



## Tertiary education embarks on adventure

South African universities at a time of transformation will be embarking upon a series of challenges as daunting as any army obstacle course, according to the Chair of the National Commission on Higher Education, Dr Jairam Reddy.

Speaking at the recent D.C.S Oosthuizen Memorial Lecture, Dr Reddy said that tertiary education institutions will need to come to terms with the new conceptions of knowledge and implications it has for education and training, the stratification of the higher education sector, the growth of this sector, the development of distance education, the development of a language policy and academic freedom versus accountability.

"Knowledge is becoming a key resource," said Dr Reddy. "The survival of an organisation will depend on the quality of knowledge produced by that organisation. Higher education will need to be seen as a stage in a process of life-long learning."

Reddy said that the NCHE proposed a single coordinated system of higher education

wherein each institution would preserve its different mission whilst leaving space for new configurations and the implementation of new programmes. The strengths and weaknesses of each institution would be recognised within the system.

In line with global trends, student enrolment at tertiary institutions would most probably double by the year 2005 and that plans would need to be made to accommodate this, Reddy believes. He suggested that provision should be made to provide the country with graduates who would be able to fill gaps in the country's human resource needs.

"The university" said Reddy, "is the central place for ideological debate" and has the moral purpose to uphold the standards of freedom and

democracy. Whilst it is therefore imperative that the institution be allowed to maintain their autonomy in pursuing their own goals, each should also be committed to societal goals.

"The best safeguard" said Reddy, "is the development of responsible, self-critical academic institutions who acknowledge their responsibility to the communities they serve."

*Julie Gibson*

## 25 years on . . .



Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Prof Ian Macdonald (left) was in attendance when Dr Tim Radloff received his long service award from the Vice-Chancellor, Dr David Woods, recently — and so was Tim's wife, Mrs Sarah Radloff. Dr Radloff, Acting Head of the Department of Music and Musicology, has served Rhodes for 25 years.

## Launching a Space Craft to the Sun

Looking back on the pressure cooker of pre-election South Africa, the negotiation of a settlement such as the Government of National Unity would seem as impossible as launching a space craft to the sun. This was the suggestion made by Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu in an address to a packed Great Hall last week.

Invited by Amnesty International to deliver a lecture on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, Archbishop Tutu stated that without the inclusion of

the amnesty clause, a negotiated settlement would never have been born.

Whilst his words seemed like salt in the wound to some members of the audience, the Head of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission urged on people the necessity of looking back on past atrocities as a means of finding out what happened and why.

"We need to open these wounds so that they don't fester" said Tutu. "These memories are a part of our identities as South Africans; amnesia is simply an insult to the victims."

The Archbishop identified forgiveness as a political necessity and expressed his amazement at the generosity of spirit shown at the commission, stating that the country seemed set up for a process of healing.

The Archbishop ended his speech by praising President Nelson Mandela for leading the way in reconciliation. "Our President spent 27 years in prison, but he still does not harbour any ill feeling towards those people who put him behind bars," he said.

*Julie Gibson*





## Letters to The Editor

### Not invited to Inauguration The Editor,

Some of my administrative colleagues and I were exceedingly disappointed to find that we were discriminated against in the issuing of invitations to the Inauguration of the new Vice-Chancellor. It would seem that the secretarial and clerical staff are of no consequence and do not warrant consideration as loyal members of the Rhodes community who may wish to participate in such an occasion. I have been at Rhodes for 13 years during which time I consider that the University has had my loyalty and devotion to duty and have, until now, thought of myself as a worthy member of the University community.

It became obvious as the invitations were sent out that we did not qualify for consideration. First of all invitations arrived for the academic members of staff; then invitations arrived for the technical staff, then we secretaries were asked to display notices inviting the students to apply for invitations — it became obvious that the service staff and the secretaries were excluded.

No doubt those responsible will hasten to tell me that it was not possible to include everyone because of limited space, but I happen to know that the auditorium was not full on the night. I suggest that the entire University community should have been invited to apply for invitations to attend the ceremony — then nobody would have felt slighted.

To add insult to injury, on 13 September, we secretaries

received an e-mail message from Marketing and Communications inviting us to "feel free to come and collect a copy of the commemorative record of the inauguration for each member of the academic staff in your department"! I chose to ignore it.

