



## Council now led by local man

**M**R Lewis Barnett Green has been elected Chairman of the Rhodes University Council. He replaces Mr Joe Levy, of Uitenhage, who has retired as Chairman but remains on the Council.

Mr Green was born in Grahamstown in 1914 and matriculated at Kingswood College. He then attended Rhodes, where he read Law.

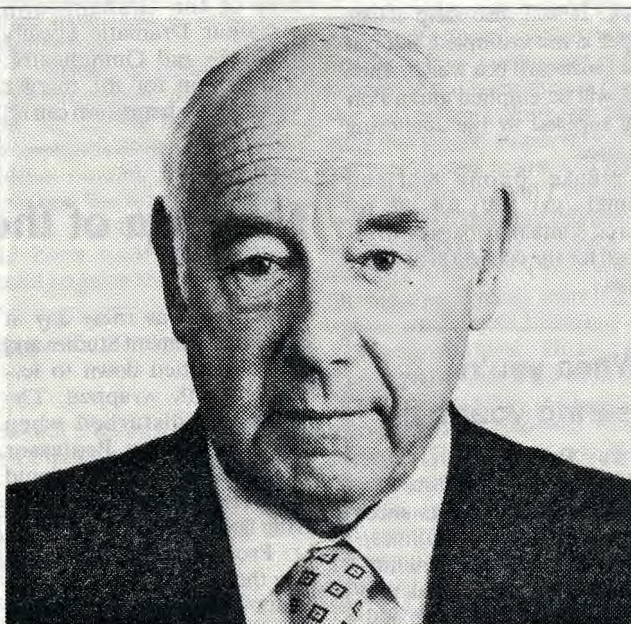
He has practised as an attorney in Grahamstown for the last 53 years.

He has been a member of the Council for 11 years and was Vice-Chairman of Council before his election to the Chairmanship. He is also Chairman of the University's Finance and General Purposes Committee.

He is a founder member of the 1820 Foundation Council. Mr Green was a member of the Council of Kingswood College and for many years was Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Council.

He has been a Trustee of the Josie Wood Trust of the South African Library for the Blind since its inception and is the present Chairman.

He has been a rugby enthusiast all his life and was President of the Albany Rugby Football Club for many years until 1960.



**I am pleased indeed to have this opportunity of introducing myself, in this staff publication, as the new Chairman of the Rhodes University Council.**

**One of my objectives during my term of office is to get to know the Rhodes University community much better at all levels. I feel strongly that this can only lead to a better relationship between Council, staff and students.**

**I live and work in Grahamstown, and my doors are open to any motivated approach.**

**I wish you all a happy and successful year in your University life. - L B GREEN**

He has considerable experience in the financial affairs of educational institutions, and intends to use this ex-

perience to the benefit of the University community.

## Snap, Crackle, \$\$\$\$

**T**HE W K Kellogg Foundation, of Michigan, USA, has announced that in addition to its current bursary commitments to Rhodes, it will provide a further US\$665 000 over the next seven years for bursaries, and for the Academic Skills Programme (ASP). In 1987, the Kellogg Foundation donated US\$315 000 over seven years for bursaries at Rhodes.

The grant is the outcome of meetings in the USA between the Foundation and Dr George Carter, Director of the ASP; and in Cape Town, with the Vice-Principal, Dr Roux van der Merwe.

The money will be used to support black students studying pharmacy, business administration, and education.

The new grant will now provide ten bursaries each of over R9 000 in 1990 terms, every year. The successful students will be supported for up to five years, until they graduate or qualify.

In addition, a sum of R63 750 will be made available to the ASP each year.

"This arises out of representations which stressed that bursary funders could expect an improved success rate from their bursars who would mainly come from disadvantaged educational backgrounds, if funders also encouraged and supported the current ASP initiatives at Rhodes", Dr Van der Merwe said.

He added that overseas donors from the USA, Britain and Canada had together provided new funds of nearly three-quarters of a million Rand for black education at Rhodes during the past six months.

"Such support has been invaluable in enabling the University to address even more effectively the educational problems of the black communities", he said.

## Delving into the past

by Jenny Purdon

ON checking through a print-out of Old Rhodian addresses, I discovered that Mr I Grewar, who had been at Rhodes in 1905, was listed as 'living'. As I considered this to be highly unlikely, the PR tracing department went into action.

The address on the mailing list for Mr Grewar was c/o Mr J W Grewar, Kleinpoort. The telephone directory revealed

that Kleinpoort has a total of two telephone numbers - De la Rey's Motorhawe and Kleinpoort Boeresake.

