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## Woods comments on Council for Higher Education's new Report

In July last year the Minister of Education, Professor Kader Asmal, announced recommendations made by the Council on Higher Education for a new higher education structure in South Africa. This report was an advisory document to which most higher education institutions responded, including Rhodes. This response was also posted to Old Rhodians.

Further to this report, the Minister then presented his recommendations as a final report to Parliament in February this year. An upbeat Vice-Chancellor, Dr David Woods, described the final report, which was released in March as an 'excellent document'.

Dr Woods was particularly delighted with the emphasis that has been placed on efficiency rather than intakes. "This is an opportunity for us to enhance the quality of graduates. In particular, the use of graduate output as an integral component of the new funding formula is commended as it will simplify the system and be more effective. In addition, it will make intra-institutional, regional

and national comparisons far more meaningful." He also stated that all the players accept the focus on diversity and differentiation and is very satisfied with the acceptance of the 'negotiated niche' concept. "This means that institutions must continue to do what they do well," he said.

The value attached in the document to the role of research in higher education and in society in general is strongly supported. Rhodes is particularly pleased that the Ministry does not support the Council for Higher Education's (CHE) proposal to restrict research to comprehensive research institutions. There has been a significant shift across the Higher Education sector to strategic and applied research. This shift has been largely in response to policy decisions taken by government bodies such as the NRF, MRC, DACST, DTI etc and may in some cases be responsible for the decline in research output in the system. However, this does not appear to be the case at Rhodes as research output over the past five years has

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## Rhodes Centenary 2004

### Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

By Kay Wentworth (1995) and Malcolm Hacksley (1962)

A highly significant milestone in the history of Rhodes University, and indeed in the history of the whole Eastern Cape region, will be reached in 2004 when Rhodes celebrates its 100th birthday.

With courage, hope and plenty of local support, four St Andrews College professors, Arthur Matthews, George Cory, Stanley Kidd and GF Dingemans, together with financial backing from the Trustees of the estate of Cecil John Rhodes, founded Rhodes University College in 1904.

The next few decades saw much expansion, but also the start of a series of financial woes. These came to a head in 1947, but a number of events and a wide appeal for funds proved highly successful and the generosity of many donors led to the university's survival and the inauguration of Rhodes as an independent university in 1951. Growth continued steadily in the second half of the century; the East London campus was founded, St Peter's campus (previously the Teachers' Training College) came into use and many new buildings and departments have been added. Through all its later growth in academic and research areas, student numbers and physical facilities, Rhodes has retained the

## Dr Colin Johnson - new Vice-Principal for Rhodes

Dr Colin Thomas Johnson is Rhodes University's new Vice-Principal and Pro-Vice-Chancellor, having taken over from Dr Michael Smout who has retired. Dr Johnson (54) has moved to Rhodes from the Agricultural Research Council in Pretoria where he was President and CEO. He holds a BSc (UNISA); BSc Hons (UWC); MSc (UWC) and a DSc (UWC). A specialist in botany, one of his main interests has been looking at the interface between communities and science and how society interprets scientific information.

Dr Johnson has published extensively in peer reviewed journals and has presented papers at numerous national and international conferences. His previous posts have included Acting Vice Rector (Academic) of the University of the Western Cape; Dean of the Faculty of Natural Sciences (UWC); Acting Director of the Gold Fields Resource Centre (UWC); Head and Chairperson of the Department of Botany (UWC); Acting Head of the Department of Botany, University of Transkei; Mercer Research Fellow at Harvard University; and the Chairperson of two parastatal Research Councils.

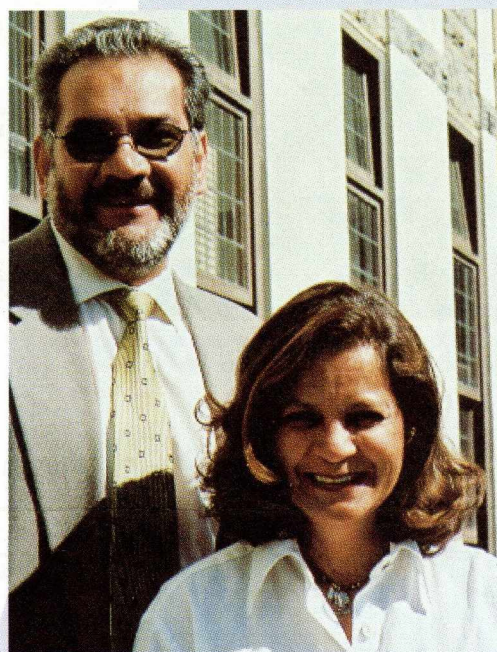
From a management perspective Dr Johnson has completed a number of executive leadership and specialised management programmes, including the "Executive Programme in Leading and Managing Changes" at Stanford University and the "Universities and the global knowledge economy: A Triple Helix of University-Industry-Government Relationships" in Amsterdam. Dr Johnson has also been involved in strategic planning for the University of the Western Cape, the Water Research Commission, the Agricultural Research Council and the National Botanical Institute.

intimate and friendly atmosphere of a small residential university.

