



Sixty not out!



CONGRATULATIONS to Professor John Rennie and his wife, Bea, who recently celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary. Professor Rennie was Vice-Principal of Rhodes from 1961 to 1970.

Their anniversary almost co-incides with the publication later this month of Professor Rennie's book *The Scottish Settler Party of 1820*.

Professor Rennie and his wife met at the University of Cape Town, where he was studying geology and she botany. They were married six months into his first permanent job, which was as a lecturer in Geology in 1931, at what was then Rhodes University College. Five years later he was made head of the newly-established Geography Department.

Mrs Rennie taught at St Andrews College, as well as being a demonstrator in the Botany Department at Rhodes. Her career took second place though, when their children Janet, Margaret and John were born.

But, by 1941, she had been persuaded onto the committee of the

Child Welfare Organization. She was elected to the City Council in 1957, and became Mayor in 1967. Professor Rennie was a member of the Joint Council until it dissolved during the apartheid years.

Both Professor and Mrs Rennie served on the Fingo Village Action Committee and became actively involved in historical matters. Professor Rennie was appointed to the Historical Monuments Commission which became the National Monuments Council (NMC). He was awarded the NMC gold medal in 1980. They were also founder members of the Grahamstown Historical Society, of which Professor Rennie served as both chairman and president.

Professor Rennie was a member of the Albany Museum Board for 40 years, of which 20 were as chairman.

Their fine contribution to Rhodes, as well as the Grahamstown community is an example worth emulating.

• **Congratulations** to Friedl and Colleen Ranftelshofer on the marriage of their daughter, Brigitte, to Rocky Mann, son of Bruce and Moe Mann, at St Patrick's Catholic Church on June 8.

• To Jean and Ian McPherson on the engagement of their daughter, Sandy, to Louis Jensen.

New award inaugurated



A NEW award, to be known as the Vice-Chancellor's Award, has been introduced at Rhodes. The award is the administrative counter-part of the Alty Award which is made to those who complete higher degrees.

Vice-Chancellor's Awards will be made to members of staff who have obtained a recognized professional qualification.

Like the Alty Awards, the member of staff must have been appointed to a permanent post and have been employed by the University for at least one year.

The award will take the form of an ex gratia gratuity and is not taxable.

Miss Mary Burnett (above), Press Officer in the Public Relations Division, was the first person to receive the award from the Vice-Chancellor, Dr Henderson. Miss Burnett successfully completed the Accredited Public Relations Practitioners (APR) examination through the Public Relations Council of South Africa.

Members of staff who obtain professional qualifications should notify the Director of Personnel of their achievement as soon as possible. Details of the curriculum, together with a copy of the certificate or award should be forwarded to the Personnel Division for consideration by the Administrative sub-committee of Council.

Joint award for Hendersons

THE PRESIDENT of the South African Teachers' Association (SATA), Mr Peter Moore, Headmaster of Sterling High School in East London, recently presented the 1991 SATA Centennial Award to Dr Derek and Mrs Thelma Henderson. This is the first time that the award has been bestowed on a couple.

The award was instituted in 1987 to acknowledge outstanding con-

tributions to education in South Africa.

A distinguished Rhodes scholar, Dr Derek Henderson has been Vice-Chancellor of Rhodes University for almost sixteen years, making him the longest serving Vice-Chancellor in the country at present. "His Rhodes administration model is one which is recognized by all universities for its excellence," said Mr Moore.

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STAFF NEWS

PROFESSOR Randall Hepburn and Professor Peter Surtees have been appointed Deans of the Faculties of Science and Commerce respectively as from 1992. Professor Surtees will also be acting Dean of Commerce from August 1 to November 15.

Dr Ric Bernard (Zoology and Entomology), Dr Norton Hiller (Geology), and Dr Rob Midgley (Law) have been promoted to Associate Professors

Several academics have been appointed Acting Heads of Department: Professor Richard Haines is acting head of the department of Sociology and Industrial Sociology until December 13, Professor Perry Kaye will be acting head of the department of Chemistry from

August 6 to October 22, Professor Jos Nell is acting head of the department of Fine Art from until December 31 and Mrs Sarah Radloff is acting head of the department of Mathematical Statistics until December 31.

