



Alty award for magnificent seven



Seven members of the academic staff were the first recipients of the Thomas Alty awards, which are tax-free cash awards made to staff, who have been at Rhodes for not less than one year, and who have completed Masters or PhD or equivalent degrees. The awards are worth R2 500 and R5 000 respectively.

At the award ceremony, Dr Derek Henderson, the Vice-Chancellor, said that he had wished to establish the awards at Rhodes some time ago, and was pleased that the University had now found a means of honouring Dr Thomas Alty, Master of Rhodes University College from 1948 to 1950, and first Vice-Chancellor of the University from 1951 to 1963, while also giving an award to staff members who had gained higher degrees.

Those who received the first awards were: Dr Ron Hall (English), Mr Ephraim Lesoro (African Languages), Dr John Grogan (Law), Dr Rob Midgley (Law), Dr Pat Scott (Human Movement Studies), Professor Peter Clayton (Computer Science), and Mr George Wells (Computer Science), seen with Dr Derek Henderson at the award ceremony.

The Personnel Division will make every effort to register staff achievements, but Mr Bruce Smith reiterates the plea made in a previous issue of *Rhodos*: "Please inform us of any changes to your curriculum vitae as soon as possible".

Finance were too quick for us

The report headed "There's more good news" in the last issue of *Rhodos* may be true for those employed by organizations with less efficient Finance boffins than those at Rhodes. A slightly aggrieved Mr Errol Wicks has informed *Rhodos* that our Finance Division had the new tax tables in time and implemented them in March. The good news is that we have not been overtaxed since March and cannot, therefore expect big reductions in tax in July. What a pity that Finance did not blow their trumpet in March and tell us about it!

BESTMED takes over

As reported in the March edition of *Rhodos*, the Statutory Organizations Medical Scheme (SOMS) becomes BESTMED at the beginning of July. It will change from an 80% scheme to one which offers a 100% scale of benefits. The benefit for medicine, however, will remain at 75%.

"The scheme will be as outlined in the March article. Staff should hang on to their membership cards until they receive new cards and new booklets. The transition will be slow, but this will not affect benefits or claims under the new scheme", said Mr Patrick Phillips, of the Personnel Division.

Pensioners and widows, who did not pay subscriptions under

SOMS, will now contribute in the lowest income category. However, Personnel has put forward a recommendation to Council that the University subsidise pensioners and widows. Letters explaining this will go to all pensioners and widows, he said.



"You know, Guillotin, you could have something here."

A girl who got her first job as a secretary was asked how she liked her boss.

"He's not too bad", she said, "but he's sort of bigoted."

Asked to explain what she meant, she said: "Well, for one thing he thinks words can only be spelled one way."

C'mon Rhodes, recycle it!

by Irene de Moor

Earthday has come and gone and many people are keen to make a serious attempt to "become more green" in their daily lives. This can, however, be frustrating when one lives in a small town like Grahamstown, which, to date, lacks the "recycling infrastructure" which has already been set up in large cities.

The Grahamstown Municipality is keen to improve the recycling situation and plans are afoot to institute glass recycling in the near future. This will eventually be followed by the whole gamut of tin, plastic and more efficient paper recycling, until we reach the stage where very little refuse will end up on the Municipal dump.

In the meantime, it is good to know which recycling options are available. Most of the schools in town as well as many University Departments are collecting paper (see the table), but this is not open to the general public, and paper should be sent via a school pupil or member of staff to the particular institution. The Assumption Convent Nursery School is also undertaking to recycle cardboard, glass and plastic, again by prior arrangement with the teachers or via pupils of the school

Paper recycling at Rhodes

At one stage it was thought that the advent of computer technology would result in an enormous saving of paper. Sadly, this has not been the case. Because of the problems encountered in reading documents on computer screens, manuscripts often go through as many as ten drafts before the final print is made. It is quite shocking that in many departments at Rhodes all this extra paper gets thrown away. This is quite unforgivable, especially as there are options for recycling at the University. Mr Winter, of the Janitor's Office, has had a long-standing agreement with Nampak to recycle paper. People who are interested in starting recycling in their departments should give him a call (ext 139) and he will arrange to provide storage bags and collect the paper regularly.

