



Staff and Students excel

The Department of Music has recently recorded not one but several achievements on the part of both staff and students, who are all to be congratulated.

Head of the Department, Professor N W Nowotny has produced a 15-minute video of his own composition, *Dream Fantasy – the Flying Dutchman*.

Under the alternative title *Wagner für Tasten* (*Wagner for Keyboard*), it was first recorded on CD in 1992. The subsequent video, made in Austria, has won the Upper Austrian and Austrian Competition of Non-commercial Videos and Films and was entered in last month's world competition, in Argentina.

The work was originally composed by Prof Nowotny in 1989 and used themes from Richard Wagner's opera *The Flying Dutchman* as could be experienced in a dream. It interprets the main plot of the opera through the eyes of young people of the 20th Century.

His colleague, Christopher Cockburn recently spent time in Britain, while researching, and played a recital on what is considered one of the finest Romantic organs in England; that at Truro Cathedral.

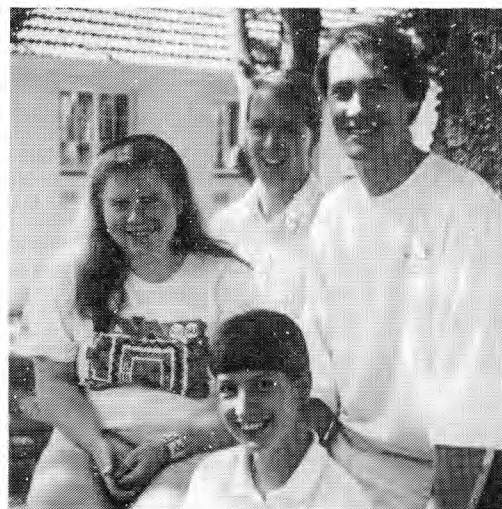
Mr Cockburn also attended an international congress in Cambridge, at which the world's leading organists and choir trainers gave lectures, recitals and master-classes. "A highlight," he says of his visit, "was the opportunity to attend rehearsals and services sung by the famous choirs of King's and St John's Colleges".

Dr Ishbel Sholto-Douglas, well known as a talented cellist, has attended a course at the Royal College of Music in Manchester, on the Dalcroze method which she sees as having particular relevance to music education in South Africa. While overseas she also set up a research programme at the Princess Alice Hospice in Esher, with a Registrar, an Old Rhodian by the name of Dr Julia Riley.

Not to be outshone by their teachers, four students in the Department have all been awarded advanced certificates by the Associated Board of Royal Schools of Music. They are Karen Collins (4th year BMus) for singing, Nicole Martin (2nd year BMus) for flute, Lawrence Schäfer (2nd year BA) for pipe organ and Sean Udal (2nd year BMus) for viola.



Professor Norbert Nowotny (left) with colleagues Ishbel Sholto-Douglas and Christopher Cockburn



Rhodes students, clockwise from the front, Nicole Martin, Karen Collins, Lawrence Schäfer and Sean Udal.

Membership not restricted

It has been pointed out that an article in the last edition of *Rhodos*, concerning the joint agreement between the University and NEHAWU, in connection with membership of the Rhodes University Staff Provident Fund, was in error.

It is to be noted that the agreement allows for membership of the Fund by all Service Staff members, including those employed in the residences, the Rhodes Club and the Rhodes Union.

An extremely fishy business!

While wiling away some time, seated on an aircraft recently, Prof Mike Bruton, Director of the JLB Smith Institute for Ichthyology, penned this little romantic "tail". We are not entirely sure if the ending is happy – 'tis certainly confused!

"The thinfaced largemouth was a really scaly character who suffered from Hypseleotris and

Varichorhinus veins. His mother, who was a real old trout, had forced him to marry a red breasted souther deepbody who wore long herrings and was well-eled. She was a fiery redfin with a suckermouth, whom he affectionately called his *Wimplestert-suierbekkie*. Her friend, Liza Mackriel, was a largemouth squeaker who Tinca's in other

people's business and was a bit of a climbing perch who would have made Greenwood happy. Her father, a Longbearded Stonebasher, was Nkupe-erating after a swordtail had struck him in the Clarias. The rest of the family was of Myxus-blood and included Slimjannie, Cornish Jack and Rudolph the Rednose Labco."

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 to the editor, who will respect confidentiality.

PUNISHMENT OR VIOLENCE?

The Editor,

While much has been mentioned on violence and its causes and solutions, violence against children and minors appears to have been neglected.

