

Mr André Adriaan, the scientific glassblower in the Rhodes Chemistry department, demonstrates how to blow glass during a workshop that was part of the the programme for the Sasol-Rhodes Schools Science Festival.

Research continues despite Cory Library extensions

by Andrew Weldrick

Hammering, drilling, and cement mixing are not activities you'd expect in a library. But the Cory Library for Historical Research has become something of a construction zone with extensions well underway to try to alleviate the accommodation crisis caused by its phenomenal growth in recent years.

Deposits of over 500m of documents made to the Cory Library last year have taken the total quantity of documents in the library's collections to over 1,5km. This has simply exceeded the capacity of 'The Fort', as the document store is known, and work started on June 17 to double its size.

"The Fort was built in 1981 with an expected five-year life span. It's capacity was extended by storing document boxes on top of stacks and cutting access aisles to the minimum possible width. But by the end of 1990 no further possibilities existed for increasing the capacity of The Fort," said the Cory Librarian, Ms Sandy Rowoldt.

The enlarged document store is equipped with one dehumidifier which kept relative humidity to the optimum 50% in the old store, but R15 000 to R20 000 is needed to install full environmental controls.

"At the moment we can't control the temperature sufficiently. There shouldn't be more than a 3° C fluctuation in a store housing old documents," said Ms Rowoldt.

The Fort was not the only part of the Cory Library which needed to be extended. Last year more than 500 Rhodes staff and students registered as users, and the number of outside users increased by almost 30%.

Researchers from a good spread of South African universities use the Cory Library, as do researchers from all over the world including the USA, Holland, England, Israel, Germany, Australia, Russia and Ireland. Reading facilities are also being enlarged by 50% to cope with the demand.

"We now have one extra reading room, and have retained the old office for use as a consultation area. It will provide a facility for activities like group discussions, consultation of audio-visual materials and the use of other specialised equipment."

Despite all the construction work going on, the Cory Library has remained open to its users.

"July is traditionally a busy time with all our visiting researchers and Festival goers, and at no stage have we had to turn researchers away. We've been able to carry on," said Ms Rowoldt.

The Cory Library was established nearly 60 years ago when Sir George Cory, the first Professor of Chemistry at Rhodes University, bequeathed a vast amount of research material and documents relating to Southern African affairs to the Rhodes Library. As a keen historian, Cory had amassed this collection during his research on his multi-volume work, *The Rise of South Africa*.

"It was decided to develop and build on to the collection in its multi-media format, believing that what had worked for one researcher should work equally well for researchers generally," said Ms Rowoldt.

Researchers from almost every discipline make use of the Library's vast collection.

Rhodesfest attracts a good crowd

by Kelli Hardman

Rhodes University's *Rhodesfest* programme co-ordinated by the Adult Education department drew a crowd of approximately 1 000 festival goers last week.

Rhodesfest, sub-titled Extra-Mural Week, presented an array of stimulating lectures, demonstrations and exhibitions catering for all interests including science, the arts, philosophy and current issues. The lectures were all at the non-specialist level with emphasis on visual presentation.

The more visual shows like the 3-D slide shows, the computer graphics demonstration and physics and chemistry shows seemed to be of the most appeal to the public.

"The critical thinking seminars won a manageable but steady group of converts who returned for each of the successive workshops thereafter. Next year we will look into having more these kind of activities during *Rhodesfest*," said *Rhodesfest* and Adult Education co-ordinator at Rhodes University, Priscilla Hall.

The ultimate complement was paid by a gentleman who was overheard coming out of Professor Eddie Baart's "Mystery" show, "that was my pick of the fringe as far as cabaret goes!"

If anyone should wish to put forward any suggestions for next year's *Rhodesfest* programme, write to Priscilla Hall, Adult Education co-ordinator at Rhodes.

Congratulations

to Aubrey and Dianne Sonneman on their Silver Wedding Anniversary. The couple were married at Commemoration Church by the Revd A J Western on July 1, 1967.

