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## Debate sets the joint alight

The resurrected Rhodes Debating Society held a particularly well-attended inaugural debate in the Great Hall last month with a suitably controversial motion, which argued for the decriminalisation of marijuana, before the house.

Speaking to the motion were the Vice-Chancellor, Vice-Principal and Registrar; they were opposed by three members of the Debating Society.

Drs Woods, Smout and Fourie had done their homework well and researched many beneficial properties of the weed. The audience, one suspected, was mostly representative of the converted and showed its vociferous appreciation of the erudite arguments presented by the proposers.

"A most unusual circumstance", said Debating Society Public Relations Officer, Stephen Grootes, "to witness



*From left to right, Drs Steve Fourie, Michael Smout and David Woods, who were awarded honorary membership of the Rhodes Debating Society, with Marika Muller, who chaired the debate. The Society intends presenting regular debates during the course of next year.*

such depth of support for utterances from the Admin."

The meeting, well chaired by Marika Muller, Secretary of the Society, then heard argument against the motion

from Philip Sigsworth (Chairperson), Julius von dem Bussche-Haddenhausen (Treasurer) and Stuart Theobald (University League Liaison). Their arguments were not

more telling, in the opinion of the judges (The Mayor of Grahamstown, the Dean of Arts and the President of the SRC), and the motion was declared carried.

## Academic Planning will indicate best resource utilisation

Rhodes is likely to be one of two 'guinea pigs' in the testing of the new proposals for the transformation of higher education of the National Commission into Higher Education.

Speaking to staff members about the proposals and the planned academic review process, Dr Michael Smout, the Vice-Principal said that the Vice-Chancellor, Dr David Woods, had agreed

that Rhodes would participate in the new initiatives.

The new proposals would cause a significant change in the funding which we might expect from Government, Dr Smout said. "The University will have to prepare a three-year 'rolling plan' which would form the basis of an agreement between the University and the State. Funding will be agreed to on the basis of this strategic plan and made available against

audited results and achievements."

In the light of this, it was obviously imperative to fully understand the real costs of running specific departments and courses, "and it is for this reason that Rhodes has embarked upon its internal academic review."

"We need to draw up a matrix which will accurately forecast numbers of students and the courses which they will study so that our

resources can be accurately allocated."

In this process, those departments which are best positioned to explore the benefits of resource enhancement will be identified, he said.

The process is being driven by the Academic Planning Manager, Mrs Sandy Stephenson, to whom any enquiries should be directed at ext 8059, or by e-mail addressed to adls@giraffe.ru.ac.za.



# Programming for the Future

The new flexible approach to higher education proposed by the National Commission on Higher Education (NCHE) would make it possible for "a technikon to offer a medical degree and for a university to offer a national diploma for executive secretaries" — and is a vitally important trigger for future fundraising strategies at tertiary institutions.

Speaking at the Unitech Congress for marketing and communications practitioners from tertiary educational institutions held in Durban last month, NCHE Commissioner Mr Brian Figaji, highlighted a programme-based approach as being essential to the future existence of tertiary institutions in South Africa.

"Democratisation, development, quality, academic freedom and institutional autonomy and effectiveness and efficiency will be the guiding principles in a system aimed at increasing participation, responsiveness, cooperation and partnership amongst all concerned", he said. He added that the Commission had accepted a goal oriented approach to funding whereby government contributions to funding would be provided in the four distinct categories of block grant funding, institutional redress, earmarked funds, individual redress earmarked funds and other earmarked funds based on fixed asset acquisition, initiative and incentive.

"The implication for higher education institutions", said Mr Figaji, "is that proposals for fundraising will have to be focused on the essential parts of the education and research

activities, rather than funding what are perceived to be nice to have or luxury items."

Distance education and resource-based learning should also be on the agenda of higher education institutions, along with plans and programmes which take into account the NCHE suggestion for increasing participation by setting the statutory minimum entrance qualification at a pass, in the proposed Further Education Certificate.

Included in Figaji's address was an outline for the establishment of two statutory bodies — a Higher Education Forum and a Higher Education Council, with the first allowing representation of organised constituencies and the second becoming a smaller expert body, not directly representative of institutional interests. In addition, the Commissioner proposed the restructuring of senates, academic boards and student representative councils.

