural life of English-speaking South Africans, Prof Butler himself, recalled the Mayor, is quoted as saying "No culture can grow without expanding, borrowing, embracing. A culture terrified of losing its chastity will die frustrated and barren." Cllr Birt suggested that Guy Butler, because of his significant personal contribution, has ensured that this will not happen.

Prof Butler, responding during the ceremony paid tribute to his colleagues and students for providing companionship without which he said, he would have been able to do little. "They put my cloudy ideas into reality", he said.

As he left the council chamber the newly-restored Cathedral bells were rung in his honour. This was at his own earlier suggestion. Prof Butler, his hosts, friends, family and guests then went to the Natural History Museum where they viewed the NELM exhibition.

Grahamstown became a city over a century ago, but it was just 100 years later, in 1951, when the municipal ordinance empowering the Council to bestow the Freedom came onto the books. The accolade, in the words of Cllr Birt, "is empty of material advantages - the promotion, privilege and precedence are in public esteem only, but it is for this reason that the rank of Freedom is of such dignity and worth."

The Humanitas Prize

Invitation to nominate candidates

The Humanitas Prize was instituted to acknowledge human sciences research contributions that have enhanced the quality of life of South Africa's people.

The Humanitas Selection Committee recently finalised the rules for this prestigious award and now invite individuals and organisations to nominate candidates for this prize.

The following are the most important criteria that will be applicable:

- * Only outstanding published research, of a human sciences nature, will be considered for the prize.
- * Factual proof has to be submitted of how the particular research contributed to the enhancement of the quality of life in South Africa.
- * The research must have been published within the last ten years.

Both the rules of the Humanitas Prize and nomination forms may be obtained from the secretariat of the Humanitas Selection Committee. Contact Mimi van der Merwe by telephone at (012) 202 2266 or by fax at (012) 202 2002.

The closing date for nominations is 31 May 1994.

Situation Vacant

Applications are invited for the post, from the beginning of the third term, of;

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Applicants should ideally have lived in a university residence or have had close contact with young people. Possession of academic qualifications would be a strong recommendation.

Application forms and further particulars may be obtained from Patrick Phillips in the Personnel Division (phone ext 8116) to whom completed applications should be sent by 12 noon on Monday, 2 May 1994.

Staff are reminded that the deadline for applications for Non-Academic Personal Promotions is Monday 2nd May.

Full details are in the booklet Annual Notices for the Information Staff sent out recently by the Registrar's Division.

Marathon run this weekend

Several well known South African athletes have already entered for the First National Bank Ultra-Marathon, on April 30.

The race will be run between Port Alfred and Grahamstown, starting at the Halyards Hotel and ending at the Prospect Field at Rhodes. This event is considered to be one of the premiere ultra-marathons in the Eastern Cape and is used by many athletes as a training run for the Comrades Marathon. It is always run four weeks before the Comrades for this specific reason. The course covers a distance of sixty kilometres and the road rises over 600 metres to the finish line. It is based on the Comrades Marathon and is run uphill one year and downhill the next. This year will be an "up" run which is considered to be more difficult than the Comrades because the last 16 kms are all uphill.

This, the 15th running of the event, will see Ronnie September, Boysie van Staden, Sean Meiklejohn and Pat Lithgow amongst some of the well known athletes who have entered the race so far. Ronnie September is a Two Oceans Marathon gold medallist and came fifth in the 1994 Two Oceans Marathon. Sean Meiklejohn is a former Comrades Marathon gold medallist who came thirteenth in the recent Two Oceans Marathon and Pat Lithgow is also a well known road running personality who won the Two Oceans Women's section in 1993. Boysie van Staden will be running in his seventh First National Bank Ultra-Marathon this year.

In addition to this, four people will be running in their tenth race. They are Billy Emslie, Peter Barnard, Billy Howden and Thomas Gxakaza. These athletes will be awarded a turquoise number and will join the eight other people who are recognised in this way.

A total of 140 people has been awarded permanent numbers. Permanent numbers are awarded after an athlete has completed from five to nine races and these are yellow in colour.

Many well-known South African road runners and Ultra athletes have participated in the race in the past. These include Bruce Fordyce, Boysie van Staden, Allan Robb, Tony Abbott and Arthur Lemos.

Race entry forms are available from the Sports Administration office, and at the starting line in Port Alfred on April 30.

The race organisers have introduced a "lucky dip" system where contestants will win a prize if their number is drawn. There will be ten prizes of R 100 each and a grand prize of a return airfare to any other race in South Africa.

