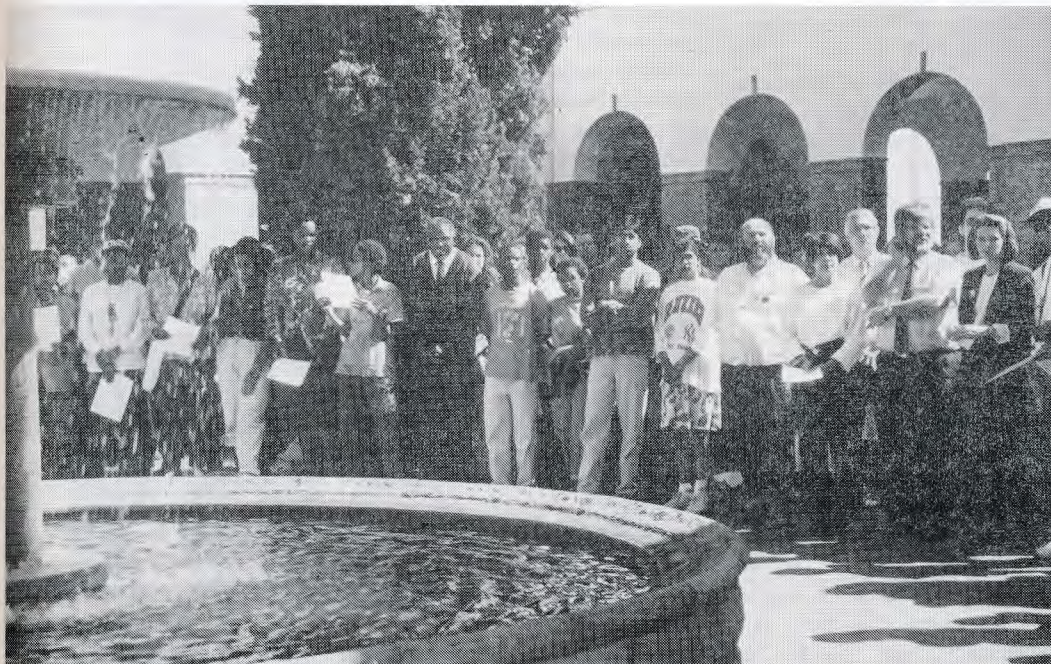


Rhodes holds hands for Peace



Administrative and academic staff and students joined hands last week, in common with fellow South Africans across the country in response to the call from the National Peace Campaign.

Blue ribbons were much in evidence and were worn by all. The occasion was marked at various places at Rhodes, including around the fountain outside the administration building, the University Chapel and Kaif lawns.

The University Senate approved a discretionary break in academic activity to allow for the planned minute's silence at noon to be observed, and this occurred extensively.

Our photograph shows the gathering outside the administration offices, which was attended by a broad cross-section of staff and students, including the Vice-Chancellor, the new SRC President and several officers of the University.

New SRC executive elected

by Chris Walwyn

Carla is excited by the broad implications of her new responsibilities. She sees our campus as a perfect working model of the macro environment which is South Africa today. "We have men and women, members of every group represented in the country, practitioners of all religions and every form of political thought right on our campus. We mirror society in all its aspects".

