



Precipitating heavy metals

A three-year research contract worth almost R1 million, awarded by the Water Research Commission (WRC), has provoked the construction of a pilot plant which will implement a novel process on which Prof Peter Rose and colleagues have been working for several years.

The process removes sulphates and heavy metals from so-called 'acid mine water' which drains from mines.

Dr Oliver Hart, of LIRI Technologies, has designed and directed the construction of the two plants now taking shape at an engineering works in Grahamstown.

The technology, developed in conjunction with the WRC, has been patented. Utilising sewerage as a carbon source for driving a sulphate reducing bacterial bio-reaction — which converts the sulphates to sulphides — it provokes precipitation, enabling the extraction and recovery of heavy metals.

Peter Rose, during the course of a recent visit to the Netherlands, has been able to lay the groundwork for a collaborative programme with staff and postgraduate students from the universities of Delft and Wageningen, and with the TNO — the Dutch equivalent of our CSIR. He was able as well to acquaint himself with many new trends in postgraduate education in

Fascinating tales 'a mouse click away'

One of the most interesting sites on the World Wide Web was launched recently — by none other than Rhodes historian, Dr Keith Tankard, who lectures at our East London campus.

The site is called *The Labyrinth of East London Lore* and is a fascinating collection — or progression as you will see when you read them — of pages of anecdotes, references and history, written in a refreshing and entertaining style.

They are also well illustrated with images and graphics and supported by a comprehensive bibliography and index.

Dr Tankard says that the work relates back to his thesis, and now reflects the results of some 14 years' of research, lecture notes and anecdotes. He points out that the site "is certainly the first of its kind in South Africa and, I am told,

probably the first in the world. Even before its official launch last month it had been visited by nearly 500 people from all over the world. What's more, South Utah University is now using the *Labyrinth* as a text in its SA history course and other universities in Australia and the States will follow suit," he believes.

One of the prime motivating factors in preparing the material for the web page, which he began in April of this year, has been to provide background material of information and use to school children, says Tankard. "Importantly, it is available to the children of East London," he says. "More and more schools are purchasing computers, and with them come links to the Internet. Once that is accomplished, then *The Labyrinth* is only a mouse click away."



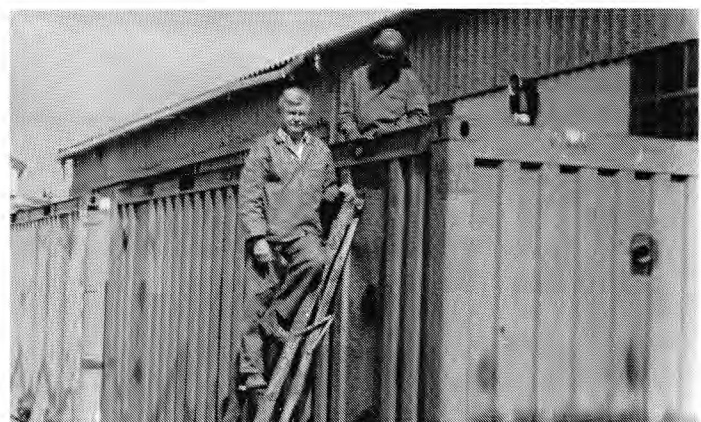
Keith Tankard

Despite the fact that East London is already 150 years old (it was born on 2 April 1847), the town still does not have a written history. What exists is found in a few books, like Joseph Denfield's *Pioneer Port*, but these are limited in availability and static by nature. Once the book is printed, it cannot be changed. Besides which, books are expensive and few people can afford to buy them.

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biotechnology and, on a subsequent visit to Britain, has made plans for an advanced Masters programme in environmental biotechnology — a specific variant of which, it is expected, will be offered by Rhodes.

Dr Oliver Hart (right) watching progress on the two pilot plants, destined for Gauteng, at Grahamstown Engineering.





*Letters to
The Editor*

I've been guilty, too

The Editor,

Any comment by Professor Whisson deserves the closest attention, and this is precisely what I gave his recent letter to *Rhodos* (19 September), in which he laments the failure of motorists to stop at certain stop streets on or near the campus.