A birthday and especially one as round as a centenary, is always a good time to reflect back on where one has been, assess where one is and look ahead to where one is going. We asked an Old Rhodian, **Malcolm Hacksley (1962)**, today Director of the Rhodes-affiliated National English Literary Museum in Grahamstown, to look back on some aspects of his own era. He wrote as follows:

"What was a very promising bunch of Inks trooped into Smuts in February 1962, to be greeted by the ever-genial warden, Prof **Hugh Chapman (1929)** and his wife Jean. "Chappie's" sub-warden was a young history lecturer called **Keith Hunt (1956)** (later Registrar of Rhodes). The senior student was a squash-player known as **Dave Woods (1959)** who has subsequently achieved a degree of academic renown... Other members of the house committee were **Tony Grogan (1957)**, later to win fame for the brilliance of his cartoons and **Mike Raath (1959)**, later director of the Port Elizabeth Museum.

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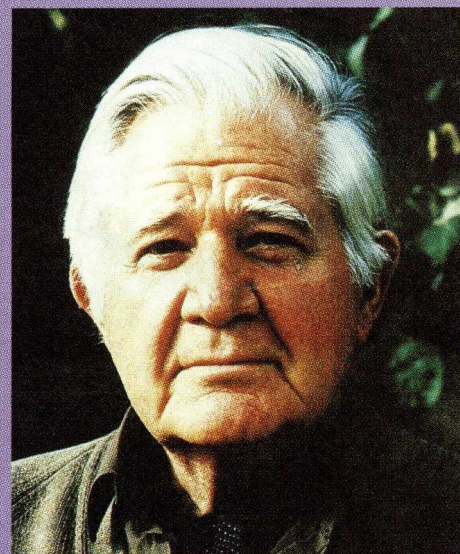
Dr Colin Johnson and his wife Charmaine.

"I am pleased to be joining the Rhodes team as I believe that the values and objectives of the institution are in agreement with my own personal value system: firstly to meet the challenges of the present and future; secondly that it recognises its South African setting; thirdly to strive to meet international standards in a non-racial society, and fourthly that it pursues the truth," said Johnson.

"Transformation in Higher Education is a major issue that needs attention," he said. "I would like to get involved in this area at Rhodes and to assist the university in taking up this responsibility to its full and to do it in such a manner as to strengthen the

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## Frederick Guy Butler 1918 – 2001



See Obituaries Section



# Graceful exit for Religion and Theology

The department of Religion and Theology marked its closure after over 50 years with a moving service in the Rhodes Chapel on 31 October 2000, attended by staff, students, alumni and friends of the department.

The service was taken by the Rev **Glenn Craig (1962)** a former student and member of the University Council, and the Bible readings were read in English, Afrikaans and Zulu by undergraduate students of the department.

Speaking during the service, Vice-Chancellor, Dr **David Woods (1959)**, paid tribute to staff and students, both past and present and highlighted their

contribution to communities in South Africa and beyond. Dean of Humanities, Prof **Ian Macdonald (1958)**, a former student in the department, spoke of the camaraderie, compassion and caring that characterized the department and spoke warmly of the staff and students that he had known.

Prof Felicity Edwards, Head of department, while expressing a sense of loss, said that if the work done in the department is deemed to be important, it will be done elsewhere. "This is part of the pattern of life, where there are beginnings and endings," she said. "The seeds sown at Rhodes are continuing to germinate and multiply in the ongoing quest for meaning, justice and truth."



Prof Ian Macdonald (1958), Rev Glen Craig (1962), Dr David Woods (1959) and Prof Felicity Edwards, Head of the Department, at the Religion and Theology Farewell service.

# Old Rhodian Union awards Bursaries

32 students received bursaries to the value of R97 000 from the Old Rhodian Union (ORU) in a well-attended Bursary Award function held in the Senior Common Room on 2 April 2001.