Alternatively, good quality paper (which has only been used on one side) can be saved for the Centre for Social Development (CSD), which desperately needs enormous amounts of paper for their network of nursery schools in Rini and surrounding areas. The CSD will collect paper from departments if necessary. To find out more about this, phone ext 573 or 2 4483 (mornings only).

Re-use of materials

Home Industries (Hill Street) accept any of the following: plastic bags, egg boxes, orange and potato pockets, polystyrene trays and screw-top bottles of every description, including jam, tomato and other sauce bottles, spirit bottles (eg gin, vodka etc), chutney, "purity" and half-litre cooldrink bottles.

Primary schools (and the CSD) make use of the following: newspapers, used computer paper, food boxes (eg breakfast cereal boxes) cardboard, wine bottle covers, scraps of wool and fabric, gift wrap, old Christmas cards, magazines, buttons, ribbons, corks, brown paper, felt floor tiles, matchboxes, fabric-softener bottles, silver paper, old toothbrushes, wire, wall paper, bottle tops, polystyrene chunks, sawdust, and wood offcuts.

The following schools and institutions in Grahamstown are acting as depots for recycling various items:

Materials collected

	Paper	Cardboard	Glass	Plastic
Schools				
• Graeme College	X			
• Kingswood	X	X		
• Oatlands	X			
• P J Olivier	X	X		
• VG Primary	X			
• Assumption Nursery School	X	X	X	X
University Departments				
• Albany Museum	X			
• Botany	X			
• Business Admin	X			
• Computer Science	X			
• Education	X			
• JLB Smith Institute	X	X		
• Psychology	X			
• Social Work	X			

(If you have any ideas on the subject of recycling, or tips on how you have recycled items, drop a line to Rhodes so that we can spread the word - Ed)

All change for Cambridge

by George Euvrard

Mr David McKellar, a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Education, will travel to Cambridge, England in July to attend a ten-day international seminar on "Change in Schools".

Delegates to the seminar will examine such factors as barriers to change, ways of promoting change, and the role of the teacher in this process.

Mr McKellar will also visit various universities, polytechnics and colleges of education during his visit to England. As part of his doctoral research into the teaching of reading, he will meet several international authorities in this field. His itinerary includes periods of work in Winchester, Oxford, Liverpool, Ormskirk and London.

The visit has been made possible by the generous financial assistance of the Gencor Development Trust and the University.

Not only students preparing to be teachers, or those improving their qualifications will benefit from this visit. As Chairman of the the school committee of Victoria Primary School, and a member of the Victoria Girls' High School Management Committee, Mr McKellar will be able to disseminate to the wider community that which is of value to our local schools in terms of his findings and experiences on this visit.

Update on staff exchanges

by Bruce Smith

In 1984, the University Council approved a system of interchange of lecturing staff between Rhodes and overseas universities, subject to the following general rules:

- The exchange is independent of existing leave conditions. The staff member concerned will be granted special leave.
- will not normally be for more than one year.

- will not effect emoluments. The staff member will continue to receive his or her normal salary and fringe benefits, while working at the host university. The staff member's replacement will receive his or her salary and fringe benefits from his or her own university.
- The staff member must be acceptable to the host university, and his or her replacement must be acceptable to this university,

- The two staff members concerned should be in the same or cognate disciplines.
- any agreement on the exchange of houses, cars, etc, will be a private matter between the participants. The University will not become involved in these arrangements,
- The staff member may apply to the Principal for travelling expenses to the host university. Depending on circumstances, up to one return economy air fare

- may be granted. No travel grant will be made towards the expenses of the staff member's family.
- The staff member must give an undertaking to serve the University for not less than one year after returning to duty.
- Every exchange must be initiated by the staff member and tentative arrangements submitted via the Head of Department to the Director of Personnel for approval by Senate and Council.

RUSA NEWS

The Liaison Committee met on Tuesday, June 12. Main points of interest included *Rhodos*. The Administrative Sub-committee of Council will in future use *Rhodos* to disseminate policy matters relating to staff.