Dr Julian Cobbing (History), Dr Keith Cowan (Botany), Dr Roddy Fox (Geography), Miss Jane Osborne (Drama) and Mr Peter Rose (Microbiology) have been promoted to senior lecturers

Dr Cecil Manona (ISEA) has been promoted from Research Officer to Senior Research Officer

Mr Larry Strelitz (Journalism and Media Studies) and Mr Geoff Wood (Sociology and Industrial Sociology) have been promoted from junior lecturers to lecturers.

New Director for East London

by Albert le Roux

MR STEPHEN Fourie has been appointed to the East London division of the University.

Prior to his appointment, Mr Fourie was Superintendent Minister of the Kempton Park Circuit of the church and also a part-time lecturer in Systematic Theology at the University of South Africa (Unisa), where he is completing his studies towards a doctorate in Systematic Theology. He obtained a BTh degree at Rhodes University in 1977.

Mr Fourie has been a member of the board of the Rhodes East London Division for the past three years. He was also a founder mem-

ber of the Border Life Line Branch, and served on the Regional Executive of the Border Branch of the South African Institute of Race Relations, of which he was Regional Chairman for two years.

From May 1987 to August 1989, Mr Fourie was seconded by the Methodist Church to the Institute for a Democratic Alternative for South Africa (IDASA). He was first Regional Director of the Border Region and then of the Transvaal Region. He organized the IDASA conference on Education which was held in Grahamstown in 1988.

Mr Fourie took up the reins at Rhodes East London on June 10.

Glenvaal Motor Excess amended

SINCE July 1, 1991, Glenvaal Insurance Brokers have amended the basic Motor Excess to a minimum of R500.

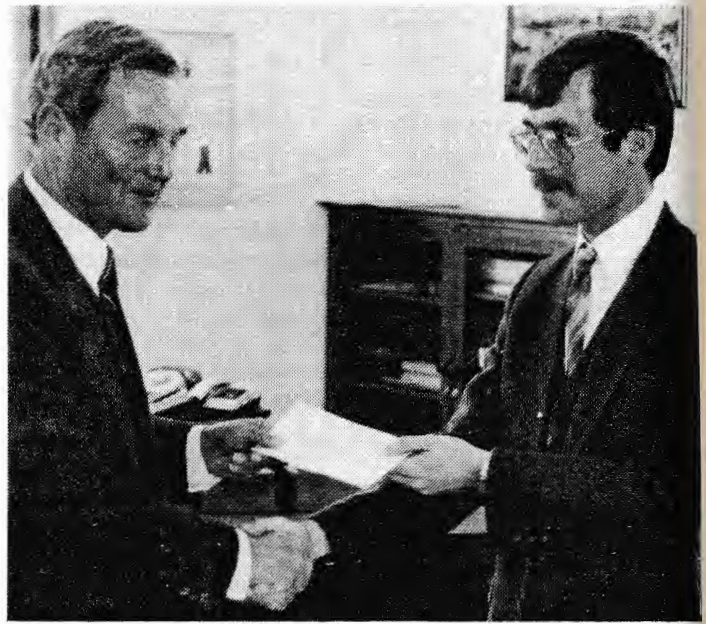
Drivers under 25 years of age will be subject to an additional excess of R200 and those under 21 to an additional R300. Drivers who have had a licence for less than two years will be liable for an additional R100 over and above whichever of the aforementioned excesses might apply.

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He added: "It is mainly for his contribution to non-racial education that Dr Henderson was honoured, though. He has stood firm on academic standards, and has successfully converted Rhodes University into a fully integrated university."

His wife, Mrs Thelma Henderson, has been widely recognized for her contribution to education. She is the founder and Director of the Centre for Social Development at Rhodes.

"Her organization has raised R6m for black education, much of which provides bursaries. She was also responsible for establishing many pre-school and day-care centres in Grahamstown. In acknowledgement of her service, she received the State President's award for Community Service and was invited to be one of the very few signatories of the Grahamstown Municipality's Distinguished Citizen Book," said Mr Moore.



Mr Etienne Nel (right) of the Department of Geography accepts an Alty Award from Dr Derek Henderson after he attained his Master's Degree.

Terry rules, OKaif!

by Albert le Roux

THE RHODES Union and Club has been under new management since the beginning of the year, and numerous changes have taken place. The person responsible is Mr Terry Jackson, who took over from Mr Peter Wright as Manager on February 1.