*A disenchanted, once loyal,  
secretary*

**Editor's note:** All staff members were invited to collect copies of the commemorative brochure, in the last edition of Rhodes.

### Response from the Registrar's Division The Editor,

I am inclined to agree with the disenchanted secretary in one respect particularly: it would have been *easier*, and arguably more equitable, for the University to have issued a general invitation to all staff to apply to attend the Inauguration on a first-come first-served basis. Inevitably, however, there would still have been those disappointed, firstly since the Monument auditorium has a finite capacity, and secondly because a considerable number of seats on such occasions are of necessity reserved for VIP guests. While the allocation of guest seating was not flawless, there was no intention to slight any group.

The auditorium was indeed not full on the night; we have a similar problem at every graduation ceremony. All seat tickets were issued, but not all guests chose to turn up, for whatever reason. Such circumstances are beyond Rhodes' control.

It is, however, generally known that on similar occasions, such as Graduation, my office is always ready to entertain informal requests for seats, or extra seats, if they are available. Though it may, in retrospect, be small comfort, I suggest that a timely request for guest seating be made to

my office in future. I assure the writer that such requests will always be met courteously and, if possible, obliged.

*Andrew Cook, Registrar's Division.*

### Cinderellas of the Campus The Editor,

As a retired member of staff it is natural that anything connected with the University is of interest. Admittedly, Lady Hall Wardens have grown accustomed over the years to being the Cinderellas of the campus but it still came as a shock to hear that invitations to the Inauguration of the new Vice-Chancellor had not been issued to them.

Certain male Hall Wardens received invitations in their capacity as Departmental Heads, as did Mrs J Wright as Chairperson of the Rhodes Women's Association. It was doubly hurtful to discover that Hall Senior Students had been invited before the Wardens.

Rhodes is basically a residential University and Hall Wardens are entrusted with the well-being of students to a greater degree than any other sector, but are apparently not regarded as sufficiently worthy to attend an important ceremony.

Bess Allen, a former colleague and Hall Warden of Oriel Hall concurs with all I have expressed and, like me,

feels that such an oversight should be brought to the attention of all Rhodes Staff.

*Joy Lowe*

### Response from the Registrar's Division The Editor,

Mrs Lowe should please be assured that the University did not intend to omit Lady Wardens from the Inauguration invitation list.

Hall Wardens feature on the regularly updated Academic Precedence list, which is the basis for all invitations to, *inter alia*, the annual Graduation ceremonies. The same list was used in sending out invitations to the recent Inauguration.

Male Hall Wardens are currently all members of the academic staff and thus appear on this list within more than one category; it is thus logical to invite them under one category only.

I cannot understand why certain Lady Wardens did not receive their invitations and much regret any upset caused. However, my office is always happy to rectify problems of this nature which are brought to our attention. I trust that, should any such event occur again, those concerned will inform me so that I can remedy the situation immediately.

*Andrew Cook, Registrar's Division*

### Input for brochure sought The Editor,

The conveners of orientation week will shortly be preparing the 1997 edition of the student orientation brochure.

We ask users of the booklet please to let us have details of whatever changes or new entries are required. We would like all such information to reach us before the November exams.

Simple changes can be conveyed over the phone. For anything more elaborate

please use the internal mail or E-mail. (If you need a copy of your entry in this year's booklet, let us know.) Would you also please let us know, by phone, if no change is required.

Material may be sent to either of the Conveners: Sirion Robertson, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, (ext 8494, e-mail [pasr@giraffe.ru.ac.za](mailto:pasr@giraffe.ru.ac.za)), or Sally-Ann Robertson, Education Department, (ext 8388).

Many thanks

*Sirion and Sally-Ann Robertson*



# Old technique in a modern setting

The technique of educating through story-telling is coming into its own again on Rhodes' East London campus where the Department of Primary Education is using it to integrate subjects across the curriculum.

The concept was presented to the public at a work display ceremony held earlier this month at which about 90 DE (Diploma in Education) students were grouped into groups of six each and required to choose a topic. They were then required to make their own apparatus to show how they would implement their chosen topic in the classroom.

Mrs Margie Brookes and Ms Lucy Smith, lecturers on Thematic Approach linked to Environment Study also prepared their own display on the theme of *Water*.

"This method of teaching is a lot of work for the teacher, but it also helps in other areas such as classroom management, organisation of the classroom, imagination within the classroom. It teaches the teacher to be



*DE students hard at work in the ABC room at the East London campus preparing for the Work Display.*

resourceful and original," commented Mrs Brookes.