Employment conditions

Staff members were reminded that when asking for improved conditions to match other universities, they should consider the whole package, and not just the areas where other universities were better endowed. For example, Rhodes has a lower student/staff ratio than any other university. If Rhodes were to reduce the number of lecturers, there would be more funds available for improved benefits.

Housing subsidy.

Extending the housing subsidy benefit to married women staff members, as for their male counterparts, would not be economically possible at present. A long-term plan will have to be developed to enable all married women to participate equally. Information relating to married women on the service staff, who are often the major bread-winners, will have to be obtained. Remember the

University gets no subsidy whatsoever for Residence staff.

Maternity leave

An improved maternity leave position is under consideration.

Child care facilities

RUSA has been asked to canvass opinion on what support there would be for a creche for the children of staff. The University might consider providing accommodation, but the running costs would have to be borne by the beneficiaries.

Accommodation: Women graduate assistants

The University is to consider immediately enabling women graduate assistants to be eligible for University accommodation.

Medical Aid

- a) The University is carrying out an investigation into medical aid benefits. It recognizes the need to keep abreast of developments.
- b) It would not be economically possible at present to extend medical aid benefits to mar-

ried women on an equal basis for the same reasons given for the housing subsidy.

Library staff

The predicament of the Library staff has been satisfactorily resolved.

Part-time staff

The University believes that there is a need for part-time jobs. If these become to expensive, through offering pension and long-leave benefits, it could mean that these jobs will have to diminish. By the same token, it is believed that the University does not exploit part-timers.

Stand-by allowance for Technical staff.

The University stated that conditions within it were not as onerous as those outside. It did pay an inconvenience allowance to certain categories and would look into the opportunity to expand these.

The RUSA/RULA team felt that the first meeting of the committee had been valuable and look forward to the future with confidence.

Invitation issued for discussions

by John Landman

Several non-academic staff were invited, informally, by the RUSA Chairperson, Mr John Eller, to discuss issues raised on the *Rhodos* Letters page.

Mr Eller suggested, after discussing these issues, that a brief information-gathering exercise be undertaken, with the intention of meeting with the Director of Personnel to clarify the official position on the points raised.

This was agreed to, and several group meetings were arranged, as well as many individual contacts made, to glean information. Happily, those heads of section approached were happy to allow their staff the time to attend the group meetings, for which they have the appreciation of all concerned.

The result of this activity was that on June 12 we met with the Director of Personnel, at the invitation of the RUSA Chairperson, to discuss these points.

The list of points is too long to print here, but has been submitted to the RUSA executive for their attention, with the intention that they raise the issues at a higher level. Anyone interested in the content of the submission can contact Mr John Eller.

It was agreed after the meeting that several questions were evasively answered and that there appears to be an unclear view of the issues affecting non-academic staff from the University's viewpoint. Further, there is the perception that the University offers as much to its staff in its conditions of employment as outside organizations do. This was strongly debated.

The Director of Personnel put himself at the disposal of staff and declared that his Division would hear and pursue any discontents and suggestions. However, he said that the University would prefer to deal directly with a fully representative body, such as RUSA.

If any progress is to be made in putting discontents up for discussion,

Things that go bump

The paving work at the St Peters/Truro entrance has now been completed.

Please note that a speed bump has been created at the lower end to ensure that traffic entering Somerset Street does so safely.

he staff must rally behind RUSA. Conditions will not simply change, that is not the University's style of management. The staff complement must show, and support their discontents, before action will be taken.

The awareness of staff gripes has now been raised all round, and, although the same issues have been ignored and pushed aside in the past, a mechanism is developing to restate the position. Reviving the existing association, giving it new support, the benefit of any doubts, will establish it as a permanent mouthpiece representing all staff groups.



"Even I, years ago, was once terribly tempted to falsify my research data. I was able to fight it off only by cheating on my income tax."

