



*The Vice-Chancellor, Dr Derek Henderson, speaking at the official opening of Allan Gray House, in Drostdy Hall. In the centre of the picture are Mrs Gill Gray and Mr Allan Gray.*

## Opening of Allan Gray House

Rhodes's newest residence, Allan Gray House, was officially opened at a ceremony in the building on Saturday, February 27, bringing the total number of residences at the university to 34.

The House plaque was unveiled by Mr Allan Gray of Allan Gray Investment Counsel, who with his partner, Mr Charles Baillie, both Old Rhodians and members of the Rhodes University Foundation Board of Governors, funded the building of the R3 million residence.

Building on the 84 bedroomed, super-modern yet gracious women's residence in Prince Alfred Street, began in February last year and was finished just in time for this year's students to take occupation.

Designed by Mr Jan van Heerden, the house has modern and efficient facilities and is planned to be easy to clean and maintain. With full laundry facilities and a cupboard for cleaning utensils on each floor, it is one of the first residences to be designed so that students can do their own cleaning and maintenance.

Speaking at the ceremony, the Vice-Chancellor, Dr Derek Henderson, said that the generosity of Allan Gray Investment Counsel had enabled Rhodes to continue with its tradition of a residential, collegiate lifestyle.

"We believe that Rhodes students graduate with much more than a degree certificate because they have spent at least a year in residence," he said.

Both Mr Allan Gray and Mr Charles Baillie came to Rhodes in 1955, Mr Gray to read for a Bachelor of Commerce degree and Mr Baillie for a Bachelor of Arts.

After the ceremony, guests were taken on guided tours of the House by the student residents before gathering in the Drostdy Dining Hall, of which Allan Gray is the fifth member house, for a buffet luncheon.

**Congratulations to Mary and Anthony Allen on the engagement of their son Bruce to Liesl Claassens.**

**Congratulations to Dr Eily Gledhill on the engagement of her daughter Irvy to Michael de Pontes.**



## Political Science

Scientists are reported to be considering using politicians for research, rather than rats. They reason that researchers get too attached to the rats, because they are more lovable. Politicians breed faster than rats and there are some things that rats will not do.



## Artificial Stream Installed

An Artificial Stream system has recently been installed in the Institute for Water Research (IWR) at Rhodes. It is designed to investigate the tolerances of river organisms to a variety of pollutants. The results will contribute to the setting of environmental water quality guidelines.

The Department of Water Affairs and Forestry (DWA & F) has recently implemented a water quality management policy which requires water users to define their water quality needs. One of the recognized users is "the environment". Unlike urban, industrial, and agricultural users, the naturally functioning riverine ecosystem cannot articulate its water quality requirements. The numbers and types of organisms in a river can be used to indicate the environmental health of the system. In South Africa, little is known about the tolerances of riverine biota to a variety of pollutants.

The project will be run by a team of researchers - Dr Jay O'Keeffe, Dr Carolyn Palmer, and Mr Qurban Rouhani - all of whom regard the towering steel, fibre glass and perspex structure (which circulates 2 000 litres of water at a maximum delivery of 20 litres per second, at velocities up to a meter per second) with excitement.

The reason for such a large investment in 'hardware' is to provide the sort of running water environment required by riverine animals. Because of its expense and complexity this sort of research is only now being tackled world-wide. The stream design has drawn on ideas from laboratories in Australia, Canada, the USA and United Kingdom. In Grahamstown however, there are frequent interruptions in power supply, and if the channels empty the animals will die. The JLB Smith Institute has provided a link with their back-up generator to prevent this.

The facilities at the Artificial Stream Laboratory lend themselves to multi-disciplinary research. Collaboration within Rhodes (with the Departments of Zoology and Entomology, Ichthyology and Fisheries Science, Chemistry, Biochemistry, and Microbiology), and further afield are rich with possibilities.

At the opening of the Artificial Stream Laboratory, Professor Wesley Kotzé, Chairman of Board of the IWR, thanked the Water Research Commission for funding the project. He paid tribute to the collaborative assistance of the DWA & F through whose management the stream was designed, constructed and installed by the Hydraulics Studies section. Particular thanks were extended to Mr Wouter van der Merwe, Mr Hendrik Best and Dr Jan Jordaan; and to the engineers who designed and built the stream: Mr Bill Rowlston, Mr Witek Jezewski, Mr Peter Skotnicki, and their staff.

## Obituary: Mr Nkululeko Green Kila

Many staff will be shocked and saddened to hear of the death, after a short illness, of Mr Nkululeko Green Kila, a Messenger in the Registrar's Division.