A beer garden and food stalls will be opened at the finish line for supporters and participants. The Walk for Life organisation also intends to hold a fun walk along a different route which will finish at the same venue as the ultra-marathon.

The race was started by a student, Humphrey Power, in 1980. He used the road between Grahamstown and Port Alfred as a training route for the Comrades Marathon and ran it on 36 separate occasions. It was while he was flying to Durban to run the Comrades Marathon that he and a friend decided to hold an ultra-marathon along this route.

The first race, from Grahamstown to Port Alfred, attracted 80 runners. Since then the number of runners entering each year has increased consistently; to 500 in 1991, 305 in 1992 and approximately 430, 394 of whom finished, in 1993. The entries for the "up" run are normally less than for a "down" run and this is expected to be the case for 1994 as well.

The race has grown in strength over the years despite several difficulties. It was almost cancelled in 1991, due to a bush fire which caused a section of the road to be closed. A heat wave also occurred at the same time and caused much difficulty for the athletes.

R 70 000 up for grabs

The Metropolitan Life Project Competition will take place again in 1994, for the third year.

Institutions entering this year's four selected projects will each be provided with R 70 000 for their implementation.

The competition is open to all universities and technikons and calls for the entry of educational outreach programmes; those which are health and community related; those which support small business; housing projects; projects beneficial to the tertiary institution, local communities (especially those affected by the acknowledged backlogs referred to above). Projects must be implemented within four months of selection.

Of the four projects selected, at least one will come from each of the Northern, Southern and Eastern regions in which Metropolitan operates. The Eastern Cape is counted in their Southern Region, with the present Transkei and Ciskei falling in the company's Eastern Region. Any one institution may enter a maximum of four projects.

If any project is expected to cost more than R 70 000, details must be provided of how the prize money will be allocated. Budgets must clearly indicate how funds will be applied, for example in categories such as number of people to be trained and workshops to be held; the cost of printing and the cost of production of training materials, to mention but a few.

Metropolitan Life reserves the right to name the project after itself and the institution concerned and to promote it for public relations purposes and in the media.

Project proposals, the deadline for receipt of which by Metropolitan Life is 7 August 1994, must clearly outline the purpose, details and cost of the project; identify who will administer and implement it and describe the benefits to both the institution and the community. The four winning institutions will be notified by 15 October 1994.

Last year some 30 tertiary institutions entered a total of 88 projects with the Universities of South Africa, Stellenbosch, the Western Cape and the Technikon Mangosuthu being the ultimate winners.

Entries should be submitted to Neil Papenfus, at the Public Relations and Development Division, by 15 July.

The University will submit the chosen four projects to Metropolitan Life.



Mr John Stoker (left), Director of the Rhodes University Mathematics Education Project, with Prof W J Kotzé, Chairman of RUMEP's Board of Control, accept a cheque for R 15 000 from Mr Peter Stockwell (right), Assistant Manager of the Standard Bank in Grahamstown.

The money will be used to provide materials and courses for primary schools as part of RUMEP's programme designed to improve the quality of Maths education at disadvantaged primary schools.

Rhodes staffers turn High Street retailers



New owners of Wallace's Pharmacy from left to right: Len Paton, Clint Brown, Izzy Kanfer, Tina Ehlers, Ros Dowse, John Haigh and Karen Chadd.

Grahamstown has been given a practical reminder of the true meaning of community pharmacy with the purchase, by a consortium of academic staff members, of the city's oldest pharmacy.

And, in the process, senior pharmacy students at the University will be exposed to the realities of the running of a 'working' retail pharmacy.

Between the gleam in the eye of the drug designer and the birth of the prototype, much time, effort and money must be expended. The pregnancy occupies the attentions of numerous specialists; experts in biochemistry, analytical chemistry, toxicology, pharmacology, pharmacokinetics, production management and forensic pharmacy. The labour will – if successful – result in the emergence of coloured

tablets, syrupy liquids or small ampoules such as can be seen on the shelves behind the shoulders of any dispensing pharmacist.

Seven Rhodes lecturers in the above-mentioned specialities, together with a Rhodes graduate and practising pharmacist, have put their heads (and purses) together and are now the new owners of Wallace's Pharmacy in the High Street off Church Square. They are Clint Brown, Ros Dowse, Tina Ehlers, John Haigh, Izzy Kanfer, Len Paton and Bev Wilson and, with Karen Chadd, who was previously the manager of the pharmacy under the former owner, Clarrie Truscott, they are the new co-owners of the venture. Karen will continue as manager of the business. Clarrie Truscott, a City Councillor,

died tragically last year.