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Has Mercury alighted in our mail room?

by Vic Meager

The Rhodes Mail Room offers several services to staff. If you need help with a postal matter not dealt with below, please telephone me on ext 184

Bulk Mail in South Africa

Considerable savings can be made in this way, but a minimum of 100 items is required. Please send the Mail Room a sample of the item to be posted, with the total number to be processed. A cheque requisition will be completed, and, once the cheque has been received, you will be informed and the balance of the items can be sent to the Mail Room. Please bundle the items in tens, twenties or fifties, as this makes the task easier.

Courier Service

The University has a favourable arrangement with Cross Cape for courier deliveries in South Africa. Courier mail needs to be with us not later than 3:30 pm for despatch that evening or early the next morning. When completing the courier documents, be sure to supply these details:

- Street address of addressee (box numbers are not enough)
- Name and telephone number of addressee
- Your street address, name and telephone number
- The cost centre number in the top left corner.

If you wish a firm to send you an item at the University's expense, obtain from the Mail Room the Rhodes account number and the telephone number of the nearest depot for collection. Remember that it may be cheaper to fax an item rather than use a courier service.

Internal Mail.

If you re-use envelopes, please obliterate the previous address completely. The following details need to be clearly marked:

- Title, initials and surname of the addressee
- Department (not abbreviated) or house (in the case of students)
- Mark these items "Internal Mail"

The following organizations are linked to our Internal Mail system:

- * Rhodes, East London
- * The 1820 Foundation
- * The National English Literary Museum
- * The Rhodes Union
- * The SRC and all student societies.

Notices

You will need 90 copies of notices to go to Departments. If you wish to extend this to Wardens and Hall secretaries, you will need 140 copies.

Messengers

Mail is collected from the Post Office between 10:30 am and 12:30 pm, depending on the time it is ready. As soon as the mail is received, it is sorted. The best time to collect mail is after 11:30 am

Printed Matter

Printed matter for destinations overseas should have the bottom right hand corner of the envelopes cut off.

Registered items

Private registered items cannot be collected or despatched by Mail Room staff.

Addressees will be notified when the Mail Room receives official registered items, by means of a special slip attached to the bulldog grip at the back of the post box.

Registered items should be sent to the Mail Room by lunch time if they are to be cleared the same day.

Resignations or absence on sabbatical leave.

We would appreciate it if staff members asked Departmental Secretaries to re-address mail where this is necessary. This re-addressed mail can then be re-introduced into the system and processed. On occasions mail is incorrectly delivered. Please indicate this on the envelope, together with the correct address. If the correct address is unknown, please write "return to sender" on the envelope.

Stamps

Stamps are sold in the Mail Room between 10:30 am and 12:30 pm and 3:30 pm and 4:30 pm. We also have air mail stickers, insured parcel forms, customs forms and parcel slips.

Telegrams

Official telegrams for transmission the same day should be received by us no later than 2:30 pm.

Cheer up - you're well off

by Geoff Lucas

Next time you're feeling low, don't reach for the ENOS, take out your pay slip and pull out your calculator.

Take your NET salary and ADD it to your BOND REPAYMENT. Then look around for the PENSION deduction and add twice this figure to your net salary (the government matches rand for rand what you pay).

It's now beginning to look quite healthy.

Now ADD ON about ten percent of your YEARLY BONUS.

The total is more or less what you are actually getting each month.

Next, take the phone book and find the number of an employment agency and ring them up. Ask them what the going rate is for the job you are doing, and mention your newly calculated NET salary

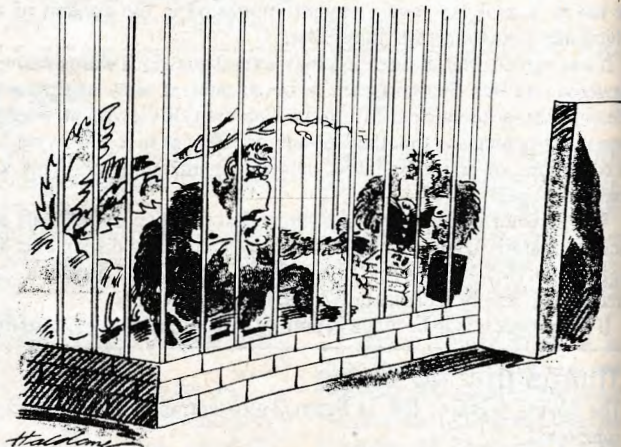
and tell them this is what you'd expect to get at a new job.