Expressing his gratitude to Old Rhodians, Dr David Woods said: "This is a noble cause indeed. Your support as Old Rhodians, throughout the years, is highly appreciated."

The ORU started this fund-raising initiative named the "150 Club" in 1993, during which time membership has grown from the original 150 to almost 450.

The Club's aim is to provide funds for bursary support of students at Rhodes whose parents are Old Rhodians. It is based on a subscription of R10 per month, with every 150 members generating approximately R12 000 a year. This, together with money from the Hugh Chapman Trust, a substantial annual subscription from Old Rhodians in the United Kingdom, and income from the investment of OR funds, provides the funds for the bursaries, awarded on the basis of need and merit.

Should you wish to contribute to this cause, please contact Kay Wentworth at telephone 046 603 8569, fax 046 636 1902 or e-mail K.Wentworth@ru.ac.za



A few of the bursary award winners:  
Seated (l to r): Jessica Baker, Julie Nothard  
Middle row (l to r): Nicola Ball, Gabrielle Davidson, Caryn McEwan, Jody Cheiman  
Back row (l to r): Justin Kemp, Ryan Wessels, Duma Nongauza, Gregg Haxton

# New CS/IS Building

Work is almost complete on a new hi-tech, multi-million rand Computer Science and Information Systems building in Prince Alfred Street. The three-storey building is situated between the chemistry block and Graham House, at the rear of Struben building.

The architects are Stauch Voster of Port Elizabeth and the contractor is CM Heunis of Grahamstown. The building is due for completion by the time of publication of this newsletter.

Three multinational companies: *Nortel Networks*, the German-based firm *Krone*, and South African manufacturer *Cabstrut* have launched a R1,5m state-of-the-art project to provide the new building with world-class networking equipment.

"The industrial partners in this development will be able to use this up-to-date facility as a reference site in the Eastern Cape to showcase some of their top-of-the-range product lines. We will also be able to run experiments for them." Prof **Peter Clayton (1976)**, Head of the department of Computer Science, said.

Prof **Dave Sewry (1979)**, Head of the Department of Information Systems, said that providing students

with access to cutting edge network facilities was vitally important. "The value of students doing practical computer work in an environment that meets or exceeds that found in the best of industry cannot be overestimated. This facility will place students in both departments at a distinct advantage over their counterparts at other tertiary education institutions in the country," he said.

Both Professors Clayton and Sewry emphasized that some years ago Rhodes had set out to become the leading tertiary institution in the field of information technology.

Vice-Chancellor of Rhodes, Dr David Woods, highlighted the importance of this type of collaboration between the university and industry. "Partnerships between the university and industry have enabled us to offer the best student to workstation ratio in the country".

The University plans to introduce Computer Science as a major subject in all faculties to provide students with flexibility in structuring their degrees. The University is introducing a new four-year professional degree in Software Development which is specific to the Computer Science and Information Systems departments.



Artist's impression of the new CS/IS building.

# East London Happenings

by Sue Morrell Stewart (1977)

## R1.2 MILLION CITIBANK CONCOURSE OPENS

Students at Rhodes East London had their computer facilities transformed when the new R1.2 million Citibank Computer Laboratory and Concourse was opened. Citibank's donation allows for the upgrading of a computer laboratory, the purchase of 60 new computers and a concourse linking the main administration block and the library.

"This concourse will revitalize the central part of the campus, not only stylistically improving the south façade but also providing a corridor linking different sections of the university and a recreation balcony off the student cafeteria, overlooking the harbour," says Director of Rhodes East London, Dr **Terry Marsh (1982)**.

The 60 new computers are multi-media Pentium III's and will be connected to two new network switches to cope with the added load.

## INTERNATIONAL COMPUTER DRIVING LICENCES

The first International Computer Driving Licences (ICDL) to be awarded in East London are being issued by Rhodes University.

The ICDL is a standardized international computer literacy test that tests people's practical computer abilities in a range of skills, from file management and word processing to spreadsheets and databases.

"This kind of test is long overdue as there are just so many computer courses on the market that employers have no means of evaluating what prospective employees can do. Now you can employ someone knowing exactly what they are capable of doing," said Rhodes University

Information Systems lecturer, John Roberts.

## HIGH DEMAND FOR RHODES-JJLDI LEADERSHIP COURSES

Increased regional demand has led to the Johnson & Johnson Leadership Development Institute (JJLDI) at Rhodes University in East London expanding its range of leadership courses.