Ms Smith added that it "is a way of sharing and planning together for the benefit of the kids. It is the child-centred approach to learning because it is basically learning by doing, and a move away from the authoritative, teacher-centred approach."

All the resources that were displayed were made by the

students themselves. The display illustrated how the classroom will look.

Prof Pat Irwin, Dean of Education, attended the Display and said of it: "It was really good and very professional. I compliment to the students on the work they have done, it was of very high standard and some displays were of international calibre." Amongst those who were at

the display were some officials from Non- governmental Organisations, the students' colleagues, and school principals. Representatives from the ITEC (Independent Training and Educational Centre), BCCDC (Border Community and Child Development Centre), READ, and from the Regional Education and Culture Office were also invited to attend.

## Launched to the sound of 'Boland Blik'

The *Dictionary of South African English on Historical Principles*, published by the Oxford University Press in Oxford on 22nd August, was well and truly launched in Cape Town on 5th September.

About 300 guests attended a launch party at Cape Town's Waterfront. Speakers were Kate McCallum (MD of OUP-SA), Dr Peter North (Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University), Penny Silva (Managing Editor of the dictionary), and Dr Frene

Ginwala (Speaker of Parliament).

Cliffie Moses and his band provided appropriate local music, and a representative range of South African delicacies was on offer. Colourful posters displayed entries from the dictionary which defined the different types of music and food. The finishing touch was provided by David Kramer, who performed three songs well illustrative of SA English in action.

## Edition Twelve now features Rhodes

Rhodes University now appears on the *Edition XI* page on the World Wide Web.

*Edition XI*, say its publishers, is the most comprehensive site

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## From Hong Kong to Ireland. . .

**Robin Cross**

**R**hodes' Director of the Electron Microscopy Unit has recently returned from two international conferences on Microscopy.

The first was the 6th Asia Pacific Microscopy Conference held in Hong Kong towards the end of July. The second, the 11th European Congress on Microscopy was held in Dublin in August. Both conferences fall under the auspices of the International Federation of Societies for Electron Microscopy. "The objectives of the conferences are to provide a platform for people of the

regions to discuss developments in all fields of micro-imaging and to give them an opportunity to talk about their work while hearing about that of others."

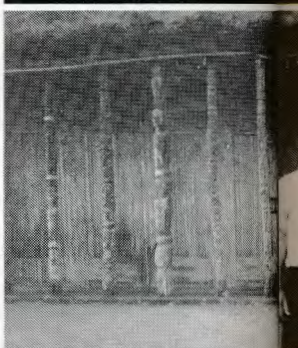
Mr Cross presented a paper entitled: *Ultra-structural characteristics of economically important hides, skins, and leather*, in Dublin. This paper concerned his research, in association with LIRI Technologies, on the micro-structural detail of hides, skins and leather.

A second paper which he delivered discussed his work in the use of computer network imaging in the handling and management of images. "The

purchase of our new microscope in 1994 allowed us to establish an imaging network involving a variety of image sources with image analysis and processing facilities, he said.

Mr Cross is currently leading a team bidding, on behalf of the Microscopy Society of Southern Africa, to host the 15th International Conference of Microscopy in Durban in 2002. "We have received widespread support for this initiative. At the moment, Canada is our main opposition but we will do our best," added Mr Cross.

## Travelling



## . . . Australia

**John Duncan**

**T**he city of Sydney in Australia has more to offer than just sea and surf point, Prof John Duncan discovered recently at the International Biotechnology Conference.

Every four years, biotechnologists from all over the world come together to discuss their various research initiatives. Prof Duncan, together with Dr Dorrington were among several South African biotechnologists who attended. "I have attended several of these conferences, the last one was in Washington in the USA," he said.

At one workshop the procedure of commercialising biotechnological inventions



## . . . Russia . . .

**Christopher McQuaid**

**H**ead of Zoology and Entomology Prof Christopher McQuaid was one of 250 delegates from 30 countries in St Petersburg recently, while attending the European Marine Biological Symposium for five days.

He was invited to deliver the keynote address and chose to address the issues surrounding predation in marine eco-systems. He saw fit to concentrate, to the interest of his fellow delegates, on Man — the Predator, and shared his findings on such varied topics as whaling and the collection of mussels from the coastline.