The new owners have devised a scheme whereby the senior students in the Rhodes School of Pharmaceutical Sciences will gain valuable, hands-on, experience of practical community pharmacy. Their current practical courses are biased toward the *development* of pharmaceuticals, and now the students will gain experience of the further progression of medicines to the retail pharmacy shelves and beyond.

The Rhodes staff involved have cumulative contact with Pharmacy which adds up to more than 150 years, most of it in the academic aspects of the discipline. All of them now look forward to being involved with the more practical day-to-day problems associated with the running of a working retail pharmacy.

The intention of the new owners is to interfere with the running and atmosphere of the pharmacy as little as possible. Wallace's Pharmacy is the oldest pharmacy in Grahamstown and rather than introduce an impression of hustling modernity, it is hoped to preserve and entrench the comfortable and caring tradition of the establishment while at the same time streamlining the dispensing facilities. A few new front shop lines will be introduced and an upgraded counselling service is planned. With the owners' extensive expertise now directly available to Wallace's and its customers, in such areas as the reliability and cost of generics, the toxicity and side effects of drugs and the correct use of medicines, the new team are looking forward immensely to interpreting this knowledge to the benefit of the community.



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Honorary Degrees awarded at Graduation 1994

At a Graduation Ceremony held in Grahamstown on Friday, 8 April, the Degree of Doctor of Literature, honoris causa, was awarded twice – to two long-standing and respected members of the Rhodes Community, Professors Emeritii Guy Butler and Rodney Davenport.

In citing Prof Butler for the award, Public Orator Malvern van Wyk Smith said that he had confronted the world and developed his life-long concern with what it means to be a South African.

Guy Butler arrived as a student at Rhodes in 1936 where, apart from the decade of 1940 to 1950, during which he saw war service in North Africa and Italy, two years of study in Oxford, and the beginning of his academic career at the University of the Witwatersrand, he has made his life and his fame.

Appointed Professor

In 1952 he became Professor of English at the age of 34, and he developed the Rhodes English Department into one of the best in the country. Highlights of his long association with Rhodes have included his memorable teaching of English literature from Shakespeare to Settler diaries; his campaign for the building of the Rhodes Theatre in which performances of his own plays have been among some of the unforgettable occasions and his initiation of the Departments of Drama, Journalism, and Linguistics and English Language. He also played a pivotal and creative role in establishing the 1820 Settlers' Monument, not as a mausoleum on a hill-top but as the centre of another venture with which his name will always be associated, the National Festival of the Arts, said Prof van Wyk Smith.

Guy Butler is a founder of the English Academy of Southern Africa, the Institute for the Study of English in Africa, the National English Literary Museum, Historic Grahamstown, and the Shakespeare Society of Southern Africa.

On the eve of our first truly national and democratic election, said van Wyk Smith, when the idea of a greater South Africa and a single nation is part of the thinking of all but the lunatic fringes, it is proper to honour a man whose vision of such a land has never wavered.

Rodney Davenport

Professor Davenport, in his turn, was described as a teacher, historian, liberal democrat, and campaigner for civil rights.

He has been described as South Africa's leading liberal historian and his great work, *South Africa: A Modern History*, as 'the first really viable modern survey of South African history since the works of C W de Kiewiet and Eric Walker many decades before' (Nicholas Southey, *T R H Davenport: Liberal Historian of South Africa*, *SA Historical Journal* 26 (1992):14).



Professors Guy Butler (left) and Rodney Davenport with the Public Orator, Prof Malvern van Wyk Smith, at the Graduation Garden Party on St Peter's Lawns

He was educated in Britain, on the kind of curriculum that would have taught him not only a classic English prose but that kind of history which stresses the presence of the past. These remained lasting influences. He has always had a concern with just what exactly history is and how essential its study is for the understanding of the present. His thinking has been informed throughout by a sense of historical wisdom, such as when he recently remarked to me on the difficulties of negotiating a new South Africa, that 'you can't write a constitution and a peace treaty at the same time.'

Masters thesis

Rodney Davenport came to Rhodes in 1943, where he took his degree with distinctions in History and French. Attracted early on to contemporary and near-contemporary history, he returned from military service in Italy to work on a master's thesis that anticipated the later historian's predilection for constitutional, political and legal history. "The topic, *The Responsible Government Issue in Natal 1880-1882*, must ring uncomfortable bells in many minds at this particular point in our history", said Prof van Wyk Smith, during the graduation ceremony.