"It is hoped that a single co-ordinated system will bring about greater cooperation and coordination" said Mr Figaji, "with each institution adopting a programme approach as the basic building block of the higher education system."

This year's Unitech Congress focussed on the meaning of transformation in education and the effect these changes will have on the marketing of tertiary institutions. It was attended by marketing and communications staff from universities and technikons all over the country and beyond our borders, and by international funders such as the Ford Foundation, which has donated R 300 000 to Unitech.

*Julie Gibson*

# Up-to-date computer room for GADRA

In a ceremony held at the GADRA Commercial Centre on Thursday 17th October, Mrs Thelma Henderson, Chairman of GADRA Education, opened a Computer Room for the students of the Centre. The establishment of this Computer Room was made possible by a generous donation from the D G Murray Trust in Cape Town, which enabled the Commercial Centre to purchase two 586 (pentium) computers and four printers.

"The Centre now boasts six computers and printers and is able to offer students a far more relevant and work-orientated training", Mrs Henderson said.

Students are now able to learn word processing, the techniques of graphics and how to work in a Windows Environment.

Part of the donation received was used to purchase electronic typewriters on which typing is now taught.

## That Agony Aunt — Arthritis

According to the President of the Association of Rheumatology and founder of the South African Branch of the Arthritis Foundation, Lady L De Villiers, Arthritis is the nation's number one crippling disease and it is not being given the attention it deserves.

While lecturing to Pharmacy students on the campus last month, Lady De Villiers pointed out the need for continuing research and education about the disease which affects one in seven of the world's population.

"Arthritis needs to be recognised for the painful challenge it is", said Lady De Villiers. "Arthritis affects many more parts of the body than the joints it is traditionally seen to attack and pharmacists will be called upon more and more to advise patients on the best way of handling this condition."

"With the shortage of rheumatologists in South Africa, pharmacists are becoming increasingly important to the Arthritis Foundation. They need to point

out the need for early accurate diagnosis, correct medication and strict exercise programmes", she said.

Whilst the Princess Alice Orthopaedic Hospital, South Africa's first Arthritis Unit, has built a world-wide reputation as a centre of excellence in the field, we only have 15 Arthritis specialists — a small number in relation to the estimated 6.5 million sufferers in our country.

There is an ongoing need for the functions performed by the Arthritis Foundation — to raise funds, conduct research and educate the public, Arthritis sufferers and the professionals who help Arthritis patients and their families, she believes.

Whilst research into the field has yielded effective medication and restoration strategies for dealing with some types of arthritis, people need to understand that preservation is vitally important", said Lady De Villiers.



# High standards and a 'bumper crop'.

Rhodes Music Department is riding high this year, with an increased student enrolment, and, excitingly, the recent qualification of no less than seven music licentiates.

The Department last saw its students reach this level in 1993, when two qualified.

"We have never had such a bumper crop", said a beaming Dr Tim Radloff, Acting HoD.

"Two students have gained doubles", he says and we are particularly proud of them. They are Itamar Cohen and Carol Schutz and each has teacher's and performer's licentiates."

They have been joined in having successfully passed the Royal Schools of Music examinations by Floritea Roux, who was awarded her licentiate (performer's) as a pianist.

A further pianist, Sally Imrie, has been qualified (teacher's licentiate) by the trinity College of Music in London, as has Sandy Hubble

(teacher's), who studies and plays the recorder.

Both Dr Radloff and colleague Dr Ishbel Sholto-Douglas paid tribute to the dedication which has to be applied to the students' work in order to achieve these high, internationally accepted, qualifications. "There is a great deal of work which has to be put in, over and above the normal degree course curriculum and preparation for examinations", they say.

Itamar and Carol are 3rd-year BMus students, Floritea is in her 4th year of study towards the BMus degree and Sally and Sandy are both Masters students.

The examinations for the licentiate had the students perform a 90 minute practical, open to the public, and they had to write two papers as well.

"Their standard is extremely high", says Radloff, "especially those who have achieved their teacher's licentiates."



*Itamar Cohen (left) and Carol Schutz: part of a 'bumper crop', with two licentiates apiece.*

## New student loan scheme announced

Rhodes and The Standard Bank of South Africa have negotiated a new loan scheme which will have the effect of enabling students who were previously regarded as too 'rich' to qualify for financial assistance to afford tertiary education.

