



Fifty years' service recorded by 2 from CPU



Mr James Kulati (left) receives his long service award certificate from the Vice-Chancellor, Dr Derek Henderson

Two members of the Campus Protection Unit received long service awards recently, each having recorded 25 years on the staff of the University.

They are Messrs James Kulati and a former trainee of his, Abraham Heber.

Making the awards, the Vice-Chancellor, Dr Derek Henderson, said that their length of service was highly appreciated by all at Rhodes, staff and students alike.

Mr Kulati started work, in the late 1950s, as a laboratory assistant with the Wool Research Institute. When the Institute moved to Port Elizabeth in 1967, he joined the CPU, doubling its complement of guards to two.

Boxer of repute

He was a boxer of some repute in his youth and once helped coach at the Rhodes Boxing Club. The team, with James in its corner, won the annual tournament against the Army on two successive occasions. He also travelled with the boxers to Johannesburg for an intervarsity at which trophies were won.

Mr Heber, married with 8 children, came to Rhodes from the City Engineer's office. He brought with him experience in dealing with

the public and experience of building plans and has, over the years, put both to good use, assisting on occasion with campus building alterations in addition to his duties as a CPU member.

His has recorded some notable successes in the field of investigation while at Rhodes.

Thief arrested

A recent example saw him arrest a thief in the township after a distraught Zimbabwean student was relieved of her wallet containing her driver's licence and her passport. Abie's concern for her predicament saw him spend much time after hours on the case. The arrested youth was in possession of stolen clothing and was able to indicate where he had disposed of the wallet which was recovered with its contents intact.

Both men have seen much change at Rhodes while on the staff and have remained intensely loyal and devoted employees, despite many pressures on and off the campus. They have several letters of commendation between them.

Five to be honoured by Rhodes

Rhodes is to confer five honorary degrees at graduation ceremonies next year, in Grahamstown in April and in East London in May.

Distinguished academics

At the ceremony on Friday morning, April 8, the degree of Doctor of Literature (DLitt) (honoris causa) will be conferred upon two of Rhodes' most distinguished former academic staff members: Emeritus Professor Guy Butler, former head of the Department of English at Rhodes, and Emeritus Professor Rodney Davenport, former head of the Department of History at the University.

ANC leader

At the evening ceremony on that day, the degree of Doctor of Laws (LLD) (honoris causa), will be awarded to Mr Govan Mbeki, member of the National

Executive of the African National Congress, an established scholar and author of a number of books on the liberation struggle.

Mr Michael O'Dowd, an Executive Director of the Anglo American Corporation and Chairman of the Anglo American and De Beers Chairman's Fund, will receive the degree of Doctor of Laws (LLD) (honoris causa) at the graduation ceremony on Saturday, April 9.

Botanist, writer and illustrator

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

The final edition of Rhodes for 1993 is due to be published on 2nd December 1993.

Material for inclusion should be submitted to the Editor before noon on 26 November.



Mr Abraham Heber receives his long service award certificate from the Vice-Chancellor, Dr Derek Henderson. Abie was once a trainee of James Kulati, pictured at the top of the page, and the two are now the longest serving members of the CPU.

Letters to the Editor

Rhodos invites correspondence on all matters of concern to the University community. It is hoped that the contents of such letters, which should, ideally, not exceed 200 words in length, will indicate the wide spectrum of views held and will promote further discussion.

Obviously, the views expressed do not necessarily reflect those of the editor, nor of the University.

This section is as interesting as *you* make it. Let's hear from you! A pseudonym is acceptable, so long as you also supply your full name and traceable to the editor, who will respect confidentiality.

ALLEGATIONS UNTRUE

The Editor,

The letter of G Jacobson in *Rhodos* of 4 November makes two allegations which are untrue.

The first is that unhappy staff 'are simply allowed to resign, instead of the reasons for their dissatisfaction being investigated'. This is not true. If the Personnel Division is aware of a problem in the workplace it is investigated and there are many cases on record to prove it.

The second allegation, that 'no

effort is made to retain good staff' is also untrue. Considerable effort is made to retain good staff. Clearly, such efforts are not widely known and not always successful.

I have tried to trace G Jacobson without success and as far as I can determine he/she is neither staff member nor student.

Nevertheless, I extend an invitation to him/her to come and discuss the issues which occasioned the opinions expressed.

**M A Smout,
Vice-Principal**

Attempts to contact G Jacobson proved futile as the address which was supplied to Rhodos with the original letter has proved false. - Editor.