There is perhaps much to be said in support of the generalities of his argument, but the exalted standing of some of those who, by his own observation, fail to obey at least one of those stop signs should give us pause for concern in the specific instances. Two judges and a bishop, indeed, plus a dollop of the *lumpenproletariat*, which should collectively amount to something. (I might add that at least one colleague of mine — not a judge, or even a bishop, but salt-of-the-earth, a driver with an unblemished safety record, and a pillar of the professional community nonetheless — has been guilty of the same transgression at the Somerset/Prince Alfred stop street. So, in fact, have I.)

As a senior member of the University community, Professor Whisson will know that, when students become tardy or bolshy in complying with a rule, the University generally reacts by removing or softening it. This is especially the case when the students involved are those representing the lowest scholastic echelon. Both he and I have no truck (a vehicular metaphor seems appropriate here) with this unfortunate policy, but our refractory students are not judges or bishops. If they were, their intelligent and successful avoidance of a rule might indeed have some legitimately instructive content.

Perhaps those judges, bishops and some of the lesser fauna who do not always stop at one or other of these places have assessed the situation at a higher level than would be implied by unvarying adherence to a nominally inflexible rule made by a profoundly dysfunctional and deteriorating society.

I suggest, on the basis of Professor Whisson's published observations, and contrary to his accompanying holier-than-thou exhortation, that the relevant authorities replace these stop signs with yield signs.

Thus challenged, Prof Whisson will presumably press the humanitarian argument that pedestrians may be killed at these places. This is true, of course. Finite probabilities of mishap will always be with us — even with a plethora of stop signs and other forms of prohibition. But what South Africans most desperately need is motivation and empowerment. Nothing so vigorously conduces to these attributes as does uncushioned exposure to significant hazard. Perhaps even a yield sign is inappropriate.

Hugh Manatee

Bond transfers are late!

The Editor,

I've noticed an anomaly between the date on which I am paid and the date on which the money deducted from my salary to pay my bond is transferred to the bank.

My bond deduction from my salary usually goes through a number of days after payday (see table), although the February payment was made one day early*. This month, the bond transfer was a full six days after payday!

The total number of days after payday that bond transfer occurred was 27 which, multiplied by the daily interest on my monthly bond instalment (R 1,44/day) equals R 38,88 for the period January to September. That's quite a few beers!

I assume, with electronic transfers, there's no reason why the bond payment transfer cannot be made on the same day that one is paid. Are all Rhodes staff who make use of a salary deduction to pay their bond forfeiting a few beers, or is it just me?

Dates of Rhodes paydays and bond payment transfers in 1997:

Payday	Date payment credited to my bond	Days after payday that bond payment was credited
24/01	29/01	5
28/02	27/02	-1*
27/03	26/03	1
25/04	25/04	0
23/05	27/05	4
27/06	30/06	3
25/07	28/07	3
22/08	27/08	5
26/09	02/10	6
		Total 27

Peter Britz

The Finance Division replies:

In response to the above, I wish to express my sincere regret in having you forfeit a few beers for "the cause". If it is of any consolation, you are not alone in that we all are presently doing the same, as the salary system is not yet converted to electronic transfers resulting in the delays you mention.

Just to make you feel a little less cheated: When you receive your pay on pay day enjoy the fact that you have been paid in advance for the days between payday and the end of the month.

On the bright side: This problem has already been identified and is one of the reasons why we are presently doing a major upgrade and conversion of our payroll software package with one of the benefits addressing the very problem you have identified. Please bear with us and in a short while you will be back to your full quota of beers.

Thank you for your input.

Len Kruiskamp: Financial Accountant

New editor will be appointed

Chris Walwyn will be leaving Rhodes University at the end of this year and will be on leave from 20 October until the end of December.

This will therefore be the last edition of *Rhodos* under his editorship; he thanks all readers and advertisers for their support over the past four years.

Until further notice, please note that all contributions to the publication, advertising and any enquiries should be directed to Mary Burnett, Communications Manager in the Marketing and Communications Division (ext 8517). Material may be submitted to the e-mail address rhodos@ru.ac.za

Rhodos 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.

Regional development could benefit Grahamstown, says Prof

Although some of the Eastern Cape's towns such as Grahamstown are not natural destinations for major industrial developments, they are in line for major economic spin-offs, by virtue of being in the centre of areas earmarked for Spatial Development Initiatives (SDIs) and Industrial Development Zones (IDZs), says Professor Hugo Nel, acting Head of the Department of Economics and Economic History.