Announcing the scheme the Registrar, Dr Stephen Fourie, said that through the proposed scheme parents will be required to pay 30% of the student's fees. "The remaining 70% will be available as a loan through The Standard Bank, repayable after the

completion of the student's studies. Interest would be lower than prime rate", he explained.

Dr Fourie said that the scheme was launched in the face of rising costs of tertiary education which are making it increasingly difficult for families to finance the needs of children who require university qualifications before embarking on their chosen careers.

"The fact that these difficulties are no longer confined to the very poor, but are also a major stumbling

block for middle-income families, suggests a need for the development of further financial support systems," he said in a statement.

He pointed out that only students who are not eligible for financial aid through Rhodes will qualify for this new loan scheme. The Standard Bank will administer the scheme and interested people will have to qualify according to the terms agreed upon by the bank.

"We believe that this new loan scheme will enable more students to benefit from the

all-round educational experience offered at Rhodes, and that it will open the doors of opportunity for many students worried about affording their fees in 1997," Dr Fourie stated.

He urged potential students, as well as those already studying at Rhodes who are interested in the scheme, immediately to contact the University's Financial Aid office on ext 8175/9 with their name, address and chosen field of study.

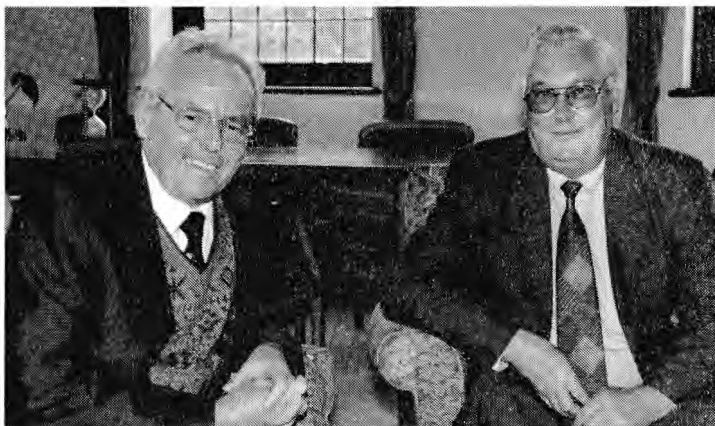


## Welcome donation from local bank

Mr Des van den Heever, Manager of the Allied Bank in Grahamstown, paid a visit to Rhodes University recently, during the course of which he presented a donation, on behalf of the bank.

The donation has become

a welcome annual event said the Vice-Chancellor, Dr David Woods, for it has no constraints attached to it. This will allow the University to apply it as it sees best, whether for bursary purposes, capital expenditure, research, teaching or any other need.



Mr Des van den Heever, Manager of the Grahamstown branch of the Allied Bank, with Dr Woods after presenting a cheque to Rhodes.

## Catering: Outsourcing not a viable option

Subsequent to a recent mass meeting of the student body, called by the SRC, at which the Director of Personnel, Mr Bruce Smith, reported on the situation regarding the outsourcing of the catering services at the University, a committee appointed to consider proposals from companies specialising in industrial catering has recommended to Council that the *status quo* be maintained and that catering should remain 'in-house'. The situation is likely to be reviewed in a year's time.

Mr Smith told the students that the Finance and General Purposes Committee had, in a meeting last year, recommended that an investigation take place into the viability of privatising the University's Catering Services. Council subsequently accepted this recommendation.

The investigation took place on the specific understanding that the students would get a better service for the same or less cost and that all affected staff would be taken over on the same salary and benefits they currently enjoyed and that the University in general would benefit.

Later meetings with all the Hall Senior Students, and representatives from the SRC, the Hall Wardens and the Dean of Students Division to discuss how the investigation should proceed preceded an invitation to three catering companies to attend a preliminary contracting out discussion meeting with a Sub-Committee which had been established, comprising Messrs Long and Smith, the

Head Students of Drostdy and St Mary Halls and an SRC representative. The three students subsequently visited Port Elizabeth, Cape Town and Stellenbosch to observe the organisations in operation at P E Technikon, UIPE, UCT and Stellenbosch, at the cost of the bidding catering companies.