THREE CHEERS

FOR KINDNESS

The Editor,

Three cheers for the sentiment expressed in "Senseless, mindless kindness" (*Rhodos* - 4 November).

It's wonderful "Peace on Earth, goodwill to all men" stuff. Please submit it to Grocott's!

Yesterday I was the recipient of an

act of senseless kindness when a man sprinted down the street after me to tell me I had forgotten my keys (yet again). So cynical have I become, that for a moment I wondered why he did it, but actually I know why; it's the bit that goes: *What goes around, comes around.*

What a great way to start off the Christmas season.

Karen Wentworth.

NO COUP PLANNED!

The Editor,

The edition of 4 November, containing a letter from Michael Whisson, deserves a response.

Amongst other items which he refers to are the spilling, across PA street, of bricks which he sees as a 'beautification by bricking' binge.

In the interests of a better understanding of the circumstances, for people like himself and others who feel that there is a 'coup - de - bricks' in the offing, it should be explained that:

- * The area outside Selwyn Castle has been earmarked for reinstatement as it had been dug up previously, and

- * similarly, new reinstatement work was needed outside the Dean of Students Lodge, where new cables and pipes had been laid - the existing concrete surfaces having been damaged. Furthermore, the footpath into the main house had subsided to such an extent that, when it rained, water was

collecting, making entry into the house difficult and unsafe.

- * Other factors influencing the decision to lay brick paving where there has been either concrete or tar previously are: Life cycle costing - it is cheaper to maintain brick paving over a long period than any of the other hard surfaces used at present.

- * Reinstatement times are reduced when using brick, and should further subsidence occur, repairs to brick work are relatively easy.

- * There are further, aesthetic, considerations. A tarred or concrete surface is scarred for life once a burst occurs or a trench is dug through the area. As luck has it, this usually occurs soon after new surfacing is laid down. In the case of brick paving it is easy to reinstate without incurring additional material costs.

Mark Hazell.

Two novels – two languages!

Prof Etienne van Heerden, of the Department of Afrikaans & Nederlands has had two novels published recently – one in Afrikaans, the other in English.

His new Afrikaans novel, a major work set in an imaginary eastern Cape city, Port Cecil, has been published by Tafelberg publishers. *Die Stoetmeester* is Prof Van Heerden's ninth book and has been described as his most important work so far. The cover carries a painting by Jennifer Crooks, wife of Professor Robert Brooks, Head of the Department of Fine Art.

The second book is an English translation of *Casspirs and Camparis*, the Afrikaans edition of which won the Rapport Prize for Literature and an honourable listing for the Noma Award for Publishing in Africa. The book was translated by Ms Cathy Knox, who has recently been appointed to the staff of the Department of Journalism and Media Studies at Rhodes.

Rhodes graduate a first time recipient

The winner of the South African Geographical Society (SAGS) Bronze Medal for the Outstanding Thesis, 1992, is Ms Maura Andrew, for her Masters degree thesis, completed in the Department of Geography last year.

This is the first time that the award has been made to a postgraduate student at Rhodes.

The Bronze Medal is the SAGS's highest award for postgraduate research. It was instituted in 1970 and has previously been awarded to prestigious figures in the geographic community, such as Dr Tim Hart of the Urban Foundation and our TV screens; Prof Chris Rogerson, of the University of the Witwatersrand and Prof Jeff McCarthy of the University of Durban-Westville.

"The award is not necessarily made each year, but only when the quality of research is sufficiently high", said Dr Roddy Fox, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Geography at Rhodes.

Ms Andrew's thesis *A Geographical Study of Agricultural Change since the 1930s in Shixini Location, Gatyana District, Transkei*, assessed the reasons for agricultural change amongst the traditional African smallholders of a peripheral area of Transkei. "She undertook an innovative synthesis of historical, questionnaire and Geographic Information System methodologies and attempted to relate agricultural change to the impact of political-economic factors at the local, regional and national scales", Dr Fox explained.

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News from the East London Division

Small Campus makes for interesting differences

She may have only 400 students to consider, but Isabel Lindsay, the Administrative Officer: Student Affairs at the Rhodes East London Division, has rather different problems to those faced by the Registrar and Dean of Students in Grahamstown.

For one thing, 'her' students have a wider age range than those in Grahamstown - from 18 to 83, in fact. Mr Chris Botha (83) hopes to complete History III this year. "He arrived on the doorstep when the University opened, wanting to register for a BA, but at that time Rhodes East London didn't offer a BA. He said he'd be our first BA student, and he was. As soon as he heard that we were offering the degree, he was back", Isabel says.