Prof Nel was addressing a recent seminar on the topic of *The current strategies of Spatial Development Initiatives and Industrial Incentives in South Africa and the potential impacts of these on economic growth in the Eastern Cape.*

He was part of the research team responsible for the economic study of the proposed Coega Industrial Development Zone (IDZ) in Port Elizabeth.

He told academics, students and members of the Grahamstown business community about the government's initiatives to build a stronger South African economy, which had been hampered by years of isolation.

These initiatives, he said, centred on the government's desire to encourage export-driven economy through, among others, specific export incentives and export credit. In line with the

government's policy, a number of areas have been earmarked for development and these include the North Western Cape SDI, Eastern Cape SDI, the Wild Coast SDI, the KwaZulu-Natal SDI, the Maputo Development Corridor and the Phalaborwa Secondary Corridor.

He said the Eastern Cape was in line for major industrial development in the near future, in the form of Eastern Cape and Wild Coast SDIs, Coega (PE) and Westbank (East London) IDZs. "These will certainly have important regional economic growth effects."

Speaking of Grahamstown, "a city with a small industrial base and high level of unemployment", he said that there are a number of niche markets which can be exploited in the context of SDIs. These include its richness in arts and culture, architectural heritage, educational infrastructure, tourism and commercial potential and the sound property sector. "All that is needed is some innovative thinking," said

Prof Nel, "and this also applies to other towns, like Port Alfred. "People should be made aware that Grahamstown is sitting in the middle of an area that has been earmarked for major development," he added.

Professor Hugo Nel, who joined the staff in July this year and who is

Acting Head of the Department of Economics and Economic History, is a specialist in macro-economics, money and banking, and has a substantial interest in regional economics, particularly of the Eastern Cape.

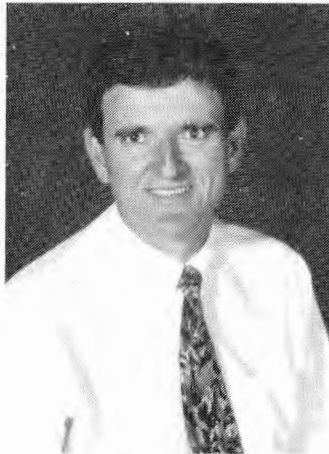
Formerly an Associate Professor at the University of Port Elizabeth, which awarded him the degree of

Doctor of Commerce in 1993, he maintains continuing cooperation

with the banking sector and has been able to involve the Department itself in this area.

A former Chairman of the Simon van der Stel Foundation, he is "very appreciative at being able to work in the Herbert Baker part of the campus."

Prof Nel is married and the couple have sons aged 15 and eight.



Professor Hugo Nel

New resource will assist EL academics

Mike Davidson, who heads up the Academic Development Programme at our East London campus, has just completed an impressive on-line resource centre, which effectively catalogues a wide range of resources and material for the development of both staff and students.

It is also linked to the successful Writing Centre initiative, with its own extensive data base, which tracks 'before and after' results of students who avail themselves of its benefits.



Mike Davidson at the helm of his new on-line resource centre.

Over 500 students have used the Writing Centre this year.

Davidson says that the resource centre has been established as part of the ADC's continuing response to the need to support academic staff in a staff development role. "It ties in with the Quality Assurance framework and the Teaching and Lecturing Committee's objectives," he says. "It helps us to support lecturers being evaluated through the supply of information to them."

Physics and Chemistry students show how it's done!

Each year the chemical company SASOL donates a prize of R 1 000 to the best second-year entrepreneurial project in the Chemistry Department.

Over the years this has provoked intense competition between teams of students who vie with one another to produce end results of commercial value.

This year's six teams produced and marketed a range of products including a rust remover, breathalyser kit, washing powder and household detergent cleaner, a wood varnish and a swimming pool test kit.

"All the products were of a very high standard," says Dr Mike Davies-Coleman of the Department and, after a very entertaining 'launch' of each, the 'AURA' wood-varnish team was declared the overall winner."