Earlier last month the newly elected SRC met with the Vice-Chancellor and Messrs Long and Smith to discuss and clarify the process to date. They recommended to Council that a new enlarged Committee involving all stakeholders be established to continue the investigation and this was agreed to. The new committee was chaired by the Vice-Chancellor and had representation from the Administration, the SRC, Hall wardens, NEHAWU and RUSA and a Senior Catering Representative. Professors Gavin Staude and John Grogan were also members, as were, as observers, the three previous Sub-Committee student members.

This committee has now found that there will be significant unfavourable financial implications should catering be outsourced. In further recommendations to Council it suggests that in-house costs should be carefully monitored, however, and that the Catering Division should consider ways of improving its level of services to meet students' requests.

Training programmes should also be instituted, it recommends, to elevate the level of skills and service in the Division.

## Environmental Law and Policy

A five-day certificate course in Environmental Law and Policy is to be offered in the Law Department from 25 - 29 November.

The course will see lectures and seminars presented by members of the Department's staff, as well as by outside experts, on current environmental policy issues. Designed to be of use to researchers, administrators, policy makers and students, it will also introduce and examine current South African Environmental Law.

Persons wishing to enrol (the closing date is 8 November) are advised that the course fee is R 1 450,00, but concessionary fees can be arranged for Rhodes students and others, including groups.

Enrolment details are available from Brian Peckham, at ext 8429 or 31 1720 or by e-mail sent to [bpeckham@croc.ru.ac.za](mailto:bpeckham@croc.ru.ac.za).

Readers with access to the World Wide Web are invited to visit the Environmental Law and Policy site at <http://www.ru.ac.za/departments/law/SAEnviro/saep.html>

Rhodes invites correspondence on matters of concern to the University community which will indicate the wide spectrum of views held and will promote further discussion.

A pseudonym is acceptable, but the writer must supply his or her full name and residential address to the editor, who will respect confidentiality.



# Rhodes takes gold — three years in a row

Rhodes took gold for the third year in a row when Chemistry Honours student Kerry Horne won this year's medal for the best postgraduate research presentation amidst tough competition from chemistry students from tertiary institutions all over the Eastern Cape.

Ms Horne, presented with the gold medal by SA Druggists group company, Pharmacare, for her presentation based on her honours research project entitled *Synthesis and Characterisation of potential platinum anti-tumour drugs and a study of their cytotoxicity* was followed by PE Technikon

student, Mr Kholekile Zono and fellow Rhodian Kerry McPhail who claimed the silver and bronze medals for their research in the fields of industrial catalysts and marine natural products respectively.

Dr Johan Olivier, Drug Development Manager of Druggists Group Research, commented on the high standards of chemistry research taking place at tertiary institutions in the Eastern Cape and expressed his pleasure at the viable industrial and practical application of this research.

These postgraduate chemistry research seminars are held annually under the auspices of the South African



*The medal winners with the three judges from Druggists Group Research are from left: Dr Darryl Whittaker, Ms Kerry McPhail, Mr Kholekile Zono, Dr Johan Olivier, Ms Kerry Horne and Dr Schalk de Kock.*

Chemical Institute in the Chemistry Department at Rhodes University. This year six Eastern Cape tertiary institutions took part,

including Fort Hare, UNITRA and Vista Universities, and over 100 staff and students attended.

## New building will be in harmony with its neighbours

The current situation regarding the development of the University's Eden Grove site was the subject of a recent meeting to which all staff were invited but which was only attended by about 30.

The Vice-Principal, Dr Michael Smout, saw the low attendance as indicative of a broad acceptance and endorsement by staff of the planned concept. He addressed the meeting, together with representatives from the East London architectural firm which has been retained on the project.

Dr Smout sketched the background to the proposals, reminding his audience that Rhodes took transfer of the property in June 1994 and, in September of that year, that a fund-raising drive was launched. This has had measurable success, boosted recently by a donation from the Rhodes Trust. He

explained that, in terms of the agreements of the time, development has to have commenced by mid-1998.

Initially (against an "educated guess" of an R 18m budget), the development will see the construction of a new and specialised library complex. This will house the collections, offices and staff of the National English Literary Museum (NELM) and the Cory Library for Historical Research. The nature of the NELM and Cory collections are such as to require environmentally controlled premises and effective security measures, like fire protection and means of limiting access to authorised people. These measures are sorely needed to protect the many irreplaceable items held by the two services. During this process, much needed space will be freed in the existing central library.