You might mention that you'll be wanting an hour and a quarter for lunch and be able to live five minutes drive away from your work, and, if you don't go home for lunch you expect to be able to get a roast chicken dinner for R3,50. If they haven't hung up on you by this time you might add that you expect to get five weeks' holiday a year, not to mention an extra month of leave every five years.

Don't be upset when derisive laughter comes down the line and they say your expectations are totally unrealistic. Thank your lucky stars for the job you've got and don't phone me to complain about this article until you've done the calculation yourself, and made the phone call.

When you come to check the barrel of your life, notice whether it's half full or half empty. Then, if the mood takes you, top it up a bit.

**"You're in here for life.
What earthly use is a
sociology degree?"**



New LAN benefit to hydrology

by Denis Hughes

As we have been hearing at lot about LANs on campus recently, *Rhodos* readers might like to know about another LAN, installed in the Hydrological Research Unit about a month ago.

The software used is NOVELL, which is the international market leader in LANs. The installation was done by SYSNET (The company that set up and sponsored the Festival Fringe booking operation last year, and who will set up an expanded system this year) over a period of two and a half days.

During this time, the members of the Unit became familiar with the basics of NOVELL in terms of routine LAN maintenance, setting up some software on the LAN and establishing login scripts for new users.

SYSNET returned a few weeks later to iron out problems and to educate us on some of the finer details of NOVELL operations. The period between the visits was useful to allow us to define some of our requirements in more detail and to make a few mistakes.

The LAN has now been running for some time without fail and everybody finds it relatively straightforward to use and of great benefit to our research activities.

The file server is a 386 SX and workstations consist of three true 386 machines and five PC XT's. We are running various hydrological models, BASIC and C Compilers, Statgraphics, word processing, Spreadsheet and Database software, as well as various in-house developed data collection and processing programmes.

The Hydrological Research Unit extends an invitation to anybody who is interested to come to see our NOVELL LAN. If anybody would like to know more about NOVELL, what it can do for them, what it will cost and how it compares with other available LAN software, I would suggest that they talk to one of the SYSNET representatives during the Festival period. I will be happy to help arrange a meeting.



Monsignor Peter Mee, the Vicar General and diocesan historian of the Dunedin diocese, New Zealand, recently visited Grahamstown. He spent some time researching in the Cory Library and delivered a lecture entitled "Bishop Patrick Moran 1869-1895". At the close of the lecture he presented two albums of photographs by CJ Aldham, on behalf of the Most Reverend Leonard A Boyle, Bishop of the Diocese of Dunedin, to Cory Librarian Ms Sandy Rowoldt. The albums constitute a valuable early photographic record of the town, its people and the environs. There are several unusual photographs, amongst them an early view of huts in the "Native Location", "Finnaughty's Bridge", children of St Catherine's Convent School and portraits of several local luminaries.

Perhaps we're better teachers

A recent report in the *Weekend Post*, headed "Nine in ten cheat in US varsity exams", prompted *Rhodos* to ask Mr Ian Lunn, Examinations Officer, and Dr Sirion Robertson, an Examinations Commissioner, for their views.

The *Weekend Post* report stated that large numbers of students in the US submit papers written by others, obtain copies of exam papers in advance and buy papers specially written for them. They do this, apparently without embarrassment and with minimal fear of being caught or punished.

A recent survey at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, showed that nine out of ten students cheat. Subsequent surveys have shown that this dishonesty is not limited to one university, and has increased markedly in the past 20 years.

There is even a company that specializes in writing term papers for students. The company denies that it is selling term papers, saying that the papers are merely examples to guide students.

Mr Lunn said that in his time at Rhodes, only one serious case of cheating in exams had come to light. "Thank goodness, we do not have a problem like that facing the universities in the report."

Dr Robertson said: "Naturally, we can't claim that our system is 100% efficient in terms of its freedom from, or invulnerability

to, cheating. Over the past ten years or so, we have caught a couple of miscreants. Presumably there must be some that 'got away'.