Activists and radicals

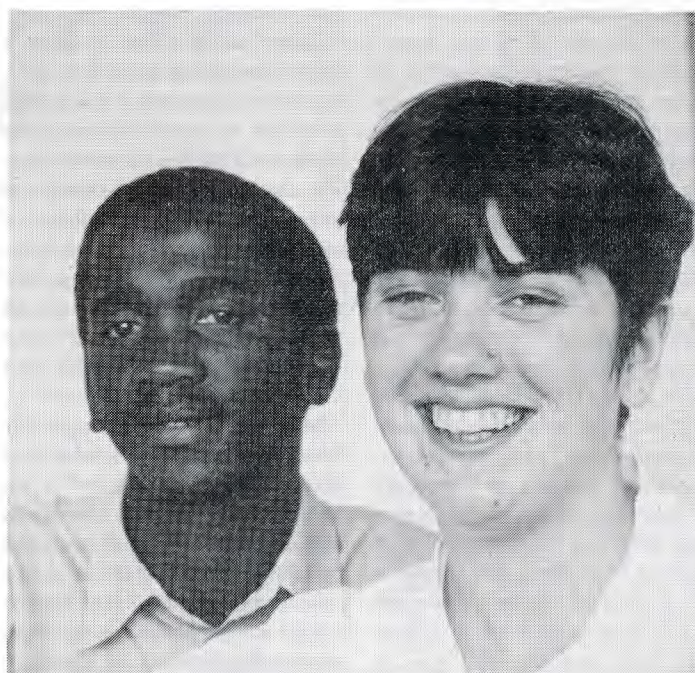
Carla says that she is pleased that none of her colleagues on the SRC were elected on a political platform. Historically the SRC has been assumed to consist of a group of radical political activists. The days of stereotyping are over she says. "We have a couple of radicals; we have a couple of political activists. But we have nobody unreasonable", she says of her team.

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Feminist, in the militant sense of the word, she is not. Gender conscious, however, she definitely is. But, most of all, she is very proud to be the first women President of the Rhodes SRC since 1981 and the second since 1975.

She is Carla Tsampiras, a third-year BA student, resident in Phelps House.

Carla was an SRC member last year, elected as the St Mary's Hall representative and her portfolio was concerned with gender issues. These will still receive a high degree of her attention. "Women", she says, "make up half the population of Rhodes, and their interests are not adequately represented at student government level. But gender consciousness does not only apply to issues affecting females. It is a fact, though, that some of them are less well understood by men than by women - such as the necessity for after hours lighting around the campus".



SRC executive members Carla Tsampiras (President) and Xolisa Mabhongo (Vice-President)

World Championships?

Participation dependent on attracting sponsorship

After his exceptional performance at the South African Duathlon Championships, Rhodian Barrie Knox-Davies has been selected for the South African Junior Elite Team to compete at the World Championships to be held in Dallas, USA on October 17.

To compete in Dallas, however, he has to raise adequate funds.

Barrie is a second year Human Movement Studies student, and took up the sport only 15 months ago. Having competed in cross-country since his school days in Scottburgh, he decided to enter the Eastern Province Championships in August last year and surprised everyone, including himself, by coming first.

*by Erica Meaker;
Sports Reporter*

This year he entered again, in Uitenhage, and came second. As a result he was chosen to represent Eastern Province at the South African Duathlon Championships in Bloemfontein on August 7. He came third with the best cycling time in the race (46:23 for 30km). His time for the whole event was 1:17:50.

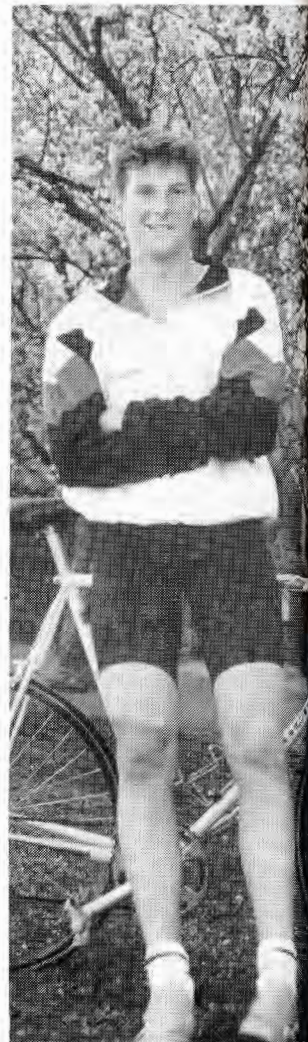
What makes his achievement exceptional is the fact that he had no proper training programme. After his performance at the South African Championships, a lecturer in the Department of Human Movement Studies, Mr Paul Candler, himself a duathlete,

undertook to write a programme for Barrie's specific training needs. Mr Candler has since become his trainer/manager.