In addition, provision will be made for the demands of

the library of the future within which much use will be made of electronic access to information. "One compact disc alone can hold the data contained in 200 average text books", Dr Smout reminded those who attended. Further library development will be catered for by a second phase of construction, on the upper portion of the Eden Grove site.

The new building, which by specification will not dominate others on the campus in its height, will also accommodate a state-of-the-art lecture theatre which can double as a conference hall, seating some 350 to 400 people. A second lecture facility with capacity for 150 people is planned as well, to which may be added seminar rooms, if finance and space permit, themselves subdivisible from within a larger area.

Recognising the demands of modern technology, a

media centre is also on the drawing boards. There will be a foyer and display area and a "Cyber Cafe" is almost certain to be included.

Allowance will be made, it was explained at the meeting, for future extensions to the building to be constructed on the upper levels of the site.

Soil sampling has already taken place and it is hoped that final drawings and cost estimates will be ready to be submitted to the University Senate and Council in the near future.

In response to questions after his address, and with the aid of a model of the shell of the proposed building, Dr Smout assured those present that aesthetic considerations will receive a high priority throughout the process and that the end result would be in sympathy and harmony with its neighbouring structures on the Grahamstown campus.



## Grahamstown pupils excel at National Science Expo

Once again, pupils who attended the Schools Science Festival held on our campus earlier this year have excelled at national level, with those from three Grahamstown schools (St Andrews College, Graeme College and Nombulelo Secondary School) receiving top awards at the National Schools Science Expo held in Pretoria recently.

Of the ten Grahamstown-district delegates who attended the Expo, seven won awards, a remarkable achievement considering the high standard set.

Edo Lloyd and Michael Echeverria of Graeme College and St Andrews College respectively wrote a computer program to be used to control the moving parts of a stage. The programme simplifies the task of the stage manager, who often has to execute as many as six commands at once during certain crucial moments of theatre. Stage managers using this programme will only have to push one button at any

particular cue in order to set off a chain of commands. The program also incorporates features such as a warning

Siviwe Ngene, a Standard ten pupil from Nombulelo High School, received a Silver award for his project on the

Grahamstown. His studies showed that, while haricot beans had the fastest germination rate, sugar beans had the best yield.

Other Grahamstown pupils who exhibited were Matthew Gilbert (now of Stirling High School), who completed a study of the basking habits of the Cape terrapin *Pelomedusa subrufa* and yet another Graeme College pupil, Graham Hains (standard 7), who studied the effect of stocking density on the growth rate of guppies in aquaria.

They were joined by Catherine Wynne-Jones, a Standard nine pupil at the Diocesan School for Girls, who tested the effectiveness of natural products as insecticides.

The Grahamstown Schools' Science Convention Committee is grateful to the Education Department of the Provincial Government in Bisho for sponsoring the ten Eastern Cape finalists who went to Pretoria.

Irene de Moor



Edo Lloyd (left) and Michael Echeverria, who received a Gold award for their project at the National Schools Science Expo.

panel indicating potential problems like fire warnings and a breakdown early warning system on breakdowns. The computer is connected to an electronic system which conveys the signals to the moving parts on the stage. Michael and Edo received a Gold award for their project.

environmental threats to the conservation status of the Eastern Cape rocky *Sandelia hainsii*, a fish which is endemic to only a few rivers in the Eastern Cape and Trevor Surridge, a Standard six pupil at Graeme College, received a Gold award for his project on the growth rate and germination of four different strains of beans grown in

## Training is integral to contemporary journalism

Six conferences attended and three papers presented: thus reads Prof Guy Berger's October diary.

The Head of the Department of Journalism and Media Studies presented papers on community media, online newspapering, and news coverage of Southern Africa, at a succession of conferences in Cape Town, Johannesburg and Malawi.

He described the highlight as being at the founding conference of the South African National Editors Forum (SANEF), where he was elected as one of two journalism representatives on the 20-member council of the body.

"For the first time, South Africa has an editorial force that unites editors and senior journalists, and which brings them together across lines of colour and medium as well", said Berger. "The fact that training was recognised alongside press freedom and affirmative action as being integral to the contemporary journalism is also a major breakthrough."