He was also able to provoke a high degree of discussion and questions when he spoke of the situation on our West Coast, where a reversed ecosystem has established itself. Predator has become prey at Saldanha Bay where the depleted crayfish population is being ravaged by whelks, formerly a staple diet of the crustaceans.

Prof McQuaid also chaired a session of the Symposium.

During his three weeks abroad he was also able to visit and speak in Finland where he spent time at a coastal marine research station, and Sweden.

An exciting plan is on the cards for McQuaid (right) and a team from Scandinavia who are planning a research trip to the Antarctic aboard the supply vessel *S A Agulhas* in December 1997 and January 1998. He was able to discuss this initiative with colleagues in Gothenburg, Sweden. Early indications are that some 40 scientists will make the trip and that Rhodes will make for a significant portion of the complement. The scientists intend to investigate what limits primary production at the bottom end of the food chain.

Prof McQuaid and his fellow South Africans were, regrettably, obliged to hand over the *Yellow Submarine*, a much sought after trophy competed for annually at the Symposium — to the Norwegians. The rules for the competition change annually and it can take the form of a quiz, a series of competitive games, among other formats.

## . . . France . . .

**Allon Poole**

**R**hodes University has once again proved itself to be a force to contend with. Ms Lee Anne Willisroft, an MSc student at the Department of Physics and Electronics, recently received a Young Scientist Award from the International Union for Radio Science (URSI).

Ms Willisroft was given the opportunity to attend a conference organised by URSI in Lille, France. Her award paid all expenses — accommodation, travel and registration.

100 awards were given out this year and she was the only South African to receive one. Ms Willisroft's name was put forward by Dr Allon Poole, who also attended the conference. "The aim of the award is to

encourage young people of radio science, and the award.

"At the conference, to over 1 300 delegates, Willisroft, this was presented her work at the conference. Her Dr Poole, and completed her Masters thesis.

According to Dr Poole, the conference, them, and Rhodes researchers in the Physics."

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# Academics



## ... Cameroons ...

Michael Whisson

Head of the Department of Anthropology, Prof Michael Whisson (left) was one of 40 delegates (four from South Africa) who attended a small but specialised conference, sponsored by the Pan African Anthropology Association (PAAA), at Yaounde in the Cameroons recently. It was designed to

encourage young anthropologists to develop a new vision for the study of Anthropology in Africa.

Delivering a paper entitled *African ethical and social values: erosion and preservation*, Prof Whisson questioned the "knee-jerk" responses to problems identified in Africa.

The underlying philosophy behind the more humanistic approach which he espouses allows that "if you have respect for yourself and your own way of life then you will have regard for others and their culture."

As befits an anthropologist, Prof Whisson saw a great deal of the local people there while using public transport extensively during his fairly wide travels in the country. He describes it as "The most bilingual state in Africa."

A few days after leaving, he attended a further conference at UNISA, co-sponsored by the PAAA and the Association of Anthropology in South Africa. It was the biggest yet, in terms of attendance, and Prof Whisson says that it clearly demonstrated the difference in attitude towards anthropological research which prevails on either side of the Limpopo River. He came away very clear in his own mind that South Africans need to apply Anthropology to stimulate modernisation in our country. "People do not always wish to use Anthropology to celebrate their cultural distinctiveness", he says. "Each may learn from the others. A respect of diversity based on respect for one's self will make a strong base for growth."

and their patenting was discussed. At another, delegates explored the possibility of using biotechnology to treat diseases through gene therapy.

"I found the section on environmental biotechnology very relevant to my own research, as well as the issue of commercialising biotechnological inventions," Prof Duncan said. "There was a significant input for future research in this field by our group, in terms of the establishment of international links in these research programmes."

Prof Duncan's research seeks to use biological systems for the removal and recovery of heavy metals from industrial and mining waste water. "We are looking at cheap forms of

biological systems, such as waste yeast from breweries, algae and water ferns — which are good accumulators of metals."

"The two most important facts about my research are that this technology will reduce pollution problems from heavy metal dumping and that it allows for the re-use of water in a number of industries — thus aiding the commercial side of the industry and saving valuable water resources," said Prof Duncan. His report on this project was well-received at the conference as few other groups are involved in the applications of this technology.

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conference was very beneficial for our Institute, for the Department of Physics and Electronics, and for Rhodes University," said Dr Poole.