Mr Kila died on Tuesday, March 2, at the age of 39. He leaves his wife, Mrs Lulama Kila and three children, Ntombozuko, Nomfuneko and Khaya.

He attended Nathaniel Nyaluza school. Mr Kila played rugby for Old Collegians and was a member of the Order of Ethiopia. He worked at Rhodes from May 1982 until his death, with a short break of a few months in 1990.

Because of the nature of his job, many people at Rhodes came to know Mr Kila well as he moved briskly about the campus.

"Green was a cheerful and willing worker and will be badly missed," said the Registrar, Dr Keith Hunt.

"He was well-known at Rhodes and I never had a word of complaint about him in all the time he was in my Division. I am sad not to be able to express my gratitude and appreciation to him, as one would on the retirement of a member of one's staff," he said.





Seeing double? Two unrelated Bucklands seen at a reception held at the Vice-Chancellor's Lodge at Rhodes recently. On the left, Mr Andrew Buckland, Senior Lecturer in the Drama Department with Mr Richard Buckland, Director of the Public Relations Division.



Also seen at the reception held at the Vice-Chancellor's Lodge were: Professor Michael Whisson, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Head of the Department of Anthropology; Mr Spho Masilela, of the Department of Journalism and Media Studies and Mrs Nimitta Masilela.

"I'm going to tell Mr Goodhue the one about the securities analyst, the sword swallower and Jane Fonda, and I don't want you to beat me to the punch-line."



## Reaching out to the community

by Roslin McComb

After a trial run last year, the Community Outreach Programme (CO) will focus its efforts on promoting a culture where people are learners and teachers too.

"At present, our culture limits people's ideas of learning to school and tertiary education institutions. The aim of CO at Rhodes is towards mass learning and de-institutionalized learning where possible," said the co-ordinator, Ms Priscilla Hall.

### Adult Basic Education

The main thrust of CO is aimed at Adult Basic Education (ABE) because Rhodes is situated in an area where the marginalized population has not received much formal education.

In devising the programme, CO wants to ensure that its efforts remain developmentally oriented, suitable to the region and appropriate for a university.

The trial year indicated that Rhodes's role in the field of adult education lay partly in course creation, literacy and material creation.

In this respect, CO has helped the ISEA to establish the Adult Literacy Unit. As part of a national enquiry into adult education, CO encouraged the ISER to apply for a six month project to research the needs and provisions of ABE in the Eastern Cape.

### GRATEP bridging programme

CO also inherited the bridging programme, the Grahamstown Tertiary Education Bridging Project (GRATEP), from the ADP this year. GRATEP helps post-matics to upgrade their symbols.

One hundred and forty students registered for the four courses which run from Monday to Thursday. CO is very keen to have a good enrichment programme on Fridays concerning issues of general interest like street law and other life skills. Anyone at Rhodes who could offer such courses can contact Mandisi Planga at ext 239.

Another programme of CO, Rhodesfest, will be evaluated after this year's event when CO committee will decide whether Rhodesfest is primarily public relations or educational.

### Pilot Xhosa course

"The Xhosa course presently underway is more than just a service offered by CO. By using tutors, mainly service staff, who have never taught before, CO aims to demystify the job of teaching as well as empower people," said Ms Hall.

The course is also an exercise for CO in how to teach and support tutors. The carefully selected tutors attend a month's training course where they learn to work as a team with their co-ordinator. They are monitored and receive support from their co-ordinator throughout their time as tutors.

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All candidates for the following workshops must ensure that they are experienced WordPerfect users, if not, it is suggested that they attend the WordPerfect Introductory Course before attending any workshops.

All bookings are to be made through the Computing Centre Secretary on Extension 279.

The duration of each workshop is 1½ hours unless stated otherwise.

## 31 March

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## by Janet Carr

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But there are ways that you can make our lives a lot easier. For example:

# Talk on collective bargaining

On Friday 19 March RUSA will be hosting Professor Donald Savage from Canada, who is currently visiting South Africa as a guest of UDUSA to conduct a series of workshops on the important issue of collective bargaining.

Professor Savage has been the Executive Director of the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) since 1973, and in this capacity he has written, spoken and published extensively on collective bargaining for academics, university governance, professional ethics, lobbying and related matters. Professor Savage will be speaking to Rhodes staff (all are welcome) immediately following a short extraordinary general meeting of RUSA which will be held from 16h30 to 17h00 in Arts Major. This meeting is necessary to discuss a proposed increase in members subscriptions to UDUSA.