The SANEF conference was preceded by a gathering of editors of Commonwealth newspapers, at which Independent Newspapers heavyweight Ivan Fallon — who delivered a press freedom lecture at Rhodes earlier this year — proclaimed from the

platform his company's intentions to work closely with the University in mid-career training in 1997.

The Commonwealth conference also put Berger in touch with key mining industry personnel who expressed an interest in sponsoring a Chair of Financial Journalism.

Berger also attended the report-back conference of Thabo Mbeki's Commission into Government Communication.

"This has recommended that, instead of going into the media business itself, government should develop partnerships with the private and community media", he said. "Several people suggested that Rhodes should

provide a post-graduate diploma in government communications management."

"There is much attention in neighbouring countries being paid to the positive changes in South Africa's media landscape and there is great interest in studying these at postgraduate level at Rhodes", said Berger. "There is a danger that an industry-related department like ours could fall off the map by being based in Grahamstown. The value of visits like mine is that they keep us current with the many mutations of the mass media at this point in history."



# Dictionary makes home town debut

Following its launch at ceremonies in London and Cape Town earlier this year, the *Dictionary of South African English on Historical Principles* came home at further function held at the 1820 Settlers Monument in Grahamstown at the end of last month.

The dictionary started life in the Dictionary Unit at Rhodes University 25 years ago and emphasises the role of English as the *lingua franca* in South Africa. Its publishers believe that it "will help English become a central and unifying medium in the reborn nation."

Managing Editor Penny Silva describes the dictionary, the first of its kind to be published in South Africa, as a



Board members of the Dictionary Unit for South African English photographed at the Grahamstown launch of the *Dictionary of South African English on Historical Principles* are, from left, Dr Michael Smout (Chairman), Prof Edith Raidt from Wits University, Prof Malvern van Wyk Smith, Mrs Penny Silva (Managing Editor), Mr Achmat Davids (Cape Town), Prof Guy Butler and Mr Mark Franklin, from Johannesburg.

"profound, funny" and often "horrifying reflection of South African English."

From cultural references such as "rooinek" and "rockspider" "kugel" and

"bagel", to the vocabulary of the struggle — "amandla" and "toyitoyi" to street slang such as "skolly" and "skebenga", this dictionary, published by the Oxford University Press,

offers 825 pages and 5 000 entries which celebrate the cultural hodge-podge which gives South African English so many distinctive words and expressions.

## Note of sadness at Matric prize-giving

At the 1996 GADRA Matric school prize giving held recently, no less than 55 students and their families joined staff and invited guests to witness the *Dux Scholae* award being won by Bruce Wessels and the *proxime accessit* by Jabu Gwaza. A further scholar, Theo Dude, received a special award for exuberance.

In her address to the guests at the 3rd GADRA Matric

School Prizegiving, Mrs Thelma Henderson, Chairman of GADRA, said that effort, hard work, dedication and discipline were all elements which produced happiness in the school and in our lives. She thanked the families for their support and sacrifices, the staff for their excellence in matters academic and their genuine concern for the students and the Coordinator, Mrs Joy

Hayes, "without whose effort, dedication, discipline and joyful personality the school could not be the wonderful place that it is."

The only note of sadness, Mrs Henderson advised her audience, is that the school may not function in 1997. "GADRA Education has dipped into its capital investments to the tune of almost R 400 000,00 these last three years to subsidize the

school. Unless the requested grant of at least R 100 000,00 per annum is received from the DEC in Bisho the school will have to close. "This would be a tragedy", she believes, "as the GADRA Matric School is a model facility. It has produced excellent results and has given many wonderful young people a second chance." She appealed for donations from the public and businesses.

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## Situation vacant

### INTERNATIONAL LIBRARY OF AFRICAN MUSIC

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates, irrespective of race, gender or creed, for the following post from as early a date as possible:

#### Liberty Life

#### Ethnomusicologist

(Contract post for three years in the first instance, at the level of Lecturer/Junior Lecturer)

The successful candidate, whose primary responsibility will be to advance the conservation, teaching and promotion of African music, will be required to assist the Director with teaching, research and administrative duties. A training in ethnomusicology and ability

to teach it at university level, practical research experience in Africa, an African language (preferably southern African), and the ability to teach performance of African traditional musical styles would be ideal qualifications. Good interpersonal and public speaking skills, and computer literacy are further desired attributes.