He added that they learned a lot from the papers that were given and discovered a new area of research: *The application of the Chaos Theory to Ionospheric Prediction*. There is also potential for research into radio-signal warnings of earthquakes. "It has been known for some time that large-scale seismic activity such as earthquakes are often preceded by radio frequency signals that are emitted by the rocks, over a period ranging from hour to months. There is thus some overlap between Radio Science and Geology," commented Dr Poole. "It is possible that this could have some bearing on the South African mining industry."

## ... and Canada.

Andy Gilbert

Prof Andy Gilbert, of the Department of Psychology, recently returned from a two-week trip to Montreal, Canada where he attended two International Congresses. He presented a paper at the XIII Congress of the International Association of Cross-cultural Psychology (IACCP) entitled *Local knowledge, community and development: psychological insights out of Africa* and was elected to the Executive Committee of the Association as the sub-Saharan-Africa representative.

He reports that the IACCP brings together a very active group of psychologists from across the world, and in particular from Asia and Third World countries, who are interested in psychology and culture. "The experiences they have regarding the psychology of change and development are particularly valuable for some of the contemporary issues we face in this country", he said.

He also presented papers at two special symposia at the

XXVI International Congress of the International Union of Psychology, a huge event with over 6 000 people presenting papers over five days! While at this Congress he was appointed to the editorial board of the *Journal of Psychology in Developing Countries*.

Andy highly recommends Montreal as a city worth visiting — "in summer, at least! Being in Quebec it is, needless to say, a very French city, very cosmopolitan and wonderfully safe. Despite the debate around the desire to secede from Canada, Montrealers are very friendly and wonderful hosts. People seem to live for eating and socialising — there are restaurants to meet all tastes."

Andy used the World Wide Web to plan ahead. "I made all my accommodation arrangements through the internet and was able to find bed-and-breakfast in a very friendly, centrally located, private home at half the cost of the cheapest hotel



# Fish need finance

**A** lack of support from government and private funders is stunting the growth of one of South Africa's potentially great rural employment industries - aquaculture. With proper support, the fish farming industry could provide jobs for hundreds of the country's unemployed.

Rhodes has a base of expertise which, with the necessary support and technology, could be used to broaden the farming of ornamental fish, marine fish and prawns into a commercial reality.

Whilst there is lobbying for an aquaculture development plan, there is a strong demand for imported technology and knowledge from countries with well developed aquaculture industries. Their strategies can be adapted to aquaculture development in this country.

A delegation from South Africa, including Dr Peter Britz of the Department of Ichthyology and Fisheries Science Department, recently participated in a Science and Technology exchange programme which took them to one of the world's most

advanced aquaculture centres — Taiwan.

"South African aquaculture is underdeveloped and has the potential to provide jobs in rural areas," said Dr Peter Britz, "Collaboration with Taiwan, where there is vast experience in aquaculture development, can make a significant contribution to the development of our local industry through technology transfer and the training of personnel."

Fish farming is a major industry in Taiwan which is a world leader in the culture of prawns and marine fish and this may be attributed in part to the approximately US\$3,2 million which is devoted to research and development each year.

"The Taiwanese are very dedicated", said Dr Britz, who remarked on the high academic standards and excellent facilities which he observed during a tour of research institutes and commercial fish farms in Taiwan. "The National Taiwan Ocean University, for example, boasts a whole Faculty dedicated to Fisheries Science comprising 87 staff and over 1000 students" he added.

During the first of two workshops which took place during the programme, Dr Britz presented a paper on the status of aquaculture in South Africa and its prospects for the future which helped give the Taiwanese a better idea of the current South African situation.

The second workshop revolved around the establishment of links between the two countries: the exchange of academic personnel, the establishment of a Taiwanese Aquaculture mission in South Africa, and the development of a symposium for investors from Taiwan where they would have the opportunity of looking further at investment opportunities in South Africa.

Cooperation between the CSIR, the Foundation for Research and Development (FRD) and the Taiwanese National Science Council already exists under a Science and Technology Agreement

and these bodies are already willing to provide funds for South African academics to spend time in Taiwan and vice versa. The establishment of an Aquaculture Mission and Symposium will, however, take a little more time and research.

Taiwan presently has 25 Aquaculture Mission Stations around the world, three of which are based in Africa. The next steps will see the appointment of a steering committee by the Agricultural Research Council who will investigate aquaculture in South Africa a little further, and coordinate the strengthening of aquaculture links between the two countries.