"While not only generating interest and enthusiasm, these projects contribute significantly to the quality of our graduates by illustrating the relevance of chemistry in the market place, encouraging an entrepreneurial attitude and developing teamwork," he adds.

The projects are currently on display in the foyer of the Chemical and Pharmaceutical Sciences building.

Top students in the Department of Physics and Electronics were recently presented with certificate for achievements during 1996 to add to their book prizes awarded earlier this year.



From left to right, our picture shows Gail Shaw (The Arthur Trevor Williams Prize for Physics III), Trent Jacobs (Georg M Gruber Prize for Physics IP), Dr Paul Nathanson (HoD Physics and Electronics), Gary Barham-Smith (Alexander Ogg Prize for Physics III and Kingsley Williams (Arthur Trevor Williams Prize for Physics IS). The Basil Schonland Prize for Physics was also awarded, to Miss J Stakesby-Lewis. The prizes were handed over at a recent Departmental lunch.



'AURA' wood-varnish team member Sonja Ahrens receives the SASOL prize from Prof Desmond Eve at a recent function in the Chemistry Department.

Durban culture in new book

A new book on the social history of twentieth century Durban, co-edited by the Head of the Department of History, Prof Paul Maylam and one of his former research students, Dr Iain Edwards, was launched in Durban recently, with the Mayor of that city, Obed Mlaba, giving the main address.

The collection of essays, entitled *The People's City — African Life in Twentieth-Century Durban*, tries to capture something of the everyday

life experience and culture of ordinary people, says Maylam. "There are chapters on dock-workers, factory-workers and ricksha-pullers; on music, shebeens and beer drinking and on specific communities like Cato Manor, Lamantville, Clermont and Inanda.

This is Maylam's third book and he is working on a fourth — on the history and historiography of racism, segregation and apartheid in South Africa.

The Labyrinth of East London Lore

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"*The Labyrinth of East London Lore* changes all that," enthuses Tankard. "For the first time, the history of East London is available and, more importantly, it is free for anyone who has access to an Internet-linked computer."

"Because it is a web-site history, it can be accessed by anyone, living anywhere on the globe. Already it has been read by people as far afield as Australia, Norway, England and the United States. Just think how it can be used for tourism to East London?" he asks.

The Labyrinth already offers a wealth of information on many diverse subjects including the Port Rex incident; the account of the German settlers and the Kennaway Girls; the history of our Black community; the story of the harbour and trade to East London and the origins of street names and the development of the suburbs.

"I hope," says the lecturer, "that *The Labyrinth* will become a useful teaching aid. For this purpose, the flag-ship of the whole enterprise is going to be the Cybertrails, journeys back into East London's past, looking at what happened, why it happened, and how we know it happened."

Already the Port Rex Trail has been completed and this will be followed by others, such as the Beach trail, a trail through the old West Bank Location, the German Settler trail, a Boer-War trail and others.

Tankard hopes that past and present East London schools will add their histories to *The Labyrinth* and is actively seeking material concerning the De La Salle College, which closed 20 years ago, for inclusion. He also believes that it could become a definitive community history. He invites you to join him on a tour by entering *The Labyrinth* at the URL <http://www.ru.ac.za/el/history>.

LIRI ventures North

Some 25 students, from several tanneries around Kenya, have enrolled for courses offered by LIRI Technologies this year. In itself this is nothing new, but, for the first time in the history of LIRI's international training, these students will not be travelling to Grahamstown for the Practical Release Course segment of their studies.

Instead, LIRI staff members will travel to Kenya for this purpose.



Dr Clive Jackson-Moss
LIRI's Dr Clive Jackson-Moss was recently in Kenya to launch the N-certificate courses in Leather Manufacture. They commence annually in September and July. The Practical Release segment for the current course will be in March.

The LIRI distance education courses have become more and more popular in recent years with students sending assignments back and forth for marking and evaluation. "But," says Jackson-Moss, "There is nothing like do-it-yourself, on top of the theory, to produce competent people and this is where LIRI's courses are so highly thought of — we offer a great deal of that!"

Biotechnology 'the industry' of the future

Peter Rose and John Duncan, Professors of Biotechnology and Biochemistry and Microbiology respectively, have recently returned from the 8th Triennial Congress of the European Federation of Biotechnology in Budapest, where they both presented papers.