PC Queries



by Tracey Chambers

Printing Multiple Pages

Question: I sometimes type long documents. The other day I printed a 38 page document and then had to print a couple of pages. I printed using **Shift F7, (2) Page** for each edited page. Is there not an easier way of printing more than one page?

Answer: By selecting **Shift F7, (5) Multiple Pages** you can print numerous pages by typing the number of the page to be printed, separated by a comma eg. 13,17,19 will result in only these pages being printed. To print from page 13 to page 19 you would type 13-19. This will result in pages 13 to 19 being printed, inclusive.

Geography hosts innovative conference

by Dr Roddy Fox

The eastern Cape branch of the South African Geographical Society held a path-breaking conference on June 22 and 23 in the department of Geography at Rhodes.

Sixty delegates attended from across the educational spectrum: the Cape Education Department, Department of Education and Training (DET) teachers, subject advisors from Ciskei and Transkei, the principal advisor from the House of Representatives, private school teachers and academics from the University of Transkei and Rhodes University.

Professor John Earle from the University of the Witwatersrand opened the conference by examining the relevance of Geography in the modern syllabus. One of the subsequent highlights was Dr Asenath Ogembo's description of Kenya's

Geography syllabus and educational system in which Geography is a cornerstone at all levels. She further revealed the sobering impact of Kenya's extremely high population growth rate and the inability of the public sector to cope. Of the approximately 5.5 million entrants to the eight years of 'free' and compulsory education, there would be 5 million who failed to gain places to the four years of secondary education. There was then a further winnowing so that only 8 000 enter tertiary education. This was the survival of the fittest as large numbers pass the minimum requirement for entry to the next level but cannot be accommodated.

The delegates discussed papers on the impact of racially integrated education, careers prospects for Geographers, international examples of syllabus design, and

practical problems involving the teaching of Geography. Workshop sessions made a number of criticisms about the Geography syllabus and education system. These are to be documented as a conference report and passed forward to the council of the South African Geographical Society by the conference convenor, Dr Roddy Fox of the Geography Department at Rhodes.

The conference ended on a high note with the formation of the Eastern Cape Society for Geography, Education whose role is to stimulate the discipline in the region through regular workshops and a newsletter. Elections for the first office bearers were held and Miss Ursula van Harmelen of the department of Education at Rhodes was unanimously elected as interim chairman.



The public had a chance this Festival to view artists Penny Siopis and Noel Hodnett, Senior Lecturer in the Rhodes Fine Art Department at work on their paintings. Part of the innovative Artists-in-residence programme, Siopis is seen here working on one of the massive collage panels in her series *The Baby and the Bathwater*.

Now a Senior Lecturer at the University of the Witwatersrand's Fine Art Department, Penny completed a BA Fine Arts degree at Rhodes University in 1974 and was awarded a Master of Fine Arts degree with distinction in 1976.

"The orthodox training I received at Rhodes gave me the confidence to paint. It also taught me that art is really very hard work," she said.

This is her second visit to Grahamstown since she left here to study for a post-graduate diploma at Portsmouth Polytechnic in 1978.

Siopis has since made a significant name for herself as a South African artist, having participated in many group exhibitions, and mounted numerous important solo exhibitions. Her achievements include winning a merit award on the 1985 Cape Town Triennial and being premier prizewinner at the Volkskas Atelier Awards in 1986 which enabled her to work at the Cité Internationale des Arts in Paris.

"I have really enjoyed meeting some of my contemporaries, and bumping into people I know from my student days here like Professor Don MacLennan and Professor Guy Butler. They haven't changed much, but I feel like I've really grown older!"

General salary increase

All members of Rhodes University's staff, excluding Service staff, have been granted a general salary increase of about 10% from July 1, 1992.

According to University Circular 58/92 the University Council agreed to this increase at its meeting on Thursday, June 25. However, this decision is subject to confirmation from the Department of National Education that the University's subsidy will be in-

creased accordingly. Staff will be informed in writing of their new salaries and salary scales.

"As it is anticipated that this confirmation will be received in the near future, every effort will be made to include the increase in the July 1992 salary payment," said the Vice-Principal, Dr Michael Smout.