"Whilst the aquaculture experts from Taiwan have already visited South Africa in 1988, their willingness to develop these links is even greater today now that our political transition has taken place," said Dr Britz.

## Departmental name changes

**P**lease note that the Department of Divinity has changed its name to the **Department of Religion and Theology** and that of Afrikaans en Nederlands to the **Department of Afrikaans and Netherlandic Studies**.

The changes are subject to Ministerial concurrence.

## Pension and Provident Funds

**A** late change of travel plans of Fund Administrator Mike Hayler had the unfortunate result of necessitating a change of time and venue of the Members' meeting held last week, at 24 hours notice.

Some 40 did attend, however, and they had the opportunity to ask questions on the state of the Funds.

Fund Members will be receiving a 'Trustees' Newsletter' during the course of this month.

Any interested members are invited to peruse the Funds' 1995 Financial Statements and the Fund Manager's Report to 30 June 1996, in the Personnel Division.

## Correction

**I**n the last edition of *Rhodos*, Professor David Gain was incorrectly described as 'a former HoD of Classics'. He still holds this position, having neither retired nor left the University. The Editor apologises for any confusion which may have resulted.

**R***hodos* invites correspondence on matters of concern to the University community which will indicate the wide spectrum of views held and will promote further discussion.

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



## 'This campus is like a flute'

The painter of the top-selling work at this year's National Art's Festival — *Nude Girl at the Window* which sold for R 5 500 on the first day of the Festival, will be holding an exhibition of his work in the Fine Arts Department from 18:00 on October 15 1996.

"Art is my life. I depend on it to live. If one day I don't paint it will mean I am dead", says the young Chinese artist, Cui Ning, who is presently studying for his masters degree in Fine Art at Rhodes.

The categorised exhibition will include Grahamstown landscapes, portraits and nudes and small paintings from China.

"My styles of painting are very different", says Cui Ning, "some are neoclassical, some are impressionist — it's very difficult for people to see that they are all done by one artist."

Cui Ning is the first Chinese artist to come to

South Africa and says that he would like more people to understand South Africa and South African art. "I'd like to promote the art and culture of both countries and encourage exchange and friendship between the two", he said.

When Cui Ning flew to South Africa he was expecting the Cape of Good Hope of his imagination, something he had heard about at school and associated with a region with no sign of human habitation. Instead "I found a beautiful and richly endowed country — very appealing and full of vitality", he remarked.

"In the years to come when I remember my studies at Rhodes University I will cherish the memories. This campus is like a flute — the music surrounds me. I enjoy this wonderful music. It is sweet. It is beautifully harmonious. It nurtures my art and lets my ideas develop."

## It's all in the Ask

Many organisations depend on fund raising for survival but have no idea how to do it. Rhodes University recently hosted a seminar for organisations in Grahamstown, Port Elizabeth and surrounding areas in order to bring various fund raising strategies to those who depend on it on a day to day basis.

Jenny McLeod, Terry Murray and Roy Natherson, all of the professional fund raising consultancy Downs Murray International, presented a series of approaches aimed at equipping fund raisers with the knowledge required to

approach different donors for differing amounts of money.

Some 76 churches, schools and welfare organisations were represented at the seminar, as well as fund raising personnel from the university itself.

Organisations in the Eastern Cape hope that the knowledge they gained at the seminar will help them overcome the present difficulties in attracting funds which they currently experience.

Those attending the seminar felt that it was "very motivating and encouraging" and expressed their sentiments to the presenters saying: "you have inspired enthusiasm. Thank you!"

## Opening more doors to Distance Education

In order to address the urgent need for "language teaching in a multicultural environment" in our country, the National Commission on Higher Education (NCHE) has suggested a mode of education which results in a sharing of existing resources with a greater number of people — Distance Education.

It will, it is believed, allow the opportunity of engaging in higher education or upgrading their professional qualifications to those who cannot afford full-time tertiary education.

Prof Barbara Bosch, Head of the Department of Afrikaans and Netherlandic Studies, was recently awarded a fellowship by the Association of Commonwealth Universities which will enable her to spend two months at the Centre for Language Learning and Teaching and Distance Education Centre at the University of Southern Queensland (USQ).