Peter Rose addressed the use of membrane bio-reactors in the removal of pollutants and John Duncan's paper was entitled *The bioremediation of heavy metals in industrial effluents*.

Rose's address concerned a process developed at and patented by Rhodes University.

"The Biotechnology industry is growing at a phenomenal rate," said Rose,

"and, given the enormous international investment in research and related commercialisation, is set to become 'the industry' of the 21st Century." He was pleased to discover that "South Africa is at the cutting edge in terms of water research internationally," he said.

Duncan, in discussing his work, which has been funded by Goldfields of South Africa, said that the method of extracting heavy metals relies on the actions of algae and a water fern (*Azolla* — well-known as a noxious plant in the Eastern Cape) which can remove heavy metals from mine waste-water and electroplating effluents.

There are plans to set up a pilot plant which will, it is believed, indicate that reuse of both the removed metals and the water is possible.

Some two-and-a-half thousand people attended the congress in the Hungarian capital: "a marvellous city," according to Duncan, "in spite of the fact that we were robbed on arrival, losing all our travel documents and money to a nimble-fingered individual who lifted our travel wallets from a rucksack! We also learned, through the arrest and subsequent fining of Peter Rose's son, not to travel on the subway when you've left your ticket in the hotel!"



Profs Duncan and Rose (left and right) during their visit to Budapest.

We hasten to add that this photograph was taken outside conference hours, while they were being entertained by the locals such as the one in the centre, at a 'typical Hungarian evening'.

'Troopies' for a day

Twenty students and three staff members recently spent a day as guests of the military at the 6SAI Battalion base, in Grahamstown.

All the different divisions of the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) were explained to them, by Major Danny Muller and many of his army colleagues.

All members of the Rhodes contingent were issued with army 'browns' — the brown overall and hat worn by troops.

All agreed that the most exciting event of the day was the weapons demonstration,



From left to right: Sergeant Hester Enslin (Personnel), Ms L Griffioen Paterson (RU Alumni Affairs Manager), Major Danny Muller (Public Affairs) and Miss S-M Samuel (Senior Campus Events Officer) at the evening braai at the Officers' mess.

conducted by Major Christo Louwrens, during which they were all able to fire live ammunition.

The day's finale saw the Rhodes people relishing the Battalion's hospitality at a thoroughly enjoyable braai.

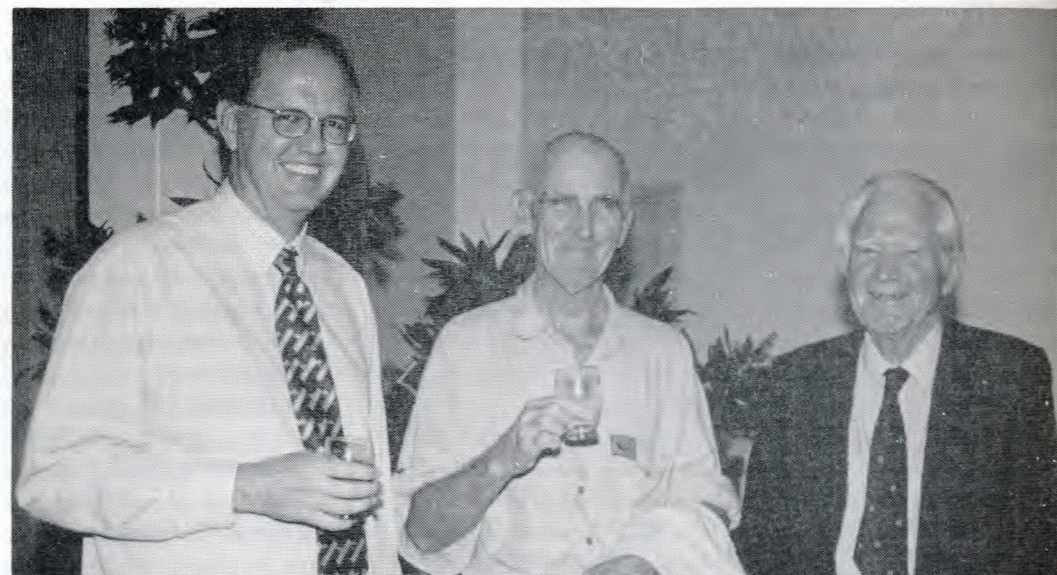
Rhodes poet honoured

The English Academy has awarded its 1997 Pringle Prize for Poetry to Professor Don MacLennan, who recently retired from the staff of the Department of English at Rhodes, for three poems published in 1996. The poems are titled *Thought and Language*, *In a pot on the window sill* and *My parents*.