"The JJLDI's Leadership courses are proving to be so successful with private and public sector organisations that we've expanded our range of leadership courses to offer two new courses, one for Project Management and the other for Emerging Leaders," said Director of the JJLDI, **Peter Kemp (1981)**.

## STUDENT AIDS INFORMATION BOOKLET LAUNCHED

An impressive East London Inter-Tertiary AIDS project has resulted in the production of an informative AIDS booklet and a series of posters to encourage AIDS awareness.

The booklet, called Friends for Life, was launched by the East London Inter-Tertiary Aids Task Team at the beginning of the year and sponsored by Johnson & Johnson, Coral Print and Rhodes University. Enough booklets were printed to allow each student registering at a tertiary institution in East London to receive one.

"It's time tertiary institutions became pro-active in the fight against AIDS and we at Rhodes University are proud to be part of this important initiative," said the Director of Rhodes University in East London, Dr **Terry Marsh (1982)**.



# Editorial

Welcome to another edition of RHODES Alumni News. This year sees the start of the countdown to our Centenary in 2004, beginning with an active drive to get in touch with all our alumni, be they across the world or around the corner. I would like to draw your attention to the enclosed database update forms and appeal to all Old Rhodians to return these to us and to assist us by spreading the word. When you network with other Old Rhodian friends, please make a special effort to obtain their contact details and send them to us, or encourage them to get in touch with us.

Thank you for all your letters, cards, faxes and emails, sent to us during the course of the past year. It is gratifying to know how many alumni look back on their student days fondly and very interesting to hear news of the many and varied choices Old Rhodians have made for their lives.

With the international move towards virtual publishing, and the perennial squeeze of budgetary constraints, the Alumni newsletter will be following suit, although we will retain paper publishing to accommodate those Old Rhodians who are not electronically connected. Please indicate to us if you would like to continue receiving a paper copy of the Alumni newsletter.

Please visit our web page at [www.ru.ac.za/administrative/mc/alumni](http://www.ru.ac.za/administrative/mc/alumni) where you are encouraged to update your record whenever you move or change email address. You may also complete the enclosed database update forms online.

I hope you enjoy this year's edition of the newsletter, packed with Old Rhodian and campus news. Both the Grahamstown and East London campuses are bustling with the usual activity as well as exciting new developments. Our reunions are fun events to network with other Old Rhodians and hear the latest news. We have restocked and expanded our range of memorabilia. Rhodes is adapting well to the changes demanded by our evolving society and our graduates are widely in demand, both locally and internationally. There are indeed many good reasons to be a proud Old Rhodian!

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## Calling Fulbright Alumni

The South Africa - United States Fulbright Commission was established in 1998, and has since taken responsibility for the Fulbright programme in South Africa, managed for the past 40 years by the United States Embassy.

Many South Africans in the past received the prestigious Fulbright scholarship to study or do research in the United States, and many of these alumni expressed the desire to have an Alumni Association that would build upon their Fulbright experience and that might provide a channel through which they could give something back to the academic and other communities they returned to in South Africa. The Fulbright Board strongly endorsed this idea, and the Commission started putting systems in place to establish a Fulbright Alumni Association during the first quarter of 2001.

Apart from direct participation in Fulbright Commission activities, the Association will serve as an important vehicle for supporting and promoting international educational and cultural exchange and for furthering mutual understanding between South Africa and the USA.

We invite all former holders of Fulbright scholarships to get in touch with the Fulbright Commission at the following address:

SA-USA Fulbright Commission  
123 Schoeman Street, 7th Floor, Pretoria  
Postal address: PO Box 28059, Sunnyside, Pretoria 0132 Tel: (012) 312 5175 or 312 5104  
Fax: (012) 321 1586  
e-mail: [fulbright@educ.pwv.gov.za](mailto:fulbright@educ.pwv.gov.za) or [fulbright\\_za@hotmail.com](mailto:fulbright_za@hotmail.com)

# Letters to the Editor

## Dear Kay

Thank you for your good wishes for my 92nd Birthday.

My family, both extended and immediate, have been associated with at least eight Universities in South Africa, England and America and none of them remembers its Alumni as Rhodes does. They confer Honorary Degrees when Alumni bring credit to them but the humble graduates are not remembered.