He may not be the oldest student ever to study at Rhodes, but Mr Botha definitely holds the current record.

The Division has three medical doctors, a radiographer, the Chief Technician at the Post Office,

and a ship's captain, all reading for BCom or BA degrees.

How do you respond when you get a letter from PortNet asking for leave of absence from lectures for Captain Tony Crab, because he has to deliver a ship to Mombasa? "You grant it, of course - he's only doing his job", says Isabel.

The Division also has a father-and-son-team, both Keith Hughes and his son Michael are reading for the BCom degree. There must be a lot of healthy competition in that family!

As exams draw near, Isabel has another worry to add to her list - is one of the students going to go into labour during an exam? Pregnancies in East London, it seems, are not planned to fit in with the Rhodes exam time-table. "The University Calendar isn't much help with this issue, either!", says Isabel.

Mary Burnett

Increase in academic options

The East London Division is not only expanding in terms of student numbers and lecturing and office space, but it is also increasing the number of academic options for students registering there.

The Director, Dr Steve Fourie, said that, apart from the several curricula leading to the Bachelor of Commerce (BCom) degree, the limited range of courses enabling students to study for the Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree, and the courses towards the postgraduate Bachelor of Education (BEd) degree, several developments are planned from the beginning of 1994.

These include the phasing in of Social Work and Primary Education courses. An Honours degree in Psychology will be offered for the first time next year. The introduction of Sociology I is also planned, as this will be of value to both BCom, BA and Social Work students. Courses in Anthropology may be introduced in 1995 and Industrial Sociology and Industrial Psychology could follow later.

Dr Fourie said that it was also possible that Xhosa I, Geography I and Biblical Studies could be introduced, particularly for students studying towards the Bachelor of Primary Education (BPrimEd).

East London SRC

Less time for extra-curricular activities.

Students at Rhodes' East London Division generally have different priorities to those in Grahamstown. For one thing, East London students are usually older, and many hold full-time jobs. This means that there is not much time for involvement in extra-curricular activities.

However, this year the East London SRC has been reasonably active in a variety of fields of activity, according to Mr Brendon Black, a member of the outgoing SRC.

"We felt that the SRC needed to work on various aspects of University life in East London to draw the student body together. We were also a point of contact with the Administration and were able to relay student grievances and concerns to them. This system worked well", Mr Black said.

The SRC also arranged social and fund raising events, which included a Spring Ball, attended by many students of all ages.

They raised a substantial amount of money for Cancer Day and also sold especially printed T-shirts to raise funds, although

this was not as successful.

Because the East London Division is small, there is a lot of personal interaction between students and staff. "It is easy to get to see individual staff members to discuss problems with course work", Mr Black said.

'More than lectures'

"We'd like to see students in East London looking upon their University career as more than lectures and tutorials. One of our prime objectives is to draw the student body together with social and other events. Eventually we'd like more interaction with the business environment in East London, perhaps through seminars and discussions and a system of vac jobs for students who are not working", he said.

Rhodos wishes to publish items of news and staff contributions from East London on a regular basis. Please submit contributions directly to the Editor and remember we're on e-mail at adjw@kudu.ru.ac.za

Seven out of twelve for Rhodes clique

Students from Rhodes have won seven of the 12 medals on offer in the annual Fuji Profoto Photographic Exhibition.

Third-year student Jo Steinhobel won the Student Portfolio of the Year Award and a silver medal. No gold was awarded in this category.

Other silver medallists from Rhodes were Wayne Mitchell, Craig Galbraith and Kim Street. Bronze medals were won by A J Strack van Schyndel, Gill Grimsley and Joanne Thomas.

Each entrant had to submit five photographs to a panel of judges with members drawn from the advertising industry, professional photography and interior design and including a fashion editor, a picture editor and a fine arts lecturer.

Examples of the winners' work will feature in the Fuji Profoto Awards travelling exhibition.

Car scheme funds exhausted

The Car Scheme again finds itself in the position of having exhausted the funds currently available.

In addition, the administration of the scheme is to be transferred to a permanent RUSA administrative assistant, to be employed from next year.

Accordingly, the Car Scheme will not be taking new applications for vehicle loans during the rest of 1993.

The scheme will be restarted early in 1994, when the new administrator takes over.

It is hoped that those persons currently waiting for existing applications to be approved will be dealt with by the end of this year, if funds permit.