"I do not believe that cheating has become syndicated or organized, as has happened in America, according to the report."

"Rhodes recently commissioned an in-house investigation of security pertaining to the exam system in general, and we came through, as far as can be seen, with a pretty clean bill of health. One of the weakest links in the system and the most difficult to address, is the freedom of students to visit the toilets and return to the exam. Although there are certain constraints on this freedom, and they are usually applied by the invigilators, it seems to me and several of my colleagues to be an area of vulnerability. My own belief is that students shouldn't be allowed to return to an exam if they leave the Hall (I have also suggested, as a concession to truly urgent cases, that we provide potties on a raised dias in the middle of the hall).

"With the possible exception of this toilet question, I think that the rules pertaining to all aspects of the system are good, and reflect the University's recognition of the importance of security", he said.



"At last. Another human being. Just as I was beginning to think that I might go insane!"

Keep them off our gardens

by Mark Hazell

Numerous comments have been received from staff in the gardens maintenance section about uncontrolled dogs doing damage to gardens and lawns as well as soiling lawned areas.

The Municipal bylaws govern the control of dogs in public areas. We request that all dogs be kept under strict control and that dog owners abide by the conditions of the bylaws.

We also ask, not only for health reasons, that those who walk their dogs on any part of the campus take responsibility for the removal of faeces deposited by their dogs. Please, also, keep your dogs out of gardens and off the designated sportsfields.

A copy of the relevant bylaws is on file in the Grounds and Gardens offices if you would like to check up on what they have to say on these and other matters.

We're filled for the Festival

by Jenny Purdon

The City of Saints is once again about to be inundated by a huge influx of visitors to the National Festival of the Arts. An estimated 1 300 visitors will stay in the 26 University residences which are being opened for this period. Three sub-wardens are allocated to each residence to assist people arriving and departing and to answer their queries. The reasonable rates for dinner, bed and breakfast of R35 per student and R63 per adult, has led to a number of people opting for accommodation in the residences.

A number of venues on campus will be used for productions or exhibitions: the Great Hall, Rhodes Club, Rob Antonissen Room, Sports Union Room; Oppidan Common Room; Rhodes Theatre; Box Theatre; Beethoven Room, the Art School and the JLB Smith Institute of Ichthyology.

With the ever-growing Festival Fringe as well as the main events, this year's Festival promises to be another crowd-puller

Meetings are things people go to to learn better how to do the things they already know how to do, but don't have the time to do because they have to go to so many meetings...



"Mind you, there are a lot worse jobs than the Colosseum score-board."

Senior Accounts Clerk

Applications are invited for the post of Senior Accounts Clerk in the Finance Division.

The post requires responsibility for all aspects of student fees under the supervision of the Accountant. Preference will be given to candidates who have a bookkeeping qualification and/or credit control experience.

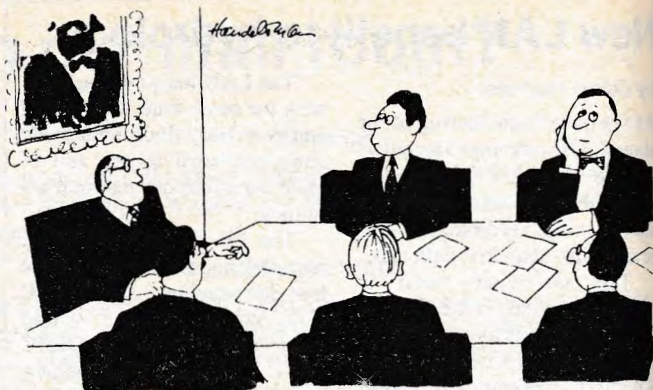
Application forms and salary particulars and further information may be obtained from Mrs S Stephenson, ext 115, in the Personnel Division.

Closing date for applications: July 11.

Applications are invited for the following posts:

- Director of the Institute of Social and Economic Research;
- Professor of Exploration Geology in the Department of Geology;
- Professor and Head of the Department of Linguistics and English Language.

Application forms and further details can be obtained from Mrs S Stephenson, ext 115, Personnel Division.