I opted for the latter, asked about Mr J W Grewar's whereabouts and was given a telephone number in Port Elizabeth.

I was told by the Mrs Grewar who answered that Mr I was no relation and that they had been junking his mail! She did, however, give me a telephone num-

ber for a Mrs Ruth Grewar whom she thought might know something about the elusive Mr I Grewar. Mrs Ruth Grewar's telephone was answered by her sister-in-law who (after doing a little checking herself) confirmed that the missing person was her uncle Ignatius Grewar, who died in March 1949! The University had never been notified of his death, and continued faithfully to mail publications to him for 41 years!



# Did You Know? ---

## Academic grants

**T**HE Senate and Council have approved a recommendation by the Staffing Committee that funds be provided to assist senior members of the academic staff who are heavily involved in the general administration of the University.

The funds will be allocated at the discretion of the Vice-Chancellor to provide additional teaching assistance in the departments of the staff members concerned.

Funds will also be provided to any member of an academic department to be used to complete either a specific research project, or a specific project to improve the quality of his or her teaching.

These funds will normally be allocated for additional teaching assistance in the department of the staff member involved. This assistance will only be given to secure the completion of a research project of which the major part of the work has already been done.

In 1991, these funds will be limited to the total cost of employing two temporary junior lecturers, and will be allocated as follows:

- The equivalent of one junior lectureship will be allocated to "science group" departments, and one to "humanities group" departments (as defined for Library Committee purposes).
- Applications for assistance will be invited by Mr Bruce Smith, the Director of Personnel, as soon as funds have been made available by Council.

Applications for assistance should reach the Personnel Division by July 31, 1990.

## Digits are truthful!

"FIGURES never lie," said the Finance Division. "If one man can build a house in 12 days then 12 men can build it in one day". "Yeah, sure", said Business Affairs. "So if one ostrich can fly five metres then can five ostriches fly 25 metres?" "That's right" said the Personnel Division.

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## Recycle it

**N**AMPAK Paper Re-cycling in Port Elizabeth have arranged to collect waste paper from the University for recycling. Confidential papers (for which a certificate of destruction will be issued) must be kept separate, put into the bags provided, and marked accordingly. It will also help if the paper is not crumpled, but put in a cardboard box which, when full, will be emptied into a Poly bag supplied by the Janitorial Services.

Please 'phone Norman Winter (ext 139) for the required containers/bags or to arrange for the collection of waste paper.

## When you're tearing your hair

The Business Affairs Division have produced a booklet giving maintenance procedures and guidelines, which covers the building maintenance, electrical, engineering, and grounds and gardens sections. If you need a copy, phone Mrs M Luyt on ext 125/126.

## UIF goes up

THE maximum annual earnings to qualify as a contributor to the Unemployment Insurance Fund (UIF) have been increased to R40 248, from May 1 this year. This was announced in a Government Gazette on March 16. The previous limit was R38 532. Qualifying contributors to the fund are entitled to unemployment benefits.

## Dramatis Personae

by Patrick Phillips

THREE of the key positions in the newly-formed drama group, The Grahamstown Players, are held by Rhodes staff members. The Chairman is Patrick Phillips, supported by Don Williams as Vice-Chairman, and Ron Cosser as Secretary.

The Grahamstown Players is the result of an amalgamation of the Grahamstown Amateur Dramatic Society (GADS) and Omnitheatre. The reason for the merger was that Grahamstown can no

longer support two active theatre companies.

Other staff members serving on the first Executive Committee are Barbara Fairhead, Madi Moed and Ray Tunmer.

Patrick Phillips is eager to hear from anyone who has an interest in theatre, be it as a performer, director, set-designer and builder, gofer or willing helper in the many other duties that are related to the craft. You'll find him in the Personnel Division or at home at telephone 2 8665.

## The Saga of the Missing Pussy

by Ros Parker

MONDAY was rainy day at Human Movement Studies and students settled down to lectures warmly wrapped. The peace was disturbed when Dumile came to Professor Charteris and said he could hear a cat meowing from the hole in the cat of the storage room.

Prof could not figure out how the cat had found its way under the floor and decided that it had climbed through a ventilation hole and was stuck in the storage room under our building. I phoned Mr Winter, but had to leave a message on his answering machine. I phoned Campus Protection to see if they had a key to the room, but they weren't able to help.