New developments include the use of the *Outpost* as a daily lunch venue, live music in the Club, a "panic" bar, and the introduction of the Rhodes University Snooker and Pool Association (RUSPA), which already boasts a considerable following.

The *Outpost* provides inexpensive meals for staff and students. Lunch times are reserved for staff pub-lunches and the evenings for students. The menu consists of hamburger-type meals, but if this venture proves successful, more substantial meals could be introduced. Although Mr Jackson admits that service is not the best, he feels that the *Outpost* is doing well under the circumstances.

For a while he had to manage without a caterer or Assistant Manager (one has now been appointed), and only one staff member could be allocated to the *Outpost*.

Live music in the Union has been a great success. Most bands are local, but occasionally he manages to lure a band from Port Elizabeth. He says the Union is better supported when a band is

playing, even though he has to impose a cover charge (much to the dismay of students) to cover the costs. Excess money taken at the door is donated to the Street Children's Fund.

Because the bar closes at 10.00pm (on the dot) every night, he has introduced a "panic" bar for students who don't manage to buy drinks in time. If he feels that there is a pleasant atmosphere in the Club, he keeps it open for as long as he thinks necessary, when the "panic" bar serves its purpose best.

The Snooker and Pool Association was started after a group of students approached him to start a Club. They had found four pool tables beneath Kaif - within days a club had been formed. This club has, in a short time, achieved much. They have cleaned and painted their premises, restored damaged equipment, found a financial sponsor, attained financial independence from the University, amassed a substantial bank account through fund-raising, formed a committee, printed membership cards and held a competition which proved to be a great success. Unfortunately, the club may have to close, as the pool room (originally granted to RUSPA on a two-term trial basis) is to be taken over by the SRC, who need the room to store periodicals and audiovisual equipment.

LETTERS

The Editor

I DO not know whether I am the "character (who) brings two large dogs on the back of a truck" that M H Burton refers to (Rhodos 3(7):4), however I find this sarcastic letter most uncalled for.

I resent the assumptions that the motive behind bringing a dog to the University is to "show us all how wonderfully in tune with nature" I am and that "the type of person who is pretentious enough to bring an animal to a university is not likely to consider others if merely asked." While fully agreeing that animals that defecate in a cafe are a nuisance and may even pose a health hazard, this criticism cannot be applied *carte blanche* to everyone who may have reason to bring a dog onto campus. Perhaps your correspondent should consider the possibility that there may be other motives for a person to bring a dog onto the campus, and perhaps if he objects so strongly he should try "asking." If any member of the University were

to ask me not to bring my dogs onto the campus I would certainly consider their point-of-view, to date no-one has voiced any such objection. Yours sincerely
P B Phillipson

(Please let us have your views about dogs on the Rhodes Estate - for or against - Ed)

The Editor

THE FOUR wags in the Pharmacy Dept will, no doubt, accuse anyone who objects to their brand of humour of having no sense of it her/himself.

Nevertheless, I declare that theirs is an impoverished humour, which seeks to belittle the distress suffered by women subjected to sexual harassment at the workplace.

Furthermore, their attitude reflects poorly upon a University which claims to be a nondiscriminatory institution.

Yours sincerely,
Vivien Botha



The Department of Zoology and Entomology recently passed a significant milestone: the publication of the 1 000th scientific paper by staff members. At a party to celebrate the event, Dr Derek Henderson was presented with a bibliography of the papers. Seen with him are (left) Professor Randall Hepburn, head of department, and Professor Emeritus Brian Allanson, previous head of department.

Gledhill Fellowship for scientists instituted

by **Albert le Roux**

IN memory of Professor Jack Gledhill, Professor of Physics at Rhodes from 1954 to 1988, his widow, Dr Eily Gledhill, has instituted the Jack Gledhill Fellowship.

The Fellowship will be awarded annually to enable senior scientists to devote themselves to post-doctoral work in any of the following science departments at Rhodes: Biochemistry and Microbiology, Botany, Chemistry, Computer Science, Geography, Geology, Ichthyology and Fisheries Science, Mathematical Statistics, Mathematics (Pure and Applied), Pharmaceutical Sciences, Physics and Electronics, Psychology, Zoology

and Entomology, the Leather Industries Research Institute, the Institute for Water Research, the J L B Smith Institute of Ichthyology, the Tick Research Unit, The Plant Nutrition Research Unit, and the Biopharmaceutics Research Unit.