In their submission to the Academy the judges said that in these three poems one can discern a full, imaginative possession of the subject.

"Such fullness, however, stands in contrast to MacLennan's sheerest simplicity of diction. It is a poetic diction, too, that pays scrupulous attention to the precise placement of lexical items on the line."

"MacLennan's sparsely indexed ontologies hint at a continuing puzzlement; one which beckons towards rich



At the award ceremony for the presentation of the Pringle Prize for Poetry was this year's winner, Professor Don MacLennan (centre). With him are Professor Laurence Wright (left), Director of the Institute for the Study of English in Africa, and Professor Emeritus Guy Butler, who presented the Pringle Prize to Professor MacLennan.

but annihilating conditions of being. His metaphors of living, and life in a southern African locality, provide the briefest yet most resonant, intimations of knowledge almost achieved."

In his response to the citation, Prof MacLennan said that he was deeply honoured by the award. "It will not make writing more poems any easier, but at least it confirms that I have not been entirely

on the wrong track all these years," he said.

The prize was presented by Professor Emeritus Guy Butler, a former Head of the Department of English at Rhodes.

50 years of transaction

A new book entitled *The JLB Smith Institute of Ichthyology — 50 years* which is a joint effort between the Institute and the Royal Society of South Africa, has been launched to coincide with the Institute's 50th anniversary. It records the Society's transactions dedicated to the Institute and was produced at the invitation of the Council of the Society.

Current Director of the Institute, Prof Paul Skelton, who has coedited the work with Prof Johan Lutjeharms, said that the volume would mark and celebrate 50 years of Ichthyology at the JLB Smith Institute.

"The accounts reflect both the historical perspective and insight into the lives and personalities involved as well as a 'snapshot' selection of research articles that reflect

the ichthyology of present time by researchers who, in one way or another, are associated with the Institute," he added while speaking at the launch of the publication.

The 320 page volume carries an introduction by Dr Derek Henderson FRSSAf, and is now on sale at the JLB Smith Institute of Ichthyology.

New vehicle for Development Officer

At the Gubu Dam, near Stutterheim, Mr Martin Davies (below right) the Aquaculture Development Officer in the Department of Ichthyology and Fisheries Science, recently took delivery of a new Mitsubishi Pajero 4X4 vehicle.

Here he and Mr Allan Hatton, of one of the sponsoring companies, get down to the serious business of the day after Mr Hatton had presented Davies with the keys.



Gold Medal for dictionary

Last year's succesful launch of the *Oxford Dictionary of South African English on historical principles* had a memorable sequel about three weeks ago, when the responsible editorial team was awarded the 1997 Gold Medal of the English Academy.

In his nomination for the award, Professor Elwyn Jenkins said that the publication last year of *A Dictionary of South African English on Historical Principles* by the Oxford University Press marked the culmination of what is the greatest work of scholarship on the English language ever undertaken in South Africa.

"The Dictionary contains 5 000 entries, illustrated by 47 000 quotations, as well as informative articles on borrowing from other languages of South Africa, English in South Africa, and the pronunciation of English in South Africa", Prof Jenkins continued.

"The standing of the work is indicated by the acceptance of the Dictionary as part of the stable of Oxford English Dictionaries, through which the South African work is integrated into the database of the OED"

The original work was begun by Professor William Branford 27 years ago. Until the Dictionary was published under the Editorship-in-Chief of Ms Penny Silva, 35 people have served on the staff. For this reason, the English Academy decided to award the medal to all those who worked on the project, "as a mark of recognition for a magnificent achievement and contribution to English, not only in South Africa, but internationally."

Professor Emeritus Bill Branford and his wife, Dr Jean Branford, were present to receive the medal together with Ms Silva and her colleagues.

A first for Rhodes lecturer

Lecturer in the Religion and Theology Department, Mr Kevin Williams, has become the first South African to win a Cambridge University Research Forum Award.