Barrie said, "I am really excited especially since I have never been overseas. I am, however, also a bit apprehensive about raising the funds which are needed. If I knew that someone was keen to sponsor me, I would have no worries and would be able to concentrate fully on my training".

Barrie needs to produce about R 6 000, to cover his airfare, eight nights' accommodation, race entry fee and other expenses.

He has reached the level where he will only be able to improve further by attracting a sponsor. Sponsorship will enable him to upgrade his bicycle and to compete in more events. Only in this way will he gain valuable experience and make a name for himself.



Barrie Knox-Davies - bicycle needs upgrading

Letters to the Editor

The Editor

The SRC President's response (*RHODOS*, 23 August) to Mr Arthur Morgan's letter, in the same issue, is no less disturbing a comment on the times than is the recent turmoil associated with "industrial action" on the campus. Indeed perhaps more disturbing.

After a brief mention of some matters of fact, Mr Seedat's letter degenerates into sloganeering. It is the familiar rhetoric of the squatter camp and the gutter. It is devoid not only of intellectual rigour but also, in my view, of honesty. (Which of course is not to say that Mr Seedat doesn't sincerely believe in the claptrap he dishes up.) Such rhetoric has always been part of the larger modern society - as has industrial action. What makes the present situation more distressing is that this dismal threnody now comes from the chief elected representative of a numerically significant sector - even if not a majority, yet - of the student body. It is no longer a cranky noise off left.

Mr Morgan makes express reference to provocative racist chants, intimidation, and extensive, malicious damage to University property. In response, Mr Seedat says only that "It is the responsibility of students to decide if they support a living wage for Rhodes workers and if they do then they should do all they can to ensure that this goal is achieved". The inference is inescapable, and it reflects no credit

on Mr Seedat or the people for whom he speaks.

While not proposing to enter into "debate" with Mr Seedat (to do so promises to be generally pointless) I would respond to one of his observations, which is not intrinsically unrealistic. He suggests that we come together, as a community, and "debate the sacrifices each one of us would be required to make in order to achieve some level of equity". It is precisely because some of us have been making intelligent sacrifices for generations that substantial inequity has arisen. "Equity" is not a law of nature - indeed the opposite seems to be true - nor is it a particularly probable state of affairs, as history will bear some evidence. If Mr Seedat were to carry his crusade to the workers, and suggest to them the desirability of sacrificing some of their remarkable fecundity, he would find greater support amongst those who are not strangers to personal and community-oriented sacrifice as a way of life.

Mr Seedat's claim that Mr Morgan "needs to deracialise and decolonise (*sic*) his mindset" is one of the more transparent absurdities of his letter. And again we must remind ourselves that these utterances encapsulate the views of a large and burgeoning sector of the student population.

The outlook is not good.

Sirion Robertson

The Editor,

I was saddened to read the letter from Sirion Robertson in the last issue of *RHODOS*. His open espousal of repressive views is as much an incitement to racial hatred as is the public chanting of 'bulala amaBunu' and does a disservice to himself, his colleagues, and the University as a whole.

Letter edited Gina Buijs

The Editor,

I write to make two points, one about the need for transformation and the other about the nature of the transformative process.

Firstly, recent disturbances at Wits may have significance for Rhodes. Television news showed scenes of damage done by students to university property, including lecture theatres damaged by fire bombs. What struck me about the actions of this kind, and what genuinely saddened me, was that they showed that the students who committed such actions *do not regard the university as their own*. This seems to me a point worth emphasising. Previously, students at South African Universities, however deep their grievances with university administrations, did not damage the fabric of university buildings, not only because they felt the universities were *theirs*, but possibly also because they saw the institution as belonging to the wider community of South Africans.

A university should be more than a kind of glorified high school. The name implies (Latin *universitas* - 'the

whole body') it is a *community* with a tradition. It is my hope that by timely transformation of our University, all connected with Rhodes can come to feel that this is *their* university, a community in which we are all members.