Any queries should be directed to George Wells (Ext. 8296), and no longer to Mrs Lilley.

George Wells

Premier award to Prof Eales

The Council of the Geological Society of South Africa has decided unanimously to award its premier award, the Draper Memorial Medal, to Emeritus Professor Hugh Eales, Senior Research Officer in the Department of Geology.

The award is made in recognition of his enormous contribution to the earth sciences throughout his career and will be presented to him in February next year.

Prof Eales, who retired from the teaching staff earlier this year, was born in the Orange Free State and completed his schooling at

Dale College, King William's Town. He was awarded a BSc (Hons) degree with distinction in Geology at Rhodes, having studied under Prof Edgar Mountain, a previous holder of the Draper Memorial Medal. He completed the MSc degree in 1953.

He worked for some years in the field, and in mining in Tanzania and Zimbabwe. He returned to Rhodes as a Lecturer and completed his PhD degree in 1960. He succeeded Prof Mountain as Head of the Department in 1970, a position he held until 1990.

Seminar for Queenstown

The Institute of Park and Recreation Management is hosting a seminar and workshop in Queenstown entitled *Communicating with the communities we serve*.

It will be held on 15 April 1994 and will be open to non-members. One of the co-presenters will be Sandra Fowkes, of UCT.

Accommodation is being arranged for any delegates who wish to stay over in Queenstown.

The branch Chairman is Mark Hazell (ext 8240) who can be contacted for further details.

Strikes, incorrect delivery and stock shortages

And the Lord said unto Noah; "Where is the Ark I commanded thee to build?"

And Noah said unto the Lord, "Verily, I have had three carpenters off sick, and the cypress-wood supplier hath let me down. Yea, even though the cypress-wood hath been on order for nigh on twelve months. What can I do, Lord?"

And the Lord spake unto Noah, "I want that Ark finished even after seven days and seven nights." And Noah said, "So it shall be." But it was not so. And the Lord spake again unto Noah, "What seemeth to be the trouble this time?"

And Noah said unto the Lord, "Mine sub-contractor hath gone bankrupt and the pitch which thou commandest me to place on the inside and on the outside of the Ark hath not arrived. The plumber hath gone on strike and my son, Shem, who helpeth me in the Ark side of the business, hath

formed a pop-group with his brothers Ham and Japheth. Oh, Lord, I am undone."

And the Lord grew angry. "And what of the animals? The male and the female of every sort; that which I ordered to come up to thee that their seed may be kept alive upon the Earth?"

And Noah replied, "They hath been delivered to the wrong address, but shouldst be here by Friday."

And the Lord said, "And what of the Unicorns, and the fowls of the air, by sevens?"

And Noah wrung his hands and wept, saying, "Lord the Unicorns are a discontinued line, thou canst not find them for love nor money, and the fowls of the air are sold only in half-dozens. Lord, thou only knowest how it is."

And the Lord in his wisdom spake again unto Noah. "Noah, my son, I knowest. Why else dost thou think that I am causing a flood to descend upon the Earth?"

Opportunity to study in Japan

Hosei University in Tokyo, through its Foreign Scholars Fellowship Programme, provides funds for the financial support of foreign scholars for postgraduate, non-degree course, study.

3 positions offered

Study areas supported include the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences and engineering. Three positions are offered annually. Scholars receive ¥120 000 each month plus their travel costs to Japan and back. Research trips within Japan are subsidised.

Interested people should submit a completed application form (obtainable from The International Centre, Hosei University, together with a copy of a graduation thesis or major work, two letters of recommendation from supervisors of professors familiar with their work and a copy of their most recent graduation certificate, before 31 May of the year prior to the desired year of study.

Masters or Doctorate required

Applicants must have a Master's degree or Doctorate, may not be older than 35 on 1 April of the year in which they wish to commence study and must demonstrate competency in English or Japanese!

"Simply the Best"

The local representative of the South African Friends of Cambridge University, Prof Michael Whisson, has received the prospectus and application forms for 1994-5 for Cambridge.

Anyone planning to visit or study at what *The Times* recently called 'Simply the world's best university' (9 August 1993) is welcome to contact Prof Whisson, on extension 8230, for further details.

Koos was desperately trying to get some sleep while Sarie kept nattering "Koos," she cooed. "Do you remember when we were courting, you used to nibble my ears and bite me gently on my neck. You never do that any more. Why not?"

Koos sighed, rolled over, and started to get out of bed.

"Where are you going," she asked.

"To the bathroom to get my damn teeth!"

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