Meanwhile, negotiations between Nehawu and the University for Service staff salary increases are still in progress.

Dreaded Lurgy

Personal computers at Rhodes and in the Eastern Cape remain unaffected by *Creeping Death*, the destructive computer virus that is reportedly gaining ground in South Africa.

According to the Johannesburg Computer Virus Helpline, the virus has been reported in Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban. It has already infected 75% of the computers in Zimbabwe.

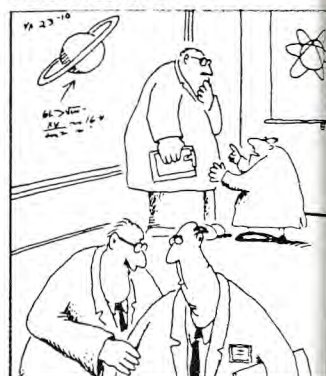
Also known as DIR-2, the virus was written in Bulgaria, and was named *Creeping Death* because it slowly destroys information on infected personal computer programmes by taking control of storage and retrieval routines. It is difficult to detect.

Promotions

Personal Promotions to **Associate Professor:** Dr AJFK Craig and Dr AJ Gilbert.

Personal Promotions to **Senior Lecturer:** Dr DC Bunyan, Mr KI Cowan, Dr MT Davies-Coleman, Mr PCJ Oberholzer and Dr E Smith.

Personal Promotion to **Lecturer:** Ms B Woerman.



Congratulations
to Tim and Ann Bouwer
on the arrival of twins,
Nicholas and Matthew,
on July 1.

"There goes Williams again...trying to win support for his Little Bang theory."

Letters



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all, Mrs Coral Waite, recently a certificate for 15 years loyal a cook at Allan Webb Hall.

Old Rhodian Union "150" Club

Background

Like other educational institutions worth their salt, we invite the alumni and staff of Rhodes University to join together in a fund-raising scheme that has proved generally very successful elsewhere as readily rewarding to both subscriber and institution supported.

Aims

The Club's aim is to support the University in a manner which, as implied above, is both interesting and - because it operates on a basis of regular deduction - not too 'pinching'. Every 150 members will generate approximately R18 000 a year for the benefit of the University, and that same sum is the absolute minimum we would have to generate from the outset in order first to maintain (together with a £500 annual donation from Old Rhodians in the United Kingdom) the present level of Old Rhodian bursaries disbursements. So, clearly, we aim for a membership well beyond the initial 150 to make the scheme really work. As a matter of simple arithmetic 4 x 150 members would

generate R72 000 in one year or -

three quarters of a million rand in 10 years.

This scheme would actually eliminate the problem of further expensive and time consuming fund raising schemes. It is aimed at individual Alumni and Staff members. The money collected would be used by the Executive Committee of the Old Rhodian Union

- To sustain (and improve) the level of awards of bursaries to dependants of Old Rhodians
- To do the same for dependants of Rhodes University Staff
- Thereby to help parents in the above categories to cope better with ever rising fees.

How the club operates

- 1 Each member contributes R10.00 per month
- Either as an annual lump sum payment at the start of each club year in January.
- Or with postdated cheques covering

Diary Quest ☆

considering designing and producing or sale to our staff and students. By you can help us decide on appropriate need for a special Rhodes Diary.

5. What would you like to see included?
 - ☐ Year Planner
 - ☐ Dates for terms, vacations, and public holidays
 - ☐ Timetable for lectures and assignments
 - ☐ Schedule of University events
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 - ☐ Mini telephone directory
 - ☐ Map of campus
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Grocott's decides that my novel is called **Caspers and Campari**. *The Herald* managed better, correctly citing **Casspirs en Campari's**. But *Rhodes* repeats *Grocott's* error.

Casper, as far as I know, is the friendly ghost, whose name is indeed far removed from the brand name of our national vehicle. Maybe Casper is the name that should be given to the little printer's devil operating in the back rooms of the Fourth Estate. Or is the little tokoloshe making itself comfortable on the shoulders of our university PRO's?