Prof Davenport gained a further degree at Oxford and taught for some years in England before returning to South Africa and the University of Cape Town in 1953, where his doctoral research on the Afrikaner Bond not only pointed him further along the way of contemporary South African history, but equipped him to become a trenchant commentator on Afrikaner nationalism and the ideological and constitutional depredations of apartheid.

He came back to Rhodes in 1965 and, in 1976, was appointed Professor and Head of the Department of History. He became an authority on urban legislation, and his expert knowledge on land tenure and ownership made him a formidable city councillor to reckon with in the 1970s when the government attempted to impose forced removals on Grahamstown. That Fingo Village remained in the possession of blacks, and that our townships escaped the worst depredations of the government's obsession to paint South Africa white, must to a large extent have been owing to him.

In 1977 his work *South Africa: A Modern History* was first published. Now in its 4th edition, it has been the standard text for students and scholars for almost a generation, both in this country and abroad. The author created, from the royalties on this book, a postgraduate history scholarship at Rhodes, the first award of which was made this year.

Mbeki and O'Dowd honoured

Honorary degrees were also conferred, during the graduation ceremonies, on Govan Mbeki, member of the National Executive of the African National Congress, and on Michael O'Dowd, an Executive Director of the Anglo American Corporation and Chairman of the Anglo American and De Beers Chairman's Fund. They both received the degree of Doctor of Laws (LLD).

- * On May 14, in East London, the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) (honoris causa) will be conferred upon Mrs Auriel Batten, the well-known botanist, writer and illustrator, and the author of *Flowers of Southern Africa*.



Recycling effort collects significant amount

Norman Winter and his team in the Janitor's department continue to collect waste paper from around the campus and sell it to the recycling companies.

It is sometimes hard to comprehend the sheer volume of paper used by the various departments and divisions at Rhodes. For example, during the first three calendar months of this year a total of 10 036,60 kilograms was disposed of in this way.

Our picture shows two of Norman's staff members. Colin Skweyiya (right) and Tamie Mpumlo busily loading some of the first quarter's paper for recycling on to the contractor's vehicle.



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Articles should be forwarded to the Editor, at the Public Relations

and Development Division. They are preferred on diskette in any of several common word processing formats, including ASCII, Word Perfect, WordStar

and Multimate. Text may also be e-mailed to adjw@kudu.ru.ac.za. Photographs and line art are also welcome, whether as stand alone items or illustrative of articles.

Election arrangements on campus

Lectures to be suspended over election period

The Rhodes University Senate has agreed to suspend lectures at the University on Thursday and Friday, April 28 and 29, and on Tuesday, May 10, in addition to the previously agreed suspension of lectures on Wednesday, April 27.

Academic departments will be closed on those dates, but non-academic sections of the University will operate as usual on Friday 29 April.

Timetable changes are necessary to make up for lost time.

"After wide consultation, the SRC had asked that the additional classes should take place between June 6 - 8", said the Registrar, Dr Keith Hunt.

He explained that the midyear examinations, which were due to begin on Wednesday, June 8, will now begin on Friday, June 10 and continue until Friday, June 24. There will be no examinations on June 16. The examinations were previously due to be completed on June 22.

Seniors may continue

"It was agreed that students in senior classes wishing to continue as normal on April 28 and 29 and May 10 should be permitted to do so, if they are able to reach consensus among themselves. The provisional examination timetable should be available by the end of this week. Students who book to leave before June 24 will do so at their own risk", Dr Hunt said.

The non-academic sections of the University will not operate on April 27 and 28. As the residences will remain open, certain staff will work on a voluntary basis in the kitchens. The Campus Protection Unit will also continue to operate.

Polling station on campus

One of the polling stations for the election at which people may cast their vote will be on the campus.

It will be situated in the Great Hall and will be open on both April 27 and 28, from 07h00 until 19h00.

Other polling stations will be situated in and around Grahamstown.

There will be special polling stations, some mobile, for the benefit of the aged and infirm and of prisoners, which will be open on April 26th, at various times. Those at the hospitals will be exclusively for the use of patients; hospital staff may not use them.

One of these will be at the Settlers Hospital, open from 07h00 until 19h00. Others will be at Temba Hospital (10h15 to approximately 11h15) and at Fort England from 14h00.