The value of the Fellowship, with support from the Foundation for Research and Development, is R2 000 a month plus the cost of a return tourist class air fare or first class rail fare from the Fellow's home. Preference will be given to candidates who are willing to accept appointment for at least six months.

Further information and application forms can be obtained from the Registrar, to whom completed applications should be submitted by July 31, 1991.

Welcome New Staff!

Academic

- Professor Paul Maylam (Head of History Department)
- Dr Ireneusz Szyszkowski (Senior Lecturer in Mathematical Statistics)

Administration

- Mrs Marie Japp (Faculty Office)
- Mrs Kim Goosen (Bursary Office)
- Miss Nolene Shelper (Rhodes Club)
- Mr Paul Goodwin (Systems Administrator)
- Mrs Christina Kitson (Computer Science)
- Ms Wendy Voogt (Education)
- Mrs Louise Donaldson (Law)
- Mrs Margaret Rogers (IFWS)
- Ms Tina Cookson (Academic Skills)
- Miss Yvonne Hilmer (Computer Centre)
- Mrs Gail Prince (Library)
- Mrs Marie Hegarty (Library)
- Mr Johan Hert (Computer Science)

Service Staff

- Mrs Leonora Zamani (Rhodes Union)
- Miss Gertrude Ngeleza (Jan Smuts Hall)
- Miss Evelyn (St Mary Hall)

New lecturer in Biochem & Micro

DR Molapo Qhobela, previously a Research Plant Pathologist for the Ministry of Agriculture in Lesotho, has been appointed as a lecturer in the Department of Biochemistry and Microbiology.

Dr Qhobela attained a BSc degree at the University of Zimbabwe in 1983 and a DSc at Kansas State University in 1990, where he was a plant pathologist.

Obituaries

Mr Alfred Shields

MR ALFRED (Ted) Shields MBE, Registrar at Rhodes from 1948 to 1959, died at the age of 75 in Hove, East Sussex on June 9 this year.

Mr Shields completed a BA with first class honours in Mathematics at Cambridge in 1937, before joining the Indian Civil Service, where he held several posts before joining the staff of the University.

When he left Rhodes, Mr Shields became Academic Registrar at the University of Adelaide, Australia, a position he held until his retirement, when he and his family returned to settle in England.

Prof Arthur Clark

Professor Edwin Arthur George Clark, Associate Professor in the Department of Education, died on Thursday, July 4.

Professor Clark was born in Somerset, England in 1926. He attained a BA (Honours) in 1947, a Doctorate in 1957, a Master's degree in the history of education in 1967, all from the University of London, and a Teacher's Certificate from the University of Exeter in 1950.

Professor Clark received extensive teaching experience before joining the staff at Rhodes. This included a short period as Sergeant

Instructor with the Royal Army Education Corps.

Whilst at Rhodes, he was responsible for Geography method courses at primary and secondary levels. He also contributed extensively to the theory of education courses, and developed a Master's degree in education. He was the lecturer's representative on Senate, and served as chairman of the Rhodes University Staff Association for several years. He has many publications to his credit, including two books.

He leaves his wife, Barbara, and two children.

Notice to all staff

Library books

FROM the beginning of September 1991, the circulation system at the Main Library Desk will be computerized as part of the process of implementing the URICA System. Computerization will have a number of advantages for borrowers and you will be informed about these and about how routines will be altered over the next few months.

There is, however, an immediate change, the purpose of which might not be immediately obvious. Since May 30, all staff loans have been stamped as terminating on August 30. This will continue until August 1 when the due date will become September 30.

The effect of this will be that after May 30, the normal three month loan period will decrease gradually until it reaches one month. It will at no stage become shorter than one month. The purpose of the change is to end all loans under the old manual system as rapidly as possible and to transfer them to the computerized system.

It must be emphasized that staff are not being asked to terminate their loans after an increasingly brief loan period but merely to bring books into the Library for re-issue under the new system. Your co-operation in this will be greatly appreciated by the Library Staff.

All loans from the Main Desk from August 30 onwards will be computerized and will revert to the normal three month loan period, except, of course, for those classes of Library material normally issued for shorter periods.