Lastly, I have to point out that the English version of *Casspirs* has not, as all three reports have stated, been published yet, but is currently being prepared by Penguin for publication later this year; maybe early next year. And no, it's not "making its debut in Europe this year"; only next.

"Watch the press for details!"
Etienne van Heerden

(We apologise to both Reza de Wet and Etienne van Heerden - it proves the point that checking copy with the source is the safest course of action - Ed)

SDSA Conference

An international conference on *Sustainable Development in a Changing Society: Challenges for Southern Africa* is being held at the CSIR Conference Centre in Pretoria from October 11 to 12, 1992.

The conference is being convened under the auspices of the Scientific Committee on Problems of the Environment (SCOPE) in conjunction with the Foundation for Research Development (FRD).

Enquiries should be directed to Mrs Louise Botten, SDSA Conference Secretariat, FRD, PO Box 2600, Pretoria 0001 before July 20.

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A good starting point would be the commissioning of an enquiry into sexual harassment on campus. This UCT did in 1989, and as a result of that enquiry it is now sending a very strong message to staff and students who sexually harass others - don't, or you'll be disciplined to the full extent by the university court (see *UCT News Magazine*, May 1992).

Perhaps the working group (and the powers that be) attended Ms Carla Sutherland's lecture on sexual harassment at this year's Winter School? The principal researcher for UCT's Committee of Enquiry into Sexual Harassment, Ms Sutherland could certainly tell you a thing or two.

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Racial Bias?

This letter, published in London's *Daily Telegraph* earlier this year, was submitted by Mr Rob Skae of the Geology Department:
SIR - I have just returned from visiting a number of friends who are lecturers at Rhodes University in Grahamstown, South Africa.

Within this university and elsewhere there is a positive mood that the only way forward is for all groups to work together for the future success of the country.

It is sad to see therefore that many major aid programmes, particularly in the educational field, directly contravene this aim. They are aimed only at the black sector of the population. This is racist.

It also ignores the fact that people from the coloured, Asian and white communities are also poor.

The policy is socially divisive.

Does the world really want to see a successful South Africa or do they merely wish to replace one form of racialism with another?

Christopher Wright
Winchester, Hants



The Hall Warden of Allan Webb Hall, Mrs Coral Waite, recently presented Mrs Ellen Biyana with a certificate for 15 years loyal service to Rhodes. Mrs Biyana is a cook at Allan Webb Hall.

☆ Diary Quest ☆ Diary Quest ☆

The Public Relations Division is considering designing and producing a special 1993 Rhodes Diary for sale to our staff and students. By answering this short questionnaire, you can help us decide on appropriate content and format, and assess the need for a special Rhodes Diary.

Unless otherwise specified, please tick (✓) the appropriate answer/s.

1. What is your occupation?

- ☐ Academic
- ☐ Administrative Staffer
- ☐ Student

2. Would you like a diary which is specific to the needs of Rhodes staff and students?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

3. Which size diary do you find most useful?

- ☐ A4 (Executive size)
- ☐ A5
- ☐ 1/2 A5 (Pocket size)

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4. Which of these do you prefer?

- ☐ A-week-at-an-opening diary
- ☐ A-page-a-day diary
- ☐ Other (please specify)

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That's it, thanks! Please return your completed questionnaire to the PR Division a.s.a.p.



Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the following posts from January 1, 1993:

Senior Lecturer/Lecturer in the Department of Accounting

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Senior Lecturer/Lecturer In The Department Of

Linguistics And English Language

Prospective candidates should have a firm grounding in contemporary theoretical and applied linguistics.

Senior Lecturer/Lecturer In Psychology At The University's East London Division

Expertise in the areas of personality theory, developmental psychology, psychopathology, and psychological assessment would be an advantage as would registration - or eligibility for registration - as a psychologist with the SAMDC.

Lecturer/Junior Lecturer In The Department Of Economics And Economic History

Application forms, salary particulars and further information may be obtained from Mrs Annette Orsmond at the Personnel Division, ext 115.