By this time poor pussy was crying piteously everytime someone spoke to it. Prof was up to his knees in muddy water in the drain trying desperately to entice the cat through a small drainage pipe.

Mr Winter arrived speedily but alas, no sign of the cat, only the meowing coming from the wall. What were we to do?

A call to Building Maintenance to send someone to help. Prof could not wait for a requisition, and removed a board from the wall. Lo and behold! Out of a network of tunnels emerged a very frightened, thin, ginger and white cat. Purring like a steam engine, she was so relieved to see a friendly face, and gulped down a saucer of Departmental milk.

Pussy was kept in the storage room so that we could

feed her up and spread the word to find a grateful owner.

Next morning, Prof asked me to contact Rosemary Andersen, the hub of Rhodes. Rosemary said she thought one of the ladies in the Library had lost a cat.

A few phone calls later, Cecelia Blight told me that she had lost her cat, Goldie, four weeks previously and that the week before her other cat, Pickles, also disappeared.

Cecelia came to Human Movement with a friend and I took them to the storage room. Goldie was delighted to see her mistress, her mistress was delighted to see Goldie and with a purring pussy in her arms, Cecelia burst into a flood of relieved tears closely followed by me. Cecelia's friend, relieved that the pussy was found, also had a little weep! A story with a happy ending. A maiden in distress rescued by our knight in shining armour, Professor Charteris.

• As this story was too late for the last edition of *Rhodos*, Jenny Purdon followed up on the feline drama:

Pickles was trapped in the roof of the storage room at Maintenance and whenever someone tried to climb up to rescue her she ran away! Finally, Cecelia had to climb up herself and retrieve Pickles who is absolutely fine now. We are happy to report that Goldie has been recovering very well and is almost back to normal.



# RUSA NEWS

## RUSA/RULA meets Exec

by John Eller

DISCUSSIONS with the Rhodes Executive continued on Friday, March 16, when the committees of RUSA and RULA met Dr Henderson and Dr Van der Merwe (Dr Hunt was not able to attend).

The meeting began in lively fashion with Dr Henderson implying that he was not aware what constituency the committees represented. He suggested that if we elected to form ourselves into a Trade Union then the position would be clarified.

Dr Palmer explained precisely the background of both committees. Dr Gruber and Mr Eller rejected the idea of trade unionism out of hand.

After further discussion the executive agreed that RUSA/RULA and the university administration should establish a Liaison Committee, and that RUSA/RULA would submit memoranda to the committee from time to time, for consideration.

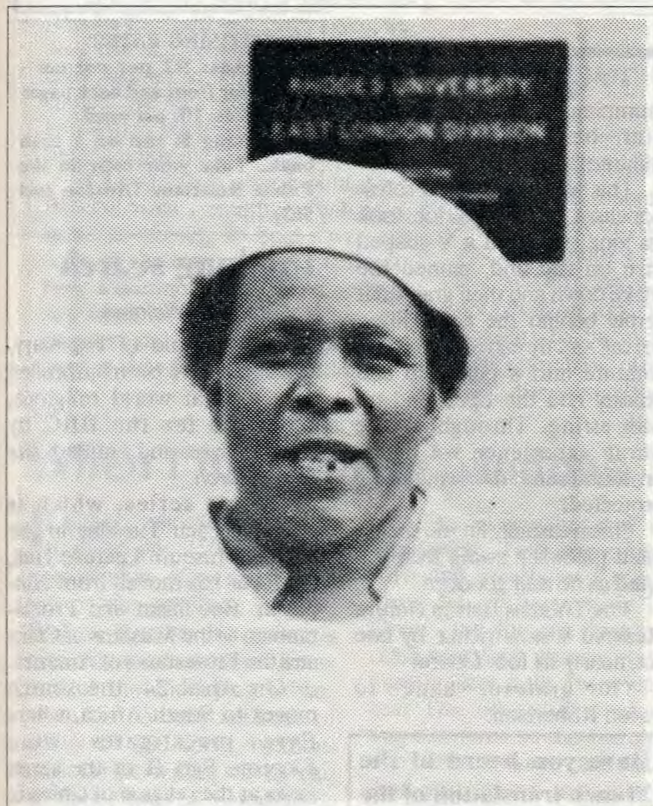
In answer to questions on other outstanding matters, Dr Van der Merwe advised that the problems of three different policies relating to maternity leave and the unequal salaries paid to part-time secretaries, had been rectified. Details would be given shortly.