"That was a very realistic proposal, Halvorsen. We'll just shelve it until we've finished fantasising."

Grounds and Gardens update

by Mark Hazell

To ensure that the Rhodes community is aware of our activities, we intend to provide you with regular updates of work to be undertaken by the Grounds and Gardens section.

A number of projects are about to be undertaken. Some of these will cause disruption to activities in various areas around the campus - for that we apologise, and trust that the end result will justify upsetting our otherwise tranquil life at Rhodes.

During the first week in June we began to lay paths and re-lay driveways in and around the Jan Smuts area.

This will be followed by improving the surface of the parking area between the Chemistry and Struben buildings.

Towards the end of the year we hope to begin work on the paths leading from Oriol to Psychology,

and from the Electronics building towards Drosty Road.

On the go at the moment is the re-laying of the path in front of the Drosty Hall. The stone used is that which was taken up from the Drosty Arch path.

Also in June, we began work on laying pipes and sprinklers on the Drosty lawns, to improve staff efficiency and ensure that our valuable borehole water supplies are used to the best effect. Automated irrigation was installed on the Great Field at the beginning of this year. This has resulted in a much improved playing surface and better turf growth. The system permits night watering, which facilitates maximum use of the playing fields without disrupting either the sportsmen or essential maintenance work.

At present, two 15mm applications are made a week. We expect a cost saving in equipment maintenance due to reduced wear and

Part-time Clerical Assistant in the University Library

Applications are invited for the abovementioned post from as early date as possible.

Candidates should be competent typists with a working knowledge of word processing. Previous library experience would be an added advantage.

Salary particulars are available on request.

The initial salary will be determined according to qualifications and experience. Fringe benefits include generous leave privileges and a service bonus subject to regulations.

Application forms and salary particulars may be obtained from Mrs S Stephenson, Personnel Division, (ext 115). Closing date: 13 July 1990

San Sisters' Column

Headaches

by Sister Win Simpson

There are many possible causes of headaches, and often more than one in any situation

TENSION headache

- caused by neck and shoulder muscle contraction;
- the pain is often described as a pressure or vicelike constriction and lasts from one to four hours;
- pain is worsened by stress, noise and glare.

Treatment

- take an appropriate painkiller as soon as possible;
- remove irritants and stress or find better ways of coping with them;
- embark on a healthy lifestyle in an environment in which you are happy (the best preventive).

MIGRAINE

The most debilitating of headaches, which lasts from four to 24 hours, or even longer in some instances.

- caused by stress, allergy and emotional factors;

- the pain often starts in one eye and on one side of the head, but can become generalized;
- pain is often accompanied by nausea, dizziness and visual disturbances and scalp tenderness.

Treatment

- take an appropriate painkiller as soon as possible;
- lying still and/or sleep will improve the pain;
- in some instances intervention by a Doctor is required, who will administer an injection.

ALLERGIC headache

As well as an headache, other symptoms of allergy will be present - blocked or streaming nose, irritated eyes, or a rash.

Treatment

- avoid known allergic situation such as dust, cats, feathers;
- take the appropriate antihistamine and painkillers
- allergy tests should indicate the cause if this is not known and the attacks are persistent.

EAR, NOSE & THROAT headache

- headaches behind the eyes or in the temples could be from eye-strain - have your eyes checked;
- sinus headaches occur with infections;
- teeth problems and ear infections also cause headaches.

Treatment

Infections can be treated easily by the Doctor if they are diagnosed early enough.

DIET RELATED headache

- these are basically an allergic reaction to food types, preservatives or colourants;
- make a note of the foods and beverages taken in the previous 24 hours which could be responsible. Take particular note of a repeat headache after eating a suspect foodstuff on your list, and then avoid that food type.

PERSISTANT headaches that do not fit into any of these categories should be investigated medically.

LETTERS

The Editor,

I am so thrilled that "Pawing, baying and whiffing" rose to the bait after you published my letter about academics paying for library books. It was encouraging to see a brainless scheme receive such an immediate response.

I have had a further thought perhaps instead of books, academics could buy a brick. I suggest that Business Affairs runs a competition: the academic who buys the lucky brick gets to choose where the next pathway should be laid. How about it?