With her research interests focusing more and more on innovative ways of language teaching in a linguistically diverse environment, Prof Bosch feels that her experiences at USQ will equip her with a knowledge of distance education which she will be able to pass on to her colleagues.

With a working knowledge of the team-based approach to developing course materials, which is applied at USQ, Prof Bosch will also be in a position to contribute to the development of interdisciplinary programmes which draw on the expertise of several departments other than the Afrikaans Department at Rhodes — such as English, Linguistics and Education - with the aim

of finding practical solutions to the linguistic imbalances which exist in the Eastern Cape, where the largest language group are Xhosa speakers.

The Director of the Academic Development Programme, Phil Collett, has already visited USQ and developed a distance education unit, in co-operation with the Centre for Language Learning and Teaching and the Distance Education Centre, entitled *Computers and Language Learning* and which will form part of the Applied Linguistics Certificate as well as the Masters and Education courses offered by USQ.

Rhodes University is a part of an international network of institutions involved in the Global Development Learning Initiative which supports the offering of a Graduate Certificate in Teaching through open and distance learning.

Each institution is expected to support the enrolment of two or three faculty members who will act as tutors for the programme, coordinated by USQ, in subsequent years.

The purpose of the Fellowships awarded through the Association of Commonwealth Universities is to "enable the universities of the Commonwealth, working together through the association, to develop the human resources of their countries, and to do so through the interchange of people, knowledge, skills and technologies."

By nominating Prof Bosch Vice-Chancellor, Dr David Woods has opened the doors for the development of distance education in the Eastern Cape.



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Refurbished bachelor flats available in African Lodge, African Street. Close to campus with good security. R 550 per month excluding water and lights. Contact André Botha (Physics Department) or phone 2 6044 (home), ext 8455 (work).

### STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

4-bedroomed house in spacious garden and garden flat for two. Phone Mark at 2 8361.

### ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE

Charming, secure cottage in small secluded garden available for November and December (fully furnished). Maid available if required. Nominal rental to cover light, water and maid etc. Please tel John at 2 4301.

### CAR FOR SALE

1980 Golf for sale. R 6 000. Tel 2 2788.

### SITUATION VACANT

**Secretary: Department of Information Systems**  
Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates, irrespective of race, gender or creed, for the above post from 1 November 1996 or as soon as possible thereafter. Candidates should have several years of experience in a secretarial capacity and, preferably, some administrative experience. Although training will be given, a working knowledge of word processing and spread sheeting would be an advantage. Contact X K Wakashe in Personnel. Closing date: 16 October.

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## Sports Results

### Rowing: ZRC First National Bank Regatta

Men 1X	1st	Banks B
Women 2-	1st	Swart
Men 2-	2nd	Pascall
Men 2X	2nd	van Schalkwyk
Women 4+	1st	Fletcher
	3rd	Bonney
Men 4+	1st	Petroncelli
	3rd	Irwin
Women 4-	1st	Davies
Men 4-	1st	Grant
	3rd	Pascall
Women 8+	1st	Davies
	3rd	Bonney
Men 8+	1st	Pascall
	3rd	Petroncelli

Raced 15; Won 8; 2nd 2; 3rd 5. Race of the day was between A sculls and Mens A VIII's. In the Men's A sculls Banks beat two A scullers in a very tense final to remain unbeaten for the season, while in the Men's A VIII race, the Rhodes crew overcame vast handicaps to

beat the Leander eight stroked by Luke Hartley in a very tense final.

Friday 13 September

### Cricket

RU1 XI vs UCT

RU won by 5 wickets

(Filmer 37\*,

Horan 31\*,

McConnachie 3/24)

Sunday 15 September

### Cricket

RU1 XI vs EP Country Districts

RU won by 26 runs

(McConnachie 31,

Walter 3/48)

Saturday 21 September

### Climbing

East Cape Bouldering Championships

1st	Jeremy Colenso (RU)
2nd	Sebastian Klee (Germany)
3rd	Shannon Law (RU)
4th	Peter Wakeford (RU)
7th	Kevan Watkins (RU)
8th	Les Clarke (RU)
9th	Greg Carter (RU)

## Outing to Addo Rose Show

The Rhodes Women's Association is organising an outing to the Addo Rose Show on the morning of Saturday October 12, leaving from outside the Rhodes Union at 08:00.

Transport and admission will cost R30.

To make a booking contact Jean Wright on: ext 8576.

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