

Senior Staff Party 26/11/82.

Our annual Staff Party is always a joyous occasion when we get together to celebrate the accomplishments of another year and put ourselves into the proper frame of mind for the holiday season.

Symbolic that it is taking place on the last Friday of November, so we can not only say T.G.I.F. but also T.G.I.V. Judging by newspaper reports of 150 000 pages of exam scrip (75 p stud 750 per staff) all full of howlers on every page, the academic staff particularly must be ~~participating~~ pleased the end of Nov is rapidly approaching.

For these occasions Mr. L. Smith assiduously prepares me six or seven pages of notes, with some very interesting statistics. Perhaps not quite so comprehensive as those of Prof Brinkley - but when it comes to figures and curves Prof B is the acknowledged expert, esp of S.A.P.E. (where would be without him) Def of expert "someone who has read the manuals". I.A.R. has not only read them but has had a strong hand in writing them.

To some extent I feel that I'm not really the right person to be addressing you this evening, having been away on extended leave. Prof Brown must have been going at least part of the address, but as we all know he is recuperating from a serious op. I am in writing how + Mrs B well. (expanded)

A person I am sure is really pleased that year is nearly at end is Prof A. Kerr. Little did he realise when he was voted in in April that he would spend the rest of year as A V-P. He has done a great job. Thank you so much Alan.

To return to L. Combl statistics we can note that F. Time has been v. kind to us this year. ^{During year} Only 2 retirements amongst acads Prof E + Mrs H. Locke in June + 4 non acad. None at year end. Resignation figures make interesting ^{eg 220} Acad 10^{readings fragments} + 2 retirements = 12 but 34 appointments. eg 22 extra shows what happens when v-c goes away. Some have has an explanation for this, but haven't had time to ask him. It does show that we continue to attract staff 34 Acad + 23 Non = 57 in total

Amongst Resignations perhaps could mention Roy Largeant - gone off to control the drama we see on our boxes, B. Antushin to be a prof at Fort Hare and B. Mason to take up a prestigious appointment in Canada. You know these exploit geol & moves to their prospecting instincts. He knew he'd stretch pay-dirt when he met Tom Bahlmann, former Larsen officer in this office and rag Queen. We wish them both well in their new lives in Canada.

Before I leave Dr. Smith notes I should like to mention two points one sad, one very encouraging. During the year we recorded the deaths of 3 former members and one serving member of staff — Jim & Jo.

Moment of silence

Other launching of a new apprentice scheme with 5 new apprentices and 4 ~~new~~ Clark / Hapitt with 4 new trainees. Most encouraging that we have been able to make this contribution to overall countryside training programs.

The year 1982 has been one of consolidation and also one of considerable accomplishment. 7% student no inc \Rightarrow new era of student selection — hope academics will celebrate this by starting off 1983 with a real bang rejoicing in possibility of being able to stretch students more, right from beginning of year, est 1st years.

Grad II made enormous strides

Huge new computer
PLATO

(68 computers) \rightarrow

Aparticular word of commendation
J.I.V.H.

A&P

New Ichthyology Dept

Inc in res not by ± 120
just to mention a few

For ^{the Hendersons} ~~me~~ personally an exceptional year — after 6 1/2 yrs ~~I~~ ^{we were} ~~was~~ able to take a breather.

Visited northernmost outpost on Lake Malawi
(How to get to LAMBE — must ask Allanson the
secret of that).

Also (w Lavenham) ~~Hebin~~ ^{we} and I were able
to be planned the time Henderson — Not 2 Mrs
husband or VC's wife — nor even Margie +
Angie's parents. Quite a tonic.

Of course we saw former students — marvellous
gathering in London, Eiffel Tower, Chinoise & have
really get away from them — but it

was a wonderful occasion to take stock
and get perspectives right. We returned to Rhodes
with a deeper perception of the myriad contributions
to its life made by so many people, a
perception enhanced by a party such as this,
which I find one of the highlights of the year.

It is an occupational hazard for me
that come across mostly the heroes and the
villains — bimodal view — one realises that
people in between are not spread out
evenly — but ^{uniformly distributed} tend move to the hero end —
but mostly missing heroes.

We are of course an edue institution and therefore academics do not go unnoticed - but ^{activities} do we always require the myriad of talents that are needed to keep us going - technicians both maintenance & otherwise, Librarians, Computer W-P + electron microscope & laundry, print-out murders (to name a few) architects, accountants clerks, secretaries. We simply couldn't keep going a ~~day~~ week without them. One group we cannot ~~forget~~ overlook to - night - caterers. Indeed grateful to Miss Dalton & her staff for providing the necessary ingredients for to - night party.

I do not know if you share my enthusiasm for the American humorist Art Buchwald. ^{came across} ~~met~~ him when I read a piece of his on hungry computers.

He consulted Prof Appelbaum - all his Profs begin with A - we only ~~had~~ have one such (B. Mannes), but it is amazing how many of our learned Profs begin with B - Bromment, Butler, Branford, Benthin, Baart, Bunting, Beard, Black, Bekker, Brink, Brooks > 20% (fertile field for Buchwald) ^{famine} ~~ref back~~ Prof A explained about the data ~~brought~~ - mix with log beans

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Buchwald's

I particularly liked a piece of ~~the~~ called
Christmas - Phase II - at a time when
there was Wage / Price freeze - out of
favour with economists these days, but
likely to come back - certainly red tape
is never a stranger to us.
Cost of Living Council received this letter.

Dear Sir

Employee named Bob Crabbit
died in my warehouse. For some years
I was under impression Crabbit was not
doing his share of work.

Last year I had a bad experience -
won't go into details, except to say it
changed my attitude on many things. I
decided I'd made a mistake ~~about~~ about
Crabbit and to make amends I promised
him to ~~make amends~~ ^{raise}, but unfortunately
we died 1 March

Can I go ahead and give him
this raise? as I would hate to go through
same bad trip this ~~year~~ Christmas as I
did last year?
Yours E. Scrooge

P.T.O.

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Dear Mr. Scrooge

THE LODGE
WORCESTER STREET
GRAHAMSTOWN 6140

" letter re Mr. Cratchit referred
to this office. Unfortunately cannot give
definite answer. Rate would have to be in
guidelines of COH Council. Merit raise, across the
board raise, inflationary raise

Speaking for the Admin we urge you to
forego Mr. Cratchit's raise, so we can all
win the ^{present} battle against inflation.

There's a moral in that somewhere
in this little cartoonish tale - prob about
too much red tape ^{same} - but it serves to
remind us that Christmas is not far off

And so along with Mrs Henderson and the
Chancellor (to whom I spoke this pm)
I should like to wish you all and your
family a joyous Xmas and a
Happy New Year

Thank you