SA's child protection laws are totally inadequate – consider the lenient sentences passed upon child molesters/abusers compared to other irregularities such as "illicit" diamond dealing and Forex infringements. It appears obvious to me that great effort should be expended to spare children from acts of violence simply because they are impressionable and forming their opinions about what is normal and what is not. This is almost certainly one of the reasons for the current high level of violence – a whole generation of children, mainly Black, grew up in a climate of violence and formed their opinions vis-a-vis that.

One of the most insidious acts of violence imposed upon male children is corporal punishment.

The LEGAL beating of male children, from when they are about six to eighteen or so appears to be a normal occurrence in this country. Some psychologists have likened it to legalised child abuse and I fully agree with them; to beat children continuously on an erogenous zone is most definitely a form of perversion. I regard as anathema a system that impugns fear and violence upon young children and gives teachers a free hand to do so.

The issue of corporal punishment has been debated for a while now and has been staunchly defended in the eyes of "discipline". As common law goes, beating someone with a stick is classified at least as assault.

The laws concerning corporal punishment prohibit female children from being beaten. Gross discrimination? I would say so since females can generally stand more pain than males (a doctors'

consensus). I'm not saying that female children should be beaten as well, no child should. For discipline, there is recourse to other methods, such as detention and writing out passages from books.

Speaking at a conference, (*Sunday Times* – October 3) Mr Justice Pierre Olivier, vice-chairman of the SA Law Commission stated that no effort was made to teach human rights in high schools. I wonder if the issue of corporal punishment crossed the minds of the judge and/or the principals who were present? I wonder if the judge indicated (the article did not) that corporal punishment is a violation of the basic rights of a child. I would consider it to be and would urge the judge to make a statement to this effect.

There is no way that I would let my son attend a school where such practices prevail. I would sooner take my computer science/mathematics masters degree from SA to a country where my son would not be barbarically beaten.

The removal of any act of violence from SA society is imperative, especially if it is perpetrated against defenceless children.

Paul Baise

This is an edited copy of a lengthy letter sent to the Weekly Mail and Guardian and Sunday Times – Editor

CONTRADICTORY CIRCULARS?

The Editor,

While being deafened by some Rhodes workers preparing to lay bricks around a manhole and sewage outlet in an obscure precinct of the Castle – presumably to complement others that are spilling across Prince Alfred Street – I received three circulars.

One reminded me to advise Supreme Headquarters if there are any potential free-loaders omitted from the end of year party list; a second indicated how, for a very modest and anonymous

contribution, I could avail myself of another free loading opportunity; the third drew attention to the desperate state of Rhodes' finances in view of the subsidy for 1994.

A few years ago there was a challenge issued for money saving suggestions – mine were neither acknowledged or acted upon then, but maybe times have changed.

i) Make all University events at which liquor is served fall under the Rhodes Club licence, so that there will be a cash bar only. It would set a good example to the student body if the staff exercised fiscal discipline on their "functions".

ii) Exercise some control over the "beautification by bricking" binge – rippling down from St Peters, across the Drosty lawn, and now lapping round the Dean of Students' lodge and Selwyn Castle.

iii) Put the Alty and Distinguished Teacher/Researcher awards on hold and with them all 13th (and 14th etc) cheques for 1994.

I notice with wry amusement that there has been no comment from RUSA or elsewhere on my suggestion that all full-time employees get flat rate rather than percentage increases over the next few years. Does this mean that we are all in favour of economies and good relations, provided that they do not cost us anything?

Michael Whisson.

INVESTIGATION CALLED FOR

The Editor,

Why is it that whenever staff of particular section at Rhodes are unhappy with their work situation they are allowed to simply resign instead of the reasons for the dissatisfaction being investigated?

No effort is made to retain good staff; instead we choose to do what is simply expedient at the time. This can only be to the eventual detriment of the section.

G Jacobson

Senseless, mindless kindness

The E P Herald reports from California that 'Random acts of senseless kindness' are breaking out all over.

This follows an initiative by one Chuck Wall, a Human Relations instructor at Bakersfield College who, after hearing once too often the phrase "another random act of senseless violence", decided to do something about it.

An essay assignment followed, as did production of a bumper sticker. The theme? "Today I will commit one random act of senseless kindness. Will you?"

The stickers have sold by the hundred and acts in context have included the purchase of 20 blankets by a 20-year old who donated them to homeless people who gather under a bridge.

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We're changing *Rhodos*

We're aiming to change *Rhodos* next year. We're hoping to make it a staff newsletter that provides a lot more information than has been the case in the past - and also a newsletter that all sections of staff will be happy to participate in.