Secondly, I feel that the transformation will not be best served if the forum at which it is discussed falls into two camps; one there to make truculent demands and the other to make grudging concessions. In saying this I do not want to minimise how much change may be necessary, and how difficult it may be for those of us who have always felt as if we belong to come to terms with that transformation. Nevertheless, if all involved in the process can make an imaginative leap and consider the other person's point of view, we may be able to rejuvenate our institution. If not, we may cease to be a university and become just a government approved degree factory in the Eastern Cape.

Richard Thompson

Not a telephone dial in sight!

And soon there'll be no hands, either

This is the new switchboard at Rhodes, ably controlled, as we have learned over the few weeks since it was commissioned, by Jenny Hepple (left) and Lynette Bodill.

We thought that you would like to see the equipment and its operators. The computerised system takes up a small amount of desk space compared to the rather large room in which its predecessor was housed.

At the time that this photograph was taken, the ladies were using handsets; these are to be replaced by the more convenient headphone and microphone units. The board is operated through computer keyboards, which is why there are no dials.



Tablers' donation to Cory

Messrs Peter Sulter (left) and Mike Pullen, Grahamstown and Eastern Province Area Chairmen respectively of the Association of Round Tables of Southern Africa (ARTSA), present the third of three cheques to Ms Sandra Rowoldt, the Cory Librarian.

These cheques, amounting to a total of R5 180, represent the continuing commitment on the part of ARTSA towards the physical costs of processing, cataloguing and

maintaining the archives of the Association which, since 1989, have been housed in the Library.

Archival records are received from many of the Tables throughout the country. These records include charters, minutes, handbooks, correspondence, financial records, photographs, scrapbooks, press-cuttings, programmes, national directories, periodicals, regalia and banners.

Details of the ARTSA archives in the Cory Library are submitted to the computerised National Register of Manuscripts (NAREM) maintained by the State Archives Service. NAREM is accessible on-line in all of the State Archive Depots and in several university manuscript libraries in South Africa and printed copies are available from the State Archives in Pretoria.

Listings of the ARTSA archives will also appear in successive issues of the Cory Library's Register of Documents which is circulated to libraries, archives and other institutions all over the world.

Ms Rowoldt said that apart from the active use made of the ARTSA Archives by its members, the collection offers a rich field of research for social historians, covering as it does an eventful era in South Africa's history from 1948, when the first Table was established in East London by Dr David Smith, to the present day.



The "Greening" of Library and Archive Buildings

A workshop which will address the question of the Greening of Library and Archive Buildings will be mounted as part of the SAILIS conference to be held in Grahamstown during the course of this week.

The workshop, presented by the Association of Archivists and Manuscript Librarians, will take the form of an informal panel discussion which will be highly interactive and participative. Discussion will be based on the problems of implementing and maintaining appropriate environmental conditions for the records entrusted to the care of archivists or librarians.

The workshop intends to examine the feasibility of achieving a thermodynamic equilibrium in the face of local climatic conditions, diminishing energy resources and ever-rising

energy costs and how this may be achieved through appropriate design technology.

The panellists will represent different types of library and archive and it is hoped that the sharing of knowledge and experience will be valuable to all who participate.

Panellists include Mr Michael Berning, Rhodes' Deputy University Librarian, who will chair the proceedings; Mrs Joan de Beer, the Deputy Director of the State Library; Ms Heather Edwards, University of the Witwatersrand Librarian; Mr Verne Harris, Assistant Director

of the Transvaal Archives Depot; Mr Andrew Kerkham, Deputy Director of the South African Library; Ms Sandra Rowoldt, Cory Librarian at Rhodes and Mr Nic Snyman, Director of the S A Library for the Blind.

Anyone interested in attending this workshop, which is on Friday 10 September, will be very welcome and should advise (the registration fee is R 35 and cheques should be in favour of the SAILIS Conference 1993) Sandy Rowoldt at the Cory Library of their intentions on ext 8438 or via e-mail at lbsr@giraffe.ru.ac.za

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WHAT'S ON? - September 9 - 22

Saturday, September 11

Conference on 'Education
leadership and management'

- St Peter's building,
8.30 am - 5 pm

Monday, September 13th Founders' Day

Wreath laying ceremony to
commemorate the founders and
benefactors of the University and
those who fell in war.