I read with interest the OR news but, sadly, now the names I recognize are chiefly in the Obits. These now are beginning to include the names of students who passed through the Botany Department when my husband, W Edwyn Isaac was Professor from 1948-1951. I also correspond regularly with Erica Danckwerts the last remaining member of my "Coffee Party" and in the next generation Margaret Cock (daughter of Professor J Rennie)

So you see, the Rhodes spirit continues into the second and third generations. I am proud to see how it flourishes in this new era of multi-racialism.

All good wishes to those who keep alive the spirit of Rhodes.

Sincerely yours

**Frances M Isaac (Leighton)(1927)**

## Dear Kay

I am trying to trace a past student and wondered if you could help me? His name is Anthony Tobias and he started at Rhodes in 1971.

Many thanks

**Monica Davidson (Rottanburg)(1969)**

## Dear Kay

I have just visited your website ([www.ru.ac.za](http://www.ru.ac.za)) for the first time, and wondered how I could go about tracing the women who did the Secretarial Practice Diploma with me from 1976 to 1977. I left South Africa soon after and didn't stay in touch with anyone. I can only remember first names for a few of the women, but would be interested to know what happened to all of them. I think there were about 30 of us.

With thanks

**Gail Morrison (1976)**  
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# New residences for Rhodes

Rhodes University's Council has given the go-ahead for the building of two new residences in a project that could amount to an investment of R25 million by the institution.

According to newly appointed Vice-Principal, Dr Colin Johnson, Rhodes is committed to improving and maintaining the quality of life for its students. "As an institution of higher learning we have to look beyond the academic programme and take a holistic approach to education. We are serious about providing a safe residential environment for our students, and, looking at the unprecedented growth that we have experienced over the last two years, we need to meet the needs of our students while remaining a small university," he said. Currently there are 65 students staying in accommodation rented by the University in Grahamstown due to the shortage of residential accommodation.

The two new residences will add 116 beds to the 2322 currently in the system. The building contract has been awarded to Ikamva Metro Builders. The initial outlay for the two residences will be R8.65 million. Within the next two months a decision will be made as to whether a third residence should be built. "The financial approval for the dining hall and kitchen has been given," said Johnson, "and we are awaiting the approval of the plans."

"I believe that this could be one of the biggest building projects in the Eastern Cape during this financial year," said Johnson.

# Council for Higher Education

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increased by 19% despite evidence of this shift.

Although no mergers have been prescribed for the Eastern Cape, there is a strong focus on regional collaboration. "All the institutions will be submitting their institutional strategic plans which involve proposed teaching and research niche areas, as well as their programme mix, by the end of July," said Woods. "The Department of Education will then consider these plans before year-end."

The new funding system for higher education will be implemented by 2003, which will separate research funding. "In my opinion, a major flaw of the previous CHE document was the unlinking of research and teaching, and although the funding will now be dealt with separately, I welcome the decision not to go this drastic route," said Woods. The funding system will also incorporate academic development issues, while opening access to both students and staff of Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries to the South African higher education system."

Dr Woods noted that the proposed plan of four-year degrees is not dealt with in this document. "A separate CHE Task Team is investigating this issue and it will still be a while before we know the outcome of a discussion document. However, discussions indicate that the thinking has moved from the 2+2 (year) concept to a 1+3 (year) degree format. "The first year will be a foundation year, but depending on the school results of a student, they will have the option to do the degree in three years. It is considered that certain excellent Honours degrees already equate to taught Masters, hence the Honours year will become a taught Masters year. This would still enable a good student to obtain an internationally recognised qualification within four years, albeit a Masters degree as opposed to an Honours degree.

The strategic objectives of the Ministry of ensuring student and staff profiles progressively reflect demographic realities, and of increasing participation and success rates of black students in particular, are also supported by Rhodes. Rhodes has finalised its equity policy and the inclusion of equity plans in three-year rolling plans is welcomed. The University is aware that the demographic profile of its staff has changed little and this is addressed in its equity policy. A strategy of 'growing our own timber' by identifying and

providing employment to black postgraduates is beginning to bear fruit. However, a severe shortage of suitable candidates will make progress very slow. Whilst the University acknowledges that recruiting black staff from other African countries is a way of rapidly increasing the pool of suitable candidates, it is felt that denying employment to appropriately qualified South African citizens, regardless of race, gender or creed, itself amounts to unfair discrimination.

"We have just completed our academic reviews so we know what we want," said Woods. "I am pleased that our submission regarding negotiated niches was taken up by the Department of Education and, overall, I am delighted with this document. Rhodes is in a strong position facing the future."