If you have any problems or uncertainties in connection with this transition period please speak to me or to the Circulation Librarian, Kate Skinner.

Michael Berning
Deputy University Librarian

Rhodos Deadlines

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15 July	25 July
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7 Oct	17 Oct
21 Oct	31 Oct

WHAT'S ON

Thursday, July 11

- IFWS: Aquatic Sciences Conference
Zoology Building. 8.30am

Monday, July 15

- Student Advisor Video
Arts Major. 2pm

Tuesday, July 16

- Underwater Club Lecture
Zoo 1. 5pm
- Student Advisor Video
Arts Major. 5.15pm

Wednesday, July 17

- Journalism film
Arts Major. 5pm

Thursday, July 18

- Underwater Club Lecture
Zoo 01. 5pm
- Political Studies Film: *The Two Rivers*. A documentary of a rural Black South African's perspective on the history of his people, the colonial era, the early apartheid era and the present day.
GLT. 4.05pm

Friday, July 19

- Rowing Club Disco
Great Hall. 8pm

Saturday, July 20

- Zimsoc
Great Hall. 6pm

Monday, July 22

- Underwater Club Lecture
Zoo 01. 5pm

Tuesday, July 23

- Underwater Club Lecture
Zoo 01. 5pm

Wednesday, July 24

- Underwater Club Lecture
Zoo 01. 5pm
- Drama Dept: *My Mother said I never should* by British playwright, Charlotte Keatley. Directed by Mary-Anne Naude
The Box. 8.15pm (Bookings at Grocotts)

Thursday, July 25

- Political Studies Film: *Animal Farm* (73 mins). An animated version of George Orwell's famous book.
GLT. 4.05pm
- Underwater Club Lecture
Zoo 01. 5pm
- Drama Dept: *My Mother said I never should*.
The Box. 8.15pm
- Zoology Dept seminar: Prof C McQuaid and Dr R Perissinotto on *Antarctic marine ecosystems*
Zoo minor. 4.00 pm

SPORT FIXTURES

Tuesday, July 16

SQUASH

- RU 1 men vs Walmer 1
Home
- RU 2 men vs Walmer 2
Home

Wednesday, July 17

RUGBY

- RU U20 A vs Xanadu A
Away
- RU U20 B vs Xanadu B
Away

Thursday, July 18

SQUASH

- RU Staff vs Kenton 1
Away
- RU 1 men vs Port Alfred 1
Away

SQUASH

- RU 2 men vs SF 2
Home

Friday, July 19

RUGBY

- RU 1 vs 3 Rings
Great Field. 7.30pm
- RU 2 vs 3 Rings
Great Field. 6.15pm
- RU 3 vs 3 Rings
Great Field B. 6.15pm

Saturday, July 20

- Canoe Kowie-Challenge
Port Alfred

HOCKEY

- RU 1 men vs Old Grey
Great Field. 3pm
 - RU 1 women vs Tech A
Upper Barrat. 3pm
 - RU 2 women vs Uitenhage A
Away
 - RU 3 women vs PEG E
Away
- #### TENNIS
- RU vs Fort Brown
Away
 - RU 2 vs Carlisle Bridge
Home

Sunday, July 21

SOCCER

- RU 1 vs PUBS
King Field. 3.30pm
- RU 2 vs PUBS
King Field. 2pm
- RU 3 vs United
Lower Prospect. 2pm

HOCKEY

- RU 2 men vs Walmer
Away

Monday, July 22

SQUASH

- RU women vs GL2
Home
- RU staff vs St Andrews
Away

Tuesday, July 23

BADMINTON

- RU vs VETS
Alec Mullins. 7pm

SQUASH

- RU 1 vs Westview
Away
- Ru women vs Londt Park
Away
- RU 2 vs Westview
Away

Thursday, July 25

SQUASH

- RU staff vs RU 1 men
Home
- RU 2 men vs Old Grey 3
Home

Applications are invited for the following post from August 1, 1991, or as early a date as possible:

Bursaries Officer Office of the Dean of Students

The successful candidate will be responsible for the overall administration of the Bursaries Office. Candidates must have proven organizational and administrative experience, preferably at tertiary education level, and be able to deal with students and staff at all levels. Salary particulars are available upon request. Application forms and further particulars may be obtained from Mrs S Stephenson, Personnel Division. Closing date: July 12, 1991

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