The talk by Professor Savage, which we urge you to attend and which will include time for questions, will be followed by a cheese and wine party in the Senior Common Room from 18h15 to 19h00.

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### WORKSHOP A

**12 March**

Text In / Text Out (Ctrl F5)  
Line Draw

### WORKSHOP B

**29 March**

Sorting  
Mail merge  
Labels

### WORKSHOP C

**30 March**

Tabulations  
Columns  
Tables

### WORKSHOP D

**31 March**

File Management:  
List Files  
Mark Files  
Sub-directories  
Initial Codes, Setup

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(Workshops are charged at R5-00 each)

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Indicate the workshop you would like to attend:

Are there any other topics that you would like covered : .....

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### The Ugly Noo Noo

Andrew Buckland's brilliant one man show, The Ugly Noo Noo will have a weekend run in the Rhodes University Theatre on March 12 - 13 at 19h30. This is a superb opportunity to see this award-winning play which catapulted Buckland to international fame. Tickets are R12,00 for adults; R8,00 students and R6,00 for block bookings. Bookings can be made at Grocott and Sherry.

### Between the Teeth

Written and performed by Andrew Buckland, this piece uses words and sounds to convey meaning without actually using language. It provides an innovative exploration of a new theatre vocabulary. Performance dates are March 19 - 20 at 19h30. Tickets are R12,00 adults; R8,00 students and R6,00 per scholar. Bookings can be made at Grocott and Sherry.

### The Good person of Szechwan

By Bertold Brecht, this play will be performed at graduation. Andrew Buckland makes his directing debut in this production drawing his inspiration from the *Commedia del Arte* tradition. Performance dates are April 2,3,5,6,7 and April 16 and 17. Tickets R12,00 adults; R8,00 students and R6,00 block bookings. Bookings at Grocott and Sherry.

"Good heavens - just look at you! You've been down at the Fergusons' porch light, haven't you?"



## HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF PC SUPPORT

by Janet Carr

Does it seem that every time you phone PC Support you get the answering machine? Do you feel that it takes forever for us to come and sort out your problem? Do we sometimes sound a bit harrassed when you phone?

We sympathise with all of you who have problems, but there are about 900 PCs on campus and thousands of users, and only two of us. It is not always possible for us to get there immediately, particularly as we have days when it seems that every single user and ever single PC on campus has an urgent problem! The five PC courses we run per month and the problems encountered by users of all the PC Labs in the Struben Building does limit our time a great deal.

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### 1. Leave A Message

We try to have someone on telephone duty at all times but sometimes due to pressure of work, courses, or unforeseen PC emergencies we may both be out and you will get our answering machine. Many people hate speaking to an answering machine, but please leave a message if we are not in. This ensures that we will contact you as soon as possible. Also make a note of any error messages that may appear on your screen and keep it next to the phone in case we return your call when you are busy with something else.

### 2. Be Patient

We will try to solve your problem by phone, but if we cannot, it may take up to 24 hours for one of us to visit you, so please be patient. We will get there in the end. If you manage to solve your problem before we get there, please phone to let us know. There is nothing more frustrating than trudging halfway across campus in the boiling heat or freezing rain, only to find that the problem has already been solved.

### 3. Choose Software Carefully

When choosing software for your department, try as far as possible to choose software that is given full or limited support by the Computing Centre. It is depressing to find you have a problem with which no one can help you. If you are in doubt when deciding which software to buy, please contact us and we will let you know whether we will be able to help you with it not. For example, we do not support Professional Write or XY-Write.

### 4. Attend Courses

PC Support runs approximately five courses per month, ranging from Basic Computer Literacy to Advanced WordPerfect and Quattro Pro. Attending one or more of these courses should enable to cope with basic problems such as the creating of directories and the copying of files. You should even be able to install software. This will then free us to take care of other problems. It may be an idea to find someone in your department who would become the 'resident fundi' and be able to deal with basic PC problems.

Note: Tracey and Janet can be contacted on Ext 288 for all PC problems. Booking for all courses is done via Yvonne Cowan at Ext 279 or 280.

## Eastern Cape Association for Geographic Information Systems formed

A meeting of some fifty practitioners and persons interested in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) was held at Rhodes recently.

Geographic information systems are sophisticated, computer-based programmes capable of compiling, analyzing and displaying map data and images of the earth's surface. The meeting, organized by Mr Colin Hobson of the Geography Department consisted of demonstrations and presentations illustrating the use of GIS technology as an environmental management tool, in studies of:

- ♦ population dynamics,
- ♦ for predicting voting trends on a regional basis in South Africa,
- ♦ in biogeographical studies, and
- ♦ in geology.