Closing date: August 14, 1992

Staff Hockey team bids for League title

by Martin Hill

The Rhodes University Staff Hockey Association (RUSHA) currently field a team in the Grahamstown Hockey League. Our team consists mainly of staff members but we do call on "mature students" from time to time. We like to believe that this provides us with a good mix of "Old Heads and Young Legs".

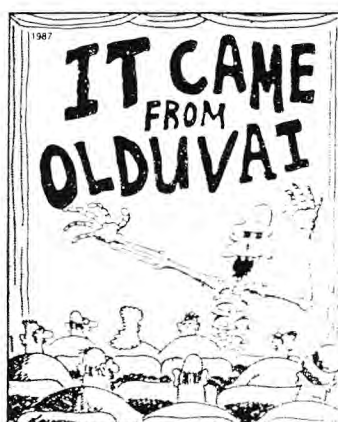
We play our matches on Wednesday evenings on the Lower Barrett field. At the half-way mark in the season we have played 5, won 4,

lost 1, and are currently second in the league, in a good position to make a bid for the title. Ric Bernard (Zoology) and Trevor Hill (IWR) are the leading goal scorers with 5 goals apiece. Our defence has held well, conceding only 2 goals in the five games.

Any staff member interested in playing hockey on a semi-social basis can contact Martin Hill, in the Zoology Department, ext 531.

STAFF HOCKEY FIXTURES

DATE	OPPOSITION	TIME	VENUE
Wed, July 29	vs Wyvern	7.00pm	Barrett
Wed, August 5	vs Oribis	7.00pm	Barrett
Wed, August 12	vs Nomads	6.30pm	Barrett
Wed, August 19	vs Occasionals	7.00pm	Barrett
Wed, August 26	vs Odds & Sods	7.00pm	Barrett



Anthro horror films

Establish bona fides

The Medical Superintendent of Settler's Hospital, Dr Rob Briscoe, has asked Rhodes heads of departments whose students need to do research at the hospital to ask for his help in writing.

Previously, students have been approaching hospital staff unofficially for advice and help with their research projects.

"All requests should be addressed to the Medical Superintendent and the students concerned should be given an official letter of authority, establishing the bona fides of the requests," said the Registrar, Dr Keith Hunt.

WHAT'S ON

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Monday, July 20

Third term begins

Tuesday, July 21

Weekly wine tasting

• Grand Hotel, 7:30pm

Friday, July 24

Graham House Disco

• Great Hall, 7:30pm to 12:00pm

Saturday, July 25

Jazz society Concert

• Great Hall, 7:30pm to 12:00pm

Rugby:

RU A vs Parks

• Home

RU B vs Uitenhage

• Away

Monday, July 27

Monthly wine tasting

• Grand Hotel, 7:30pm

Tuesday, July 28

D S C Oosthuizen Memorial Lecture

• Great Hall, 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Monthly wine tasting

• Grand Hotel, 7:30pm

Wednesday, July 29

Monthly wine tasting

• Grand Hotel, 7:30pm

Thursday, July 30

Mini Bleed

• Great Hall, 2:00pm to 6:30pm

Saturday, August 1

Rugby:

RU A vs RU B

• Home

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• August 4 - 5, 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Wordperfect Beginners' Course

• August 18 - 19, 10.00am - 12.30pm

Wordperfect Advanced Course

• August 25 - 26, 10.00am - 12.30pm

E-Mail Course

• August 27 - 28, 10.00am - 12.30pm

DOS Course

• September 8 - 9, 2.00pm - 4.30pm

Wordperfect Beginners' Course

• September 15 - 16, 2.00pm - 4.30pm

Wordperfect Advanced Course

• September 22 - 23, 2.00pm - 4.30pm

Phone Yvonne Cowan, ext 279
Courses cost R10 each, and are open to postgraduates as well as staff.

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Any lost property should be handed in to the Campus Protection Unit (CPU) lost property section. Usually when property is lost, people make the first enquiry to the CPU.