The mobile unit will visit other locations, on April 26th, in Grahamstown. These are the Ethembeni Service Centre in Joza (from 08h00), the Ekuphumleni Centre (from 09h15), the Antics Service Centre (from 11h30), the McKeiser Old Age Home (from 12h45), the Red Cross home at Somerset Place (from 15h00), Brookshaw Home (from 16h15) and the Community of the Resurrection in Donkin Street, from 18h00.

Further mobile booths will operate at the prison, from 07h00 to 19h00 and at the Senior Citizens Service Centre in High Street, from 07h00 until 13h00.

On both April 27th and 28th polling stations will be open, from 07h00 until 19h00, at Zondani Hall, Moluthando Hall, Nathaniel Nyalluza High School, the Town Hall, Clinic Extension 6 in Kings Flats, the Daniel Khutliso Secondary School, the Fikizolo Primary School, the Tyanty Primary School and the Recreation Hall in Albany Road.

Library hours during election period

There will be certain changes to the opening times of the University Library over the election period, and these are published below. They are provisional as circumstances may dictate changes, but will be adhered to if at all possible.

Monday 25 April - normal term hours
Tuesday 26 April - 8:30am - 6:00pm
Wednesday 27 April - Closed all day.

Thursday 28 April - 8:30am - 6:00pm
Friday 29 April - 8:30am - 6:00pm
Saturday 30 April - 8:45am - 12:30pm

Tuesday 10 May - closed all day.

Mike Berning

Deputy University Librarian

Summit sub-committee tables recommendations

Recommendations on proposed changes to the composition of the University Council have been made by the governance and accountability sub-committee, which was set up after last year's University Summit.

"The enlarged Summit Committee, which has met three times since the Summit, has considered the recommendations from the sub-committee on governance and accountability and agreed that a document be prepared describing the present composition of Council and the proposed changes", said the Vice Principal, Dr Michael Smout, who is Chairman of the enlarged Summit Committee. "Members of the Summit Committee will discuss the proposals with their constituencies. Copies of the document will also be available to members of the public", he said.

At present, the Council is composed of the Principal, Dr Derek Henderson; the Vice-Principal; four persons appointed by the State President; three members appointed by the Convocation (all graduates of the

University); four members of the University Senate elected by the Senate; one member each appointed by the municipalities of Grahamstown; Port Elizabeth, East London, King William's Town, Queenstown and Uitenhage; two members elected by donors to the University; one member appointed by the associated research institutes of the University; four co-opted members, appointed by the Vice-Chancellor for their particular expertise; and two members appointed by the Rhodes University Foundation.

"The proposed changes include the appointment of one member of Council chosen by Eastern Cape high schools, and two members of the Students' Representative Council, one of whom is the President", Dr Smout said. "The sub-committee recommended that the status quo should be retained regarding representation by municipalities, although the addition of other municipalities might be considered in the future. At present, the sub-committee is discussing the

appointment of representatives of the non-professorial academic staff and the non-academic staff to the Council. If this is approved, these members would have observer status until changes have been made to the Rhodes University Act and Statute."

"The Vice-Chancellor will continue to nominate co-opted members of Council for approval by Council, and could also appoint an ad hoc committee to advise him on the nominations, thus broadening the scope of these appointments", he said.

The other five sub-committees agreed upon by the summit last year were also making good progress, Dr Smout said, and would be able to present their recommendations within the next two or three months. They are considering academic development and student admissions; co-operation with other tertiary education institutions; staff selection; the extension of opportunities for formal education; and a protest charter and dispute resolution.



Saturday 30 April

Rugby

RU 1st XV vs Parks	Great A, 20h40
RU 2nd XV vs Parks	Great A, 19h20
RU 3rd XV vs Parks	Great B, 18h00
RU U21A vs Parks	Great A 18h00
RU U21B vs Crusaders	Prospect, 18h00

Sunday 1 May

Sportsman's Steak evening. *Sports bar, from 18h00*
Support the Rugby Club – bring your family for the best steak in town.