- War memorial, Great Hall,
5 pm

Wednesday, September 15

Royal Society Lecture by Dr Ron
Cossar entitled: 'GIANT
MOLECULES: On the
Interesting Properties of
Everyday Materials'

- Chemistry Minor lecture
theatre, 5 pm

Rhodes Rugby Club recently held a
raffle to raise funds for the club. The
first prize of two nights'
accommodation for two (inclusive
of meals) at the Thorneys Game

Situations Vacant

Applications are invited from
suitable qualified candidates,
irrespective of race, gender or
creed, for the following
positions:

**Full-time circulation assistant in
the University Library.**
from 1 November 1993

This post offers stimulating
opportunities for interaction with
academic staff and students as a
member of a dynamic circulation
desk team. The minimal
education requirement is a senior
certificate. Previous experience
of library work would be a
recommendation but is not a
requirement as on the job training
is given. The post involves
responsibility, under the
direction of the Circulation
Librarian, for the loan of library
material and for basic assistance
to users. The successful candidate
will be required to work
approximately 36 hours per week
in morning, afternoon and
evening shifts, including some
Saturdays.

Application forms and salary
particulars may be obtained from
Miss D Inge in the Personnel
Division (phone ext 8115) and
should be completed and lodged
by 17 September.

**Part-time secretary in the
Centre for Social Development**
from as early a date as possible.

Candidates should be
competent typists with general
office experience and sound
organisational ability. The
successful candidate, who should
be interested in the general
wellbeing of the underprivileged,
should be able to deal with people
at all levels. The ability to use a
word processor is essential.

Application forms and salary
particulars may be obtained from
Miss D Inge in the Personnel
Division (phone ext 8115) and
should be completed and lodged
by 15 September.

Reserve was won by Mr Dennis
Wicks (ticket number 25) of Dennis
Wicks Sports. Second prize of a
case of wine (donated by the
Graham Hotel) was won by

Mr Norman Elston (ticket number
68), and Ms Colleen Fogarty (ticket
number 89) won the third prize of
dinner for two at the Cathcart Arms
Hotel.



Mrs Madeleen Welman is seen drawing the lucky tickets (above)
while Senior Sports Officer Steve Olivier keeps a watchful eye on the
proceedings.

Carla Tsampiras - from page 1

If there is one way of describing
the route she intends to follow, it is
to scrub stereotyping. Whether
dealing with gender issues or
others, she intends to break out of
this kind of pigeon-holing.

The broad representative base of
this year's Council will assist in
this, she says. Especially insofar as
the rights of the so-called 'silent
majority' is concerned. She
believes that for 'silent' one should
often more correctly read
'apathetic' and intends to provoke
certain complainants into venturing
from within their comfort zones to
use their representatives and the
structures which exist. Or change
them.

An issue which she identifies of
being of major importance is the
'transformation' of the University.
In this context the SRC will present
papers on many matters to the
University Summit on 25 September.
Amongst these will be some dealing
with a perceived lack of
accountability and other issues
including the living up to promises
and commitments. "Rest assured,
however, that nothing will be
presented or raised that has not been
thoroughly researched prior to
identification as a valid issue".

Other matters which she intends to
address during her term of office
include many pertaining to
Oppidans and student benefits.

"By their nature students are

temporary residents and members
of the Rhodes Community. They
leave - but their problems are real
some of these remain".

If there is a message for the
University from the new SRC, it is
that... "problems and issues which
are not going to disappear are going
to be addressed. We are not going
to back away from issues once we
have decided to make a stand. But
we won't make a stand lightly. We
will not waste time on frivolous
matters. You may be assured
therefore that if we decide to seek
action at high level to redress
situations we feel are untenable
that these will have been thoroughly
investigated and researched first".

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