Just wondering again.

Some delayed letters have been received:

Troy
June 8, 1193 BC

Dear Helen,

I think it was rather unwise of you to launch 1 000 ships simultaneously yesterday. The harbour is completely blocked. I'm afraid it has made you very unpopular with the authorities. The harbourmaster asked me to tell you not to show your face around here again.

Love, Menelaus.

Altdorf

Lucerne

April 3, 1467

Dear Mr Tell,

You must give up this madness. Yesterday your son was carried into my surgery on a stretcher with an arrow sticking out of his forehead. This is the third time in a week he has been brought here. Earlier I had to treat him for wounds in the leg and then the chest. Yet your only comment has been, "At least my aim in getting better." Mercifully, your son is now out of danger but he might not be so lucky next time. Also, we had trouble removing the apple from his head. There was surely no need to glue it to his scalp.

Mr Tell, I implore you to desist.

*Yours faithfully,
Dr R Strabismus*

Ecumenical First?

by Dr Margaret Donaldson

On Ascension Sunday (May 27), Professors Brian Gaybba and Pieter de Villiers, of Rhodes Divinity Faculty, were guests at the evening service of the Grahamstown Cathedral.

In place of the sermon, the two professors held a dialogue on the subject of the Ascension. They discussed questions raised by the scriptural accounts of the Ascension of Jesus Christ. Professor de Villiers pointed out that some early manuscripts end Mark's Gospel at verse eight, thus excluding the account of the Ascension. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is described as simply departing from the disciples, with no reference to going up to heaven. This leaves the account in Acts as the only description of Jesus' departure that uses the language of ascension.

In the light of modern scholarship, Professor de Villiers questioned whether it is necessary to accept as literal the 40 days between Easter and Ascension, as 40 days was a symbolic and holy number to the people of Israel. He also wondered whether, in that

way, it is necessary for the Church to continue to observe a festival like that of Ascension. Professor Gaybba emphatically affirmed that the Church should still observe the Ascension as one of its major festivals.

Both professors agreed on the Ascension as an historical event, that had taken place mainly to meet the needs of the disciples and others, to understand the disappearance of Christ in terms that would have made sense to them and fit in with their concept of a triple-decker universe. They also stressed that the symbolic significance of the Ascension lay in the strong message of the Lordship of Christ and of his departure from the earth and return to the place of honour beside the Father.

Dialogue between the two professors was not only a novel way of examining the message of the Ascension, but was probably also a unique ecumenical occasion, with a Roman Catholic and a Dutch Reformed theologian engaging in dialogue in the context of an Anglican service of Evensong.

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Coffee is not responsible for breast cancer and may protect against cancer of the colon. So says the World Health Organization (WHO).

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EL staff ran the Cabbage Patch



by Stephen Hosking

Rhodes East London was again well-represented at the Komga Cabbage Patch 15 km road run this year.

Tim Cradock (far left in the picture) came fifth, down two places from the third position he achieved last year. Gaye Hosking (centre, with cabbage) continued with the steady pattern of improvement she has shown this year, beating her main competition in the process.

The most interesting tussles were those that developed within the Rhodes "team", namely Brendon Jackson, Robert Wheals, Robin Weare and Stephen Hosking (left to right in the picture). The declared intention of running together soon became impossible. It would have been suicide for the two

Rs and myself to have run at Brendon's pace. Later in the race an undeclared duel also emerged between Robin Weare and myself - this time I sneaked in.

For those of us who did participate in the Kimga run, one of the most amazing phenomena was the stay-away in East London that day on account of Nelson Mandela's address at Bisho. It was a commonly held view in East London that this event and related developments made it dangerous to travel the national road between East London and Komga that afternoon. As a reasonable person would have expected, no such danger was evident, and we all had a good time.

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The end of the War

"An' so th' war is over?" asked Mr Hennessy.

"On'y part iv it", said Mr Dooley. "Th' part that ye see in th' pitcher pa-apers is over, but th' tax collector will continyoo his part iv th' war with relentless fury. Cav'lry charges are not th' on'y wans in a rale war."

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