Instead of just outlining the news, we want to bring you the news behind the news - interviews, opinions, features - entertaining, readable stuff!

But to do that we need **your** help, whether in the form of written or illustrative contributions or just regular telephone calls to tell us what's happening. The editor will gladly follow up on any leads you care to give. We want this to be **your** paper, but for that we depend on **you**.

The new-look *Rhodos* will appear monthly instead of fortnightly, starting with the February issue. It

will consist of eight to twelve pages, depending on the interest shown. There will be the usual 'letters to the Editor' column, classified and display advertising, an extended 'What's On' dairy of events, and plenty more.

We're looking to you to tell us what that *plenty more* should include (or exclude!). So, please, spare us a little of your time to drop us a line (internal post or e-mail) or give us a ring (numbers on back page). We're hoping to hear from all of you. By the end of November, please.

Chris Walwyn - Editor



Rhodes Museum curator Ken Robinson with Marjorie Grossoti's hood.

A hood returns Home . . . Home

An appropriate home has been found for a hood owned by a Rhodes graduate - it is now housed in the Rhodes University Museum.

It is doubly appropriate because the graduate who wore it was the daughter of a former principal of the Grahamstown Training College, on whose former premises the museum is now situated.

Mrs Marjorie Glossoti, who was born in 1904, was the eldest daughter of Edgar Rankin, once principal of the Training College.

The hood was received by Mr Ken Robinson, curator of the museum, and was donated by Mrs Glossoti's sister, Mrs Rosemary Ord, of Johannesburg.

Prior to heading the Grahamstown Training College, Mr Rankin was headmaster of the Alice School,

which was attended by Marjorie. She subsequently went to the Collegiate in Port Elizabeth. At the age of 15, apparently the youngest female student ever, she began her studies for a teaching degree at Rhodes. She later taught in various schools around the country.

She and her husband had one son, Peter, who became head boy at St Andrews.

Her sister recalls that Marjorie numbered amongst her contemporaries at Rhodes Jack Slater (a Springbok), Truida Brock and the Osler brothers (Springboks). She used to talk of how students in her time used to walk to 'somewhere on the Kowie' to picnic. Marjorie Glossoti died in 1984.

Distinguished Mathematician at Rhodes

Each year the S A Mathematical Society invites its Distinguished Mathematician to visit this country. This year the honour was bestowed upon Professor H A M Dzinotyweyi (right), the Dean of the Faculty of Science at the University of Zimbabwe.



With him is Prof Wesley Kotzé, President of the S A Mathematics Association and Dr Alexander Sostak, who hails from Riga, in Latvia.

Prof Dzinotyweyi has been visiting Rhodes University in Grahamstown where he delivered a Mathematics Colloquium entitled *Research in Mathematics with illustrations of some advanced concepts on the real line* to staff and final-year students in the Department of Mathematics (Pure and Applied), of which Prof Kotzé is Head.

This represents part only of his month-long visit to this country

during the course of which he will attend the annual congress of the S A Maths Association, in Pietermaritzburg, from October 25th to 27th, and visit several other South African universities.

Prof Dzinotyweyi holds a PhD in Functional Analysis from the University of Aberdeen and has published extensively on measure theory and topological semigroups.

Dr Sostak is a current Hugh Kelly Research Fellow at Rhodes and will be spending three months in Prof Kotzé's department. He is a specialist in Fuzzy Topology.

R 90 million fundraising effort

Rhodes man appointed to Board

Dr Moosa Motara, Dean of Students, has been appointed to the board of the Tertiary Education Fund of South Africa, a division of the Independent Development Trust.

TEFSA was originally established after an IDT invitation to interested parties, in November 1990, resulted in the establishment of a loan scheme for tertiary education. At a second meeting, in January 1991, TEFSA was brought into being.

During that first year of operation some 16 tertiary institutions and two education development organisations were allocated funds from an initial allocation of R 25 million from the IDT.

TEFSA has grown significantly since then, to the stage where it is now looking to raise some R 90 million. It estimates that the number of disadvantaged students needing financial help at technikons and universities is now between 180 000 and 200 000.

It is to mount a campaign to attract more funds to its administered scheme, both locally and abroad, from governments, corporations and other sources.

Freshwater fish book a multiple first

Several firsts have been recorded by the recent launch of a new book *The Complete Guide to the Freshwater Fishes of Southern Africa*.