Mr Alan Conley of the Department of Water Affairs, presented an enlightening demonstration on how his department is using GIS to develop a management strategy for South Africa's scarce water resources. The increasing demand placed on these limited resources, South Africa's notorious drought cycles, pollution problems and the politically fragmented nature of Southern Africa are just some of the complex variables that make the use of GIS indispensable in managing South Africa's water resources.

An Eastern Cape Association for Geographic Information Systems (ECAGIS), was formally constituted at this meeting. The aims of this association are to promote the use of, and education in GIS within the Eastern Cape region, and to improve communication between GIS users in the region by compiling and circulating a directory of users in the area and through a newsletter. Through affiliation to the national GIS association (SAGIS), ECAGIS will act as a mouthpiece at national level on issues of concern to GIS users in the Eastern Cape.



# WHAT'S ON

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## Thursday, March 11

**Squash**  
Gtn League • 17h15  
Sports Council Forum Meeting  
• OMP, 19h00

## Friday, March 12

**Rowing**  
Natal Regatta  
Surfing Club disco  
• Great Hall, 19h30  
The Ugly Noo Noo  
• Rhodes Theatre, 19h30

## Saturday, March 13

Zimsoc Disco  
• Great Hall, 19h30  
**Cricket**  
RU 1 vs Walmer • Great Field  
RU 2 vs Carlisle Bridge  
• Prospect, 09h30  
RU 3 vs Sidbury • Away  
**Waterpolo**  
Knockout Cup  
• Rhodes, All day

**Rowing**  
Natal Regatta  
**Tennis**  
RU 1 men vs Diaz • Away  
RU 1 women vs Victoria Park  
• Home  
RU mixed vs Drostdy Park  
• Home  
The Ugly Noo Noo  
• Rhodes Theatre, 19h30

## Sunday, March 14

Ballroom Society Practice  
• Great Hall, 15h00  
**Indoor Hockey**  
RU vs Maple Leaf  
• Away, 13h30

**Cricket**  
RU 1 vs Pollocks • Away

## Tuesday, March 16

Sports Council Meeting  
• OMP, 19h30  
**Tennis**  
Gtn Night League RU vs  
Salem • Away

Wine Cultural Society  
Sauvignon Blanc/Paarl  
Riesling - comparative tasting  
• Grand Hotel

## Wednesday, March 17

**Waterpolo**  
Knockout Cup Semi Final  
• Away

## Thursday, March 18

**Squash**  
Gtn League • 17h15

## Friday, March 19

**Rugby**  
7-a-side tournament  
• Uitenhage  
Between the Teeth  
• Rhodes Theatre, 19h30

## Saturday, March 20

**Cricket**  
RU 1 vs Old Grey • Away  
**Waterpolo**  
Knockout Cup Final • Away  
**Tennis**  
RU 1 women vs Technikon  
• Home

Wine Cultural Society Settlers  
Picnic • Grey Dam  
Between the Teeth  
• Rhodes Theatre, 19h30

## Sunday, March 21

**Indoor Hockey**  
RU vs Westview Celtic  
• Away, 12h30  
**Cricket**  
RU 1 vs Omega • Away

## March 22-26

Wine Cultural Society Monthly  
Tastings  
Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay  
and Pinot Blanc  
• Grand Hotel

## Wednesday, March 24

**Rugby**  
7-a-side Tournament  
• Despatch

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# Daniel appointed Professor of Political Science at Durban-Westville

Senior lecturer in the Department of Political Studies, Dr John Daniel, has been appointed Professor of Political Science at the University of Durban-Westville.

A graduate of the University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg, Dr Daniel went into exile, spending 23 years outside South Africa.

Dr Daniel joined Rhodes in October 1991 and in 1992 was Acting Director of the International Studies Unit. He was also elected as a lecturers' representative to Senate.

Dr Daniel has published two textbooks as well as numerous other articles and book chapters. He is on the editorial boards of the Journal of Southern African Studies and the Journal of Contemporary African Studies. In 1992 he was appointed as part of a team of consultants to rewrite the syllabi of the Department of Foreign Affairs in-house cadet training programme.

Dr Daniel will take up his position at Westville at the beginning of the second term.

Condolences to Malcolm Hacksley and family on the death of his mother-in-law.

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These are the dates on which salaries will be paid this year:

- ♦ March 26
- ♦ April 23
- ♦ May 28
- ♦ June 25
- ♦ July 23
- ♦ August 27
- ♦ September 24
- ♦ October 22
- ♦ November 26

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