(See also Dr Woods' Annual Report to Convocation in the Minutes, included as a supplement.)

# Dr Colin Johnson

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academic individual. Transformation creates all sorts of negative emotions and my primary focus would be to keep the individual staff members happy, while using the expertise available within the organisation to arrange and prioritise activities. Transformation is a moving target and we need to recognise this as an institution. I am comfortable with managing change and encouraging others to accept new conditions and procedures."

Dr Johnson would like to position Rhodes and its relevance in the Eastern Cape by using its research capacity to its full. "We need to use our academic standing to develop a culture amongst our graduating students so that they create jobs and not seek them."

Dr Johnson moves to Grahamstown with his wife, Charmaine, who holds a BSc from UNISA and a LLB from the University of the Western Cape. Mrs Johnson is currently a project manager for the Centre for Higher Education Transformation (CHET), which looks at capacity building for university and technikon councils, institutional forums and student leadership.

# Rhodes Centenary 2004

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The curtains of memory draw aside to call to mind again just a few names of what must have been a remarkable crop of teenagers. They had come to Rhodes from all over southern Africa to equip themselves with first degrees, though many also observed the time-honoured Rhodes tradition of finding their life partners here! **Ron Mallet (1962)** is a distinguished GP in Cape Town; **Werner Krueger (1962)** heads up German studies at Rhodes; **Paul Walters (1962)**, **Tim Couzens (1962)** and **Dorian Haarhoff (1962)** all became professors of English (at the universities of Rhodes, Wits and Namibia, respectively); **Mary Nassembini (Tagg 1962)** is Professor of Librarianship at UCT, **Howard Williams (1962)** is professor of Computer Science in Edinburgh. **Ivan Schafer (1962)** and **Charles van Onselen (1962)** also became professors: of Law at Rhodes and Sociology at Wits. After a long career in secondary and tertiary education **Gordon Bauer (1962)** is now Rector of St Bartholomew's in Grahamstown, **Adrian Green (1962)** is a senior priest in the Anglican diocese of George and **Errol Jacoby (1962)** has had a blessed career in the Methodist ministry. **Malcolm Hacksley (1962)** is Director of the National English Literary Museum. **Midge Hilton- Green (1962)**, **Mike Bandey (1962)** and **Ernie van Hille (1962)** all have senior teaching posts at Bishops, Kingswood and Graeme College respectively. **Andre Jaquet (1963)** became a senior member of the SA diplomatic corps (his classmate **Aletta de Villiers (1963)** is Director of Marketing & Communications at Rhodes). **Mervyn Mansell (1962)** is a highly respected forensic entomologist. There were many, many more of us, of course, but the mists of forgetfulness close in again.

By today's standards, I suppose, res conditions at Rhodes in 1962 were pretty primitive - and certainly the Smuts kitchens were renowned more for the regularity with which they produced Smuts-guts than for presenting us with appetizing sustenance - but the rosy glow of hindsight makes us remember our Inky experiences as good. What is very reassuring is that many of our children in their turn have found the Rhodes experience every bit as good as their sixties parents."

Elsewhere in the newsletter and in the Annual Report for 2000, you will find stories of Today and plans for Tomorrow. As Dr Woods remarked in his address to Convocation in September 2000, "I believe we are very much on track."

The Alumni Office is keen to begin working on its part of tomorrow, today, and we have set ourselves the goal of locating the whereabouts of as many of our "missing" Old Rhodians as humanly possible before the Centenary begins. Please would you help us in this task? We ask you to do two things: firstly, to cast your eyes over the form enclosed, which contains an extract from your record in our database, and complete or amend any missing or incorrect details, and secondly, to let us know if you are aware of the whereabouts of any Old Rhodians who are not receiving mail from us. Then please return the form to us in the envelope supplied and you will be included in the draw for celebratory prizes.

We invite all Old Rhodians to join with us in the celebration of all that Rhodes was, is and will be.



# OLD RHODIAN NEWS

## 1920s

**Frances Isaac (Leighton)(1927)** is 91 and says South Africa is still ‘home’ to her, despite immigrating to Kenya in 1961 and then upon retirement to Australia. She looks back on her years at Rhodes as among the happiest of her life. She returned to Rhodes in 1948 as the wife of a staff member, Prof WE Isaac of the Botany Department. She still keeps in touch with **Erica Danckwerts (1927)** in Queenstown.