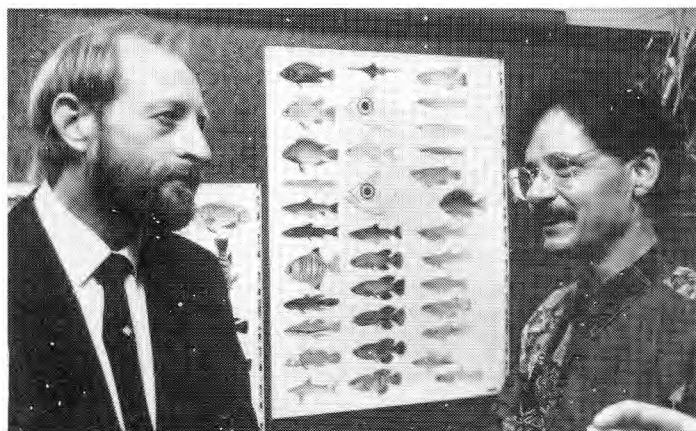
Written by Dr Paul Skelton, of the JLB Smith Institute for Ichthyology, it is a milestone in that it has established the Institute as the main centre in Southern Africa for the study of freshwater fishes as well as their marine counterparts.

It is the first 'freshwater' book since 1967; the first in full colour, the first with colour illustrations, maps and text and the first to be published in Afrikaans.

A completely original work, the beautiful illustrations are the work of Dave Voorvelt and Liz Tarr.

Speaking at the launch, Prof Mike Bruton, Director of the Institute, said that he expected that the book would cause the development of a cult similar to that surrounding the Roberts reference on birds, but more so because of the way in which fishes impinge on our lives.

"I see this book leading to closer contact with the freshwater angling and aquarist community, the



Dr Paul Skelton (left) with Dave Voorvelt, who produced many of the illustrations in the new book.

generation of contacts and consultancies, invitations to write popular scientific articles and increased usage of freshwater aquaria as teaching aids in schools", he said. "We also hope that it will encourage an ethic of sustainable use of fishes. It is a book which we plan to keep updated so that it will remain the standard text on its subject."

SITUATIONS VACANT

Applications are welcome from candidates, irrespective of race, colour or creed, for the following posts:

Part-time office administrator in the Rhodes University Staff Association, from 1 January 1994.

Candidates should have sound organisational ability with experience in a senior secretarial capacity. Personal flexibility and good interpersonal skills with the ability to deal with people at all levels will be a strong recommendation. Basic bookkeeping skills and a working knowledge of word processing and spreadsheets are essential. Fluency in Xhosa would be an advantage.

Technical Officer in the Department of Psychology from 1 February 1994.

The successful candidate will be responsible for technical services in the department, including supervising the installation and servicing of computers and other equipment; ordering new equipment, keeping a register of equipment, managing the equipment store, routine maintenance of equipment and janitorial duties.

Application forms, salary and further particulars may be obtained from Miss D A Inge in the Personnel Division, to whom completed applications must be forwarded by 12 November.

RHODES STAFF GOLF

The University fielded two good teams for the annual competitions between staff of Rhodes, UPE, Fort Hare and PE Technikon. There was a welcome inclusion of staff of the Cape College in the Fort Hare team.

Rhodes faced stiff competition, however, and had to be content with a second and third position. This year there was a small change with the

The "home" fixture in May saw a change of venue to the Royal Port Alfred Golf Club, where the competition was played in near-perfect conditions. The standard of golf was high, the winners being the PE Technikon team with a score for their best 5 pairs (better-ball stableford) of 212. The individual winners were the PE Technikon pair of Hennie Snyman and Piet Pelle with an excellent 49 points.

The "away" fixture for the Trust Bank Trophy took place at the Wedgewood Park Golf Club in September. Once again the conditions were excellent with

honours on this occasion going to the Fort Hare/Cape College team.

The next fixture this year is the Staff Golf Championships for the Rivett Cup on Saturday November 6th. Harry Birrell will be defending his title as overall champion while Malcolm Sainsbury and Bill Fowler will defend their titles in the B and C divisions.

The final fixture of the year is the Inter-Division Competition for the Henderson Cup which takes place in conjunction with the Golf Club's Occupational Teams of Four competition on Sunday November 21st. At least four teams (Academic - Science, Academic - Commerce, Administration, Associates) will be entered. Holders of the Henderson Cup were last year's fifth team, Rhodes Miscellaneous!

Any golfers on the staff who are not already members of the Staff Golf Club are welcome to join. The annual subscription is only R10. Please give names to Robin Cross at the EM Unit, ext 8168.

Robin Cross

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Concert with the Rhodes Trio
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