The award is for PhD students researching areas relating to the Protestant missionary movement from Britain and North America between 1740 and 1968. It is made to ten students selected from applicants from all over the world. They are required to submit research summaries and three references to the Cambridge selection committee of the North Atlantic Missionary Project.

Awards cover the full travel, accommodation and conference costs involved in attending one of two consultations based at Fuller Seminary in Pasadena, California, or Westminster College, Cambridge. Mr Williams will be attending the Fuller forum in March next year.

"Its purpose," he says, "is to develop inter-disciplinary research into the social, political, economic and theological contexts within which missionary theory and action was forged."

Mr Williams will be required to present a paper, aimed at publication in an internationally accredited journal, for critique by fellow students and recognised academics in the fields of interest. Two of the papers will then be selected to be read at a two-day conference following directly on from the research forum.



Kevin Williams

Mr Williams said the award was an affirmation of the importance of his area of research. He is studying the work of the missionaries in the 19th Century.

"There have been predominantly two kinds of missionary research. Early in this Century, we saw research that celebrated their (missionaries') work and from the 50s onwards, a very critical research came about. The latter saw missionaries as little more than agents of colonisation," he said.

The focus of Mr William's paper is on the works of a Methodist Church missionary in

KwaZulu/Natal, Frederick Mason (1834-1910). He said he selected Mason for three reasons "First very little has been written about the Methodist missionary work in Natal, second I wanted to come up with a clear picture of the work of the missionaries and last, It is coincidental that, while in Natal, I served in the churches that Mason had started and served in".

He said that he was looking forward to the trip to the US "as that will enable greater contact with other people who are researching the same areas as myself."

For the award, he thanked, among others, his colleagues at the Religion and Theology Department and especially, the staff of the Cory Library "who have been very helpful and supportive" as well as his supervisor, the Head of the Department of History, Professor Paul Maylam.

Siseko Njobeni

Situations vacant

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates, irrespective of race, gender or creed, for the post of **Senior Administrative Assistant** in the University library (Grahamstown campus) from 1 January 1998 or as soon as possible thereafter.

The successful candidate, will provide secretarial and administrative assistance to the University Librarian and be responsible for maintaining the Library's financial records and supervising its general secretarial services. Candidates should be competent and experienced secretaries with good organisational and administrative skills and a working knowledge of word-processing. Basic accountancy skills, together with the necessary computer bookkeeping expertise is a further requirement. Some experience in a large library would be a recommendation.

Application forms, further particulars and salary details may be obtained from Mrs A Orsmond in the Personnel Division (ext 8115; e-mail adao@warthog)

to whom completed applications should be sent by 31 October 1997.

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates, irrespective of race, gender or creed, for the post of **Part-time Secretary in the Drostdy Hall** from 19 January 1998 or as soon as possible thereafter.

The successful candidate will be required to provide secretarial and administrative assistance to the Warden of Drostdy Hall. Candidates should be competent typists, computer literate with a working knowledge of word processing. Organisational and administrative experience, together with good interpersonal skills, are necessary.

Application forms and salary particulars may be obtained from Miss X K Wakashe in the Personnel Division (ext 8117) to whom completed applications should be sent by 31 October 1997.

Popular broadcaster at Rhodes

One of the top broadcasters in South Africa, Radio 702's John Robbie, was a recent guest of the Rhodes Rugby Club. He was the guest speaker at the club's annual dinner at which his wife, Jennie, handed over the annual awards.

Robbie, who played rugby for Ireland and the British

Lions before settling in South Africa (where he won 83 caps for Transvaal and sat on the Springboks' reserve bench four times) also made time to sit 'on the other side of the microphone' in the Rhodes Music Radio studios.

John and Jennie have a son studying here.



John Robbie in the RMR studio during his interview with Stephen Grootes and Justin Nurse.

Thorburn on National Arts Council

Dominic Thorburn, who heads up the graphic arts section of the Department of Fine Art, has been nominated to the National Arts Council Advisory Committee (NAC).

The NAC is a newly established statutory body

and its council is responsible for policy formulation and financial and cultural funding.

Thorburn said that "it is reassuring to see the country's private sector beginning to match government funding in the interests of reconciliation through the arts."

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