Tuesday 3 May

Hockey

RU Men's 2nd XI vs Walmer	Away, 18h45
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Saturday 7 May

Rugby

RU 1st XV vs Patensie	Great A, 18h30
RU 1st Reserves vs Patensie	Great A, 14h10
RU 2nd XV vs Patensie	Great B, 12h50
RU U21A vs RU U21B	Great A, 18h00

Hockey

RU Women's 1st XI vs Crusaders	Away, 15h00
RU Women's 2nd XI vs Old Grey	Away, 15h00
RU Women's 3rd XI vs Ramblers	Away, 15h00

Sunday 8 May

Hockey

RU Men's 1st XV vs Cavaliers	Great Field, 11h30
RU Men's 2nd XV vs Lotus	Great Field, 10h00
RU Men's 3rd XV vs Lakeside	Upper Barrat, 10h00
RU Women's 2nd XV vs Crusaders	Away, 10h00

Thursday 12 May

Astrosoc meeting followed by refreshments and telescope viewing (weather permitting). *Physics Dept, 19h30 - 21h00*

Saturday 14 May

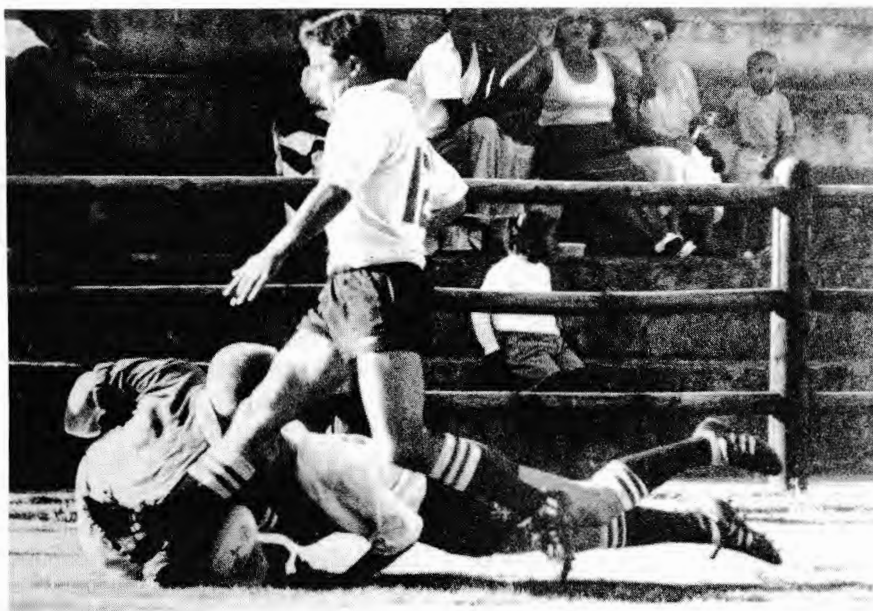
Rugby

RU 1st XV vs UPE	Great A, 15h30
RU 1st Reserves vs UPE	Great A, 14h10
RU 2nd XV vs UPE	Great A, 12h50
RU U21A vs UPE	Great B, 12h50
RU U21B vs Uitenhage	Prospect, 13h20

Ave! Welcome to Rhodes

On behalf of their colleagues, *Rhodos* is happy to welcome the following new members of staff to the Rhodes community. May your stay be long and happy.

Dr M V Joseph	Adult Literacy Coordinator	Molteno Project, JHB office.
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Mrs S Dizdar	Circulation Assistant	Library
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Miss S L Heyns	Sports Officer	Sports Administration
Mrs A H Keys	Clerk	SRC
Mrs M Kuzwayo	Trainer II	Molteno Project, PMB office
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Mr A Mulder	Technical Officer	Department of Psychology
Miss P W Paling	Secretary	Department of Economics & Economic History
Mrs R C Parker	Secretary	Sports Administration
Miss M Quntu	Field worker	Centre for Social Development
Mrs M van der Merwe	Secretary	Department of Human Movement Studies
Miss L-A A Venter	Clerk	Bursaries Office; Dean of Students Division
Dr G J Youthed	Senior Technical Officer	Institute for Water Research.



First try of the match, and its for Rhodes! Ryan Grobler scores for the 1st XV against Crusaders in a recent match. Unfortunately Crusaders came back too strongly for the students who eventually went down 35-15.

Hockey

RU Women's 1st XI vs Old Grey	Away, 16h15
RU Women's 2nd XI vs Old Grey	Away, 14h45
RU Women's 3rd XI vs Westview	Away, 15h00
RU Women's 4th XI vs Old Grey	Away, 13h45
RU Men's 1st XV vs UPE	Away, 09h30
RU Men's 2nd XV vs Cavaliers	Away, 11h30
RU Men's 3rd XV vs Alpha/Maple Leaf	Away, 10h00

Year Planners still available

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