**Peggy Gilfillan (Miles)(1928)** is still doing work for PADI (People for Awareness of Disability Issues). She lives in Johannesburg and urges other Old Rhodians from the 1920s who are still alive to write to us.

## 1930s

**John C Waldron (1935)** says that at 83 he still sings songs in other languages, although his asthma sometimes causes difficulties. He also helps one or two friends with their songs as they don’t read music. He has no arthritis or rheumatism, so can move about freely and he collects for Red Cross, Lifeboats and Lepra. He sends kind regards to those who remember him.

**Alan Asher (1936)** grew up in Graaff Reinet and always wanted to farm. He came to Rhodes with the intention of studying any course that might help him with farming. After he left Rhodes he spent two years on different farms to gain practical experience, and after the war (having spent three years as a POW) he completed a two-year diploma at Grootfontein Agricultural College. He then farmed in the Middleburg Cape district until his retirement in 1984.

**Denis Shuttleworth (1936)** is fit and well and still working a full schedule. He lives in Denmark.

## 1940s

**Jean Moore (Grunow)(1942)** has moved into a retirement cottage in Mutare, Zimbabwe.

**Leslee Maasdorp (Smyth)(1943)** is married to Hugh and has three children and six grandchildren in Harare. She spent a few decades teaching biology at Prince Edward School and is now a consultant in environmental education and runs various environmental organizations and programmes for rural schools. In 1997 she received the Conservation Oscar Award for Zimbabwe.

**Corona Cattell (Stone)(1944)** says she might be old but she’s not dodderly! She has returned to her home in Port Elizabeth after an interesting trip to Turkey, Syria, Jordan and Petra.

**Maureen Mercer (Saunders)(1944)** and her husband have moved into the Mbango Valley Retirement Centre near Port Shepstone on the south coast of Natal.

**David Williams (1944)** and his wife **Pamela (Hollis)(1945)** live in Ontario, Canada.

**Geoffrey Graham-Bell (1945)** has recently co-written a book with John Gandon, entitled *The Companion Guide to Greece*.

**Adam Barnard (1946)** has been retired from the University of British Columbia, Canada since 1994. He enjoys life and his grandchildren and still goes in to the university once a week.

**John Cowley (1946)** resides in the UK and has led a busy academic life. He has spent a sabbatical with the Department of Experimental Medicine in Cambridge and has taught at the University of Aberdeen and at Queen’s University in Belfast. Since then he has been head of department and professor of psychology at Hatfield Polytechnic (now the University of Hertfordshire) and more recently (1990) a Fellow at University College, London. He also taught at Natal University (Pmb)

where the CSIR funded a Development Research Unit. He investigated the effects of feeding rats low protein diets over successive generations, on their physiology and behaviour. His present research centers on the effects of pheromones and rodent and human development and behaviour.

**Stafford Glass (1946)** completed a BA at Rhodes and subsequently completed an MA and PhD at Natal University. He is now retired from teaching, lives in Pietermaritzburg and has a rewarding occupation as organist at the beautiful and historic St George’s Garrison Church at Fort Napier. Between the church and his strong interest in Anglo-Saxon history, he finds himself quite busy giving talks and writing.

**Joan Sutton (Woolf)(1946)** has retired after 20 years as Alderman of the Cape Town City Council and member of the UCT Council.

**Jocelyn Bell (Wigmore)(1949)** has moved into a smaller home in Sandton after 34 years, and still keeps in touch with several of her friends from Rhodes days.

**Antony J W Cameron (1949)** is based partly in Spain and partly in the United Kingdom. He completed a transatlantic yacht race (came third in USA class) and continues to sail in the Med and play golf in both Spain and the UK - retirement can be very active! His eldest son has just graduated and the younger is in his final year.

## 1950s

**Robin McGregor (1950)** has just released the first volume of a series entitled *Who made South Africa* on the contributions made by each of our 27-odd cultural groups. This first volume includes the Jewish, German and Portuguese communities.

**Clive Stowe (1950)** is retired in Cape Town.

**Wilbur Smith (1951)** recently married his fourth wife Mokhiniso in a Cape Town registry office. Later there was a religious ceremony at the Regent’s Park mosque in London. The new 30-year-old Mrs Wilbur Smith is from the small, central Asian republic of Tajikistan. They met in a bookshop in London.

**Elizabeth Ann Blaine (Neser)(1952)** is still involved in landscape design in Johannesburg. Her daughter, **Cindy Crighton (Blaine)(1978)** runs a promotion support business in Gauteng.