## Bring us your problems

by John Eller

THE RUSA and RULA committees will prepare a memorandum for submission to the Liaison Committee as a matter of urgency.

Staff members who have any matters which have not been resolved through following normal channels, are welcome to bring these problems to the attention of RUSA or RULA.



Mrs Patience Letela is the longest-serving member of staff at the East London Division. She worked at the Wool Exchange building from 1975 until Rhodes bought the building and she joined the Rhodes staff.

## LETTERS

### Times gone by

The Editor,

Your reference to the number of "special interest groups" in Grahamstown prompts me to comment that the list is vastly different from a corresponding list given in the Grahamstown Directory of 1908.

(This much treasured compilation of the facts about the Grahamstown of that period I bought at what was called "The Anti-Waste Shop", which was run by some public-spirited women of the town during the war: you brought along any old thing that you no longer wanted nor valued, and it was sold for war charities; in 1940 I bought two copies of this very interesting publication, one of which I handed over to the Cory Library a good many years ago, where, presumably, it still is.)

Most of those clubs or groups you mention were not in existence in 1908, but very many listed in 1908 are now defunct. There were, for example, seven "lodges" of free-masons, (yes, seven) a Royal Antediluvian Order of Buf-faloes, (what were they, and what did they do?) A Sons of England Benevolent & Patriotic Society, The Grahamstown Atheneum, a

Literary & Social Institute, a Women's Christian Temperance Union, a Guild of Loyal Women of South Africa, (It met once per month: what did they do or talk about, one wonders?)

Among the few survivors is the Albany & Grahamstown Horticultural Society, which then had an all-male committee of 21, three of whom were judges. (Query: What do judges do nowadays in their off time? Play golf or bowls? Watch Dallas? Read Jane Austen?)

The economic activities of the city were also vastly different in those far-away days: there were, apparently, 58 grocers & general dealers, 15 firms engaged in the ostrich feather industry, as brokers, dealers, or buyers - these are listed separately, seven black-smiths, not to be confused with the six farriers, and so on, not quite ad infinitum. Truly, as the Romans said, times change, and we change with them.

For the better? Or for the worse? Who can say.

**Dan M Morton**

PS I might have interesting things to say about the RUC of the thirties, if you are interested.

*Yes, Please! - Ed*

### Please be patient

The Editor,

In reply to the query in the last issue of *Rhodos* about telephones: The PABX system was donated some years ago.

At the moment the system can take three extra exchange lines without additional equipment, but any extension beyond this will incur costs.

Application has been made to the Post Office for these extra lines, which will be con-

nected in due course, and this will give the board forty-four exchange lines.

Spare a thought for our hardworking switchboard ladies, who have to dial the many trunk calls for most departments and who also have to wait their turn for a line.

So please be patient.

**JCS Lancaster**

*Deputy Registrar*

### Disabled Persons Programme

The Editor

In an effort to identify students who might benefit from the library's Disabled Persons Programme, letters were sent to wardens asking for the names of any disabled students. There were some prompt and helpful responses which have enabled us to plan our response.

However, there may still be students who are unaware that we are prepared to help resolve

some of the difficulties they may be experiencing in gaining access to the Library or in fulfilling their reading needs.

Please contact me in the Cory Library either in writing or on ext 438 if you know of any colleagues or students who are either permanently or temporarily disabled.

**Sandy Rowoldt**

*Co-ordinator: Rhodes Library Disabled Persons Programme*



# Staff Sport

by Doug Coghlan

## Athletics

Chris Whiteley continues to steal the limelight in road running, and, at a recent function held by the EP Road Runners Association, was awarded the EP Veteran Athlete of the Year Trophy.

Chris was the first staff member home in the recent 10kms Nite Race held in Grahamstown, finishing ninth. Other staff placings were: 12th: Richard Foss; 36th: Dave Edwards; 38th: John Haydock; 50th: Justin Jonas.

The EP Road Runners Association is, incidentally, quite an Old Rhodian affair: the Chairman is Cliff Hopkins (ex-Captain, Rhodes Cross Country) and the Vice-Chairman is John Donald. Cliff's wife, Dalmarie (nee Coetzee) is a national referee and will perform this function at the Two Oceans and at Settlers (28 April).

## Golf

Nite Golf, like the Nite Race sponsored by National Lamps, was again successfully presented on the Great Field. Bill Fowler, helped by five

points from a hole-in-one, held the lead on 24 points for most of the evening but was pipped at the post by MA student, Peter Marx, who came in with 25 points. Staff members really scored: 3rd: Phil Court; 4th: Rob Cross; 5th: Jeff Rowlands, while Jeff Rowlands and Derek Henderson both managed two 2-clubs.