Application forms, salary particulars and further information may be obtained from Mrs. A. Orsmond in the Personnel Division, on ext 8115 or 8117 (E-mail: [adao@warthog.ru.ac.za](mailto:adao@warthog.ru.ac.za)), to whom completed applications should be sent as soon as possible.

### ISEA launches reprints series

The Institute for the Study of English in Africa at Rhodes University has recently launched a new publication series devoted to early South African writing in English. The aim is to make available to the public important but little-known contributions to South African writing in a form readily accessible to the ordinary reader, students and those with a professional interest in studying the emergence of South African literature.

Three titles are available. The first is *Diamond Fields* by Olive Schreiner, a story-fragment discovered by the late Richard Rive in the Cradock Public Library. The notebook-sized manuscript proved to be an early exploration of themes which Schreiner was to develop in both *Undine* and *The Story of an African Farm*, and provides important evidence concerning the artistic development of this complex woman.

The *Selected Shorter Writings of Sol Plaatje*, edited and introduced by Tim Couzens and Brian Willan, offers a fascinating introduction to his literary work. This selection indicates both the wide range of Plaatje's interests and the sturdy dignity of his resistance to social and political oppression. The contents include samples of his journalism, articles on language policy and practice, Setswana proverbs, Shakespeare, thoughts on miscegenation and alcohol abuse and several short biographies.

The third in the series is the *Selected Short Stories* of RRR Dhlomo, who was the first black South African to publish a novel in English, *An African Tragedy*, in 1928. The contents include 20 short stories originally published in *Bantu World* and *The Sjabok* between 1928 and 1938, together with an appendix of pieces treating particular issues of the time which were most probably

## Smalls

### HEARTSTART WORKSHOP

St John Ambulance is running a *Heartstart Workshop: Stress Management and CPR*, at 12 Milner Street on Tuesday 26 November, from 16:00 to 19:00. Cost: R 38,00. Please book in advance by phoning 2 5670.

### FOUND

June McDougall's son found a ring at the new Squash Courts a few weeks ago. Anyone wishing to contact her and who is able to describe the ring should do so at the Examinations Office, ext 8185.

### FOR SALE

Seville Orange or Lemon marmalade for sale. Will deliver on campus at R 7,50 per jar. Contact Judith at ext. 8383 or e-mail [edjg@croc.ru.ac.za](mailto:edjg@croc.ru.ac.za).

### BEST FRIENDS

Loving foster-parents required for Sam & Suzy for +3 years. Twin sisters: border collie X, 5 years old. Compatible with other pets. Food and medical expenses covered. Please phone Alison at 2 8857 a/h. e-mail [cook@rhobot.ru.ac.za](mailto:cook@rhobot.ru.ac.za)

### TRAIN TICKETS — BOOK NOW

Anyone intending to travel by train from Grahamstown during the next few weeks is advised to book their tickets as early as possible to avoid disappointment during the annual end of year exodus.

written by RRR Dhlomo and published in *The Sjabok* from 1930-31. HIE Dhlomo, the poet, playwright, journalist and politician, was the author's younger brother.

These edited collections, each of which contains an informative introduction, first appeared as volumes of the journal *English in Africa*, and have been re-designed and

### PRIVATE SALE

Georgian sandstone double storey with yellow wood floors, four d/bedrooms, two bathrooms, country kitchen, large lounge/dining room, study, TV room, laundry, garage, large store/air-conditioned workshop, outside toilet, established garden. Any reasonable offers. Phone: 2 4471 (after hours)

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### TUTORING POSITIONS . . .

. . . are available in the Department of Political Studies and International Studies in 1997. Applicants should have at least a first degree with a major in Political Studies. Preference will be given to applicants who are registered for a post-graduate degree in the Department. Tutoring involves approximately six hours of work per week during term time. Tutors are paid between R 4 000 and R 5 000 for the year. Written applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates, addressed to Ms K Bentley in the Politics Department. Applicants should be prepared to make themselves available for interview from 09:30 on Tuesday, 5 November.

re-published to ensure that the genesis of South African writing in English is readily available to contribute to the process of cultural reconstruction.

The books are available direct from the ISEA: Olive Schreiner *Diamond Fields* (R 20,00); Sol T Plaatje *Selected Shorter Writings* (R 35,00); RRR Dhlomo *Selected Short Stories* (R 35,00).