The match scheduled against Fort Hare has, unfortunately, been postponed temporarily, but as soon as the situation stabilizes, a new date will be arranged. Meanwhile, dates are being negotiated with UPE and PE Technikon.

## Swimming:

Hardy swimmers will be pleased to hear that the heating unit will operate from Tuesday, March 27. However, this means that the cover will be on daily from 5.45pm to 9am, so swimming times will be restricted, especially in the early morning.

## Personal:

Stan Morgan has been in the Settlers Hospital for a few days having a minor operation to his wrists and fingers to relieve the ravages of arthritis. All his

friends wish him a speedy recovery.

## Hockey:

Talk of Old Rhodian influence in Road Running is rivalled by the composition of Occasionals hockey. In the team that played on Saturday, March 24, were John Donald, Brian Wilmot, Murray Vetch, Geoff Vetch and Jeff Rowlands.

Staff hockey is underway and creaky professors are stretching their limbs ready for the winter session.

The team is looking for recruits and anybody interested should contact Nikki Kohly at 532 (Institute of Freshwater Studies).

## Squash:

The Staff first team has already contested its first match, beating Kenton 5-0. The team was Adrian Craig, Mike Morgan, Jeff Rowlands, Peter de Villiers and Bill Mitchell. The next match is against St Andrew's. The second team plays in the 5th League and opens its season this week.

# Snakes Alive!

by Patricia Cook

ON Sunday, March 11th, having lunched in Jan Smuts Hall, we returned to our home at 2, Gilbert Street and opened the door to be greeted exuberantly by our dogs and cats. The lounge door into the hallway was open and through it I noticed the brownish tail of a cat just moving out of sight.

I went indignantly into the lounge to pursue the stranger and discovered it was not a cat but a very large snake, retreating into a corner of the room behind a basket of cones. We quickly shut the door and captured the snake in our lounge, but what next?

We thought immediately of Sirion Robertson, the campus expert on snakes, so we rang him. Kindly, he promised to come all the way in from Stones Hill, but we were to "keep it under surveillance".

Very conveniently, a French door led from the lounge into the garden. Through this we could see the whole room, but

the snake had disappeared from view.

We realized that this garden door was the one we should use when dealing with the snake, to prevent its escape into the house. But the key was in the lounge on the mantelpiece. Very cautiously we slipped in to get it, and then had to go in again to unsnib the door from the inside.

Sirion duly arrived and we went in. Suspecting that the snake had gone into the cone basket, Sirion prepared to carry it outside. Meanwhile, I went to secure the window, which was not properly shut. I drew the floor-length curtain and there, next to my feet, was the snake.

"Well done!" said Sirion at my totally chance discovery. He went to look himself. He lifted the curtain and fell back a step in admiration. "That's a very fine specimen", he said. "It's a Cape Cobra! You two had better go outside so we don't fall over each other." This we gladly did, but as we peered through the glass door my heart was

thumping. "Please take care of him, he has a wife and children!"

This was where the professionalism came in. Sirion took his long stick with a V-shaped wire on the end, pinned the snake down and then grasped it firmly behind the head, lifted the tail and threaded the coiling creature into a pillowslip and quickly tied the open end up with string. Throughout the whole experience we had a profound sense of having being protected!

Sirion casually let the snake-filled pillowslip swing from his hand as he said goodbye.

The Thomas Baines Nature Reserve is now richer by one fat, nearly six foot Cobra!

Our grateful thanks to Sirion Robertson.

**Have you heard of the French translation of the famous nursery rhyme "Un petit d'un petit sat on a wall...?"**

# Smalls

## Weigh Less Classes.

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# The long search

by Madeleen Welman

SINCE the end of February, audiences have been enthralled by a look at world religions, produced for the BBC by Ronald Eyre, and entitled *The Long Search*.

In this series, which is screened each Tuesday in the Albany Museum Lecture Hall, the focus has moved from Hinduism, Buddhism and Protestantism to the Muslims of Cairo and the Protestants of America.

On April 24, the search moves to South Africa, where Eyre investigates Zulu Zionism. Part II of the series looks at the religion of China in *A Question of Balance*, to be screened on May 1.

Screening times are 5.30 pm, 7.00 pm and 8.15 pm, and there is no entry fee.