**Larry Kritzinger (1953)** has retired as national tax director of Deloitte and Touche and is now farming game and cattle in the Camdeboo district near Graaff Reinet.



Bob Caley (1953) and Pearce Rood (1950) confidently identified the photograph we published last year as being from Rag 1953. The three ladies are: (l to r): Catherine “Bee” Bresler (1953), Joan Jennings (1953) and Suzette Pender (Pienaar)(1953).

**Duncan Buchanan (1954)** and **Di (Dacombe)(1955)** are living in their own house after Duncan’s retirement as Bishop of Johannesburg. Di continues to be involved in small group initiatives in the Diocese. Their daughter Jean is an international hockey umpire and umpired at the Sydney Olympics, and their other daughter Anne is sailing on a yacht with her husband in the Atlantic.

**Maureen de la Harpe (Beare)(1955)** has written a new novel *Elephant Road* set in Zimbabwe which was launched in July 2000 in Perth. She would love

to hear from old friends from Rhodes via e-mail [mdelah@ozemail.com.au](mailto:mdelah@ozemail.com.au)

**Graeme Gerrans (1955)** is a visiting Professor at the University of Virginia.

**Michael Nuttall (1955)** retired in February 2000 after 18 years as Bishop of Natal.

**James H White (1955)** returned to visit Rhodes in July 2000 for the 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Reunion, all the way from Guelph, Canada. He has returned to rowing in Guelph, having learnt to row at Rhodes in 1957. He and the crew were in training for the summer sprint races at the time of writing. James says it is wonderful to be involved again at 62!

**Cecelia Jane Wigg (1955)** taught for many years at St. Andrews Secondary School, Blantyre, Malawi. She moved to George in 1996 and is thoroughly enjoying hiking, tennis, Wildlife Society, Garden Club and Botanical Society.

**Jane Potter (Serrurier)(formerly Welsh)(1956)** was a lecturer in Social Work at Rhodes in the early 90’s and now lives in Sydney, Australia.

**Bridget Mary Tooley (Handley)(1956)** has moved to Knysna after her husband retired at the end of March 2000. She would be pleased to see friends as they pass through Knysna.

**John Borman (1957)** has recently retired. He has written several books of prayers and continues to broadcast on SABC.

**Laurence Brickhill (1957)** has recently retired and now works from his home near the sea.

**Helen Granville (Honey)(1957)** has immigrated to South Africa from Zimbabwe. She is a fabric artist, designing and making patchwork quilts and wall hangings, which she sells worldwide.

**Aubrey L. Paverd (1957)** has since January 2000 been working as a consultant in Victoria, Australia.

**Jean Reynolds (Hall)(1957)** has retired as journalist for Natal Associated Newspapers. She is married to Ian “Storkey” Reynolds and has a son, Graham, two married daughters and seven granddaughters. Jean was Golf Captain at the Kloof Country Club and still enjoys golf.

**Ronald Gory (1958)** retired from the ministry of the Methodist Church at the end of 1997 but remains involved with the church, while also running a B&B in Johannesburg.

**Michael Mossom (1958)** is enjoying life and work in New Zealand and is in regular contact with other old Rhodians **Andrew Holgate (1985)** and **Joan Keep (Campbell)(1990)**.

## 1960s

**Edward Burbidge (1960)** has retired after 18 years with Alpha Pharmaceuticals and has now become a home executive!

**Graham Miller (1960)** and his wife **Liz (Dummett)(1965)** are still in Geneva where Graham continues as CARE International’s representative to the United Nations in Switzerland and Italy. They are fit and well and plan to retire to their macadamia farm in Queensland, but are not yet quite ready to give up Graham’s fascinating employment. They would love to meet up with Old Rhodians of their era at e-mail [caregva@iprolink.ch](mailto:caregva@iprolink.ch)

**Hugh Brubeck Stacey (1960)** retired early in 2001 after 33 years with Anglo American, and will be living in Plettenberg Bay.

**Marie Tapnack (Milner)(1960)** has been married to Hilton Tapnack for 30 years and they have two married children, Shane and Martin. Marie has one grandson, Matan, born to Shane.

**Leo Benning (1961)** is President of the WP Veteran Athletes as well as editor of the newsletter, statistician and road organiser. The 14<sup>th</sup> World Championships for Veterans will take place in Brisbane in July and he will be a participant and manager of the marathon runners. In December

2000, he successfully competed in the EP Veteran Championships in seven events.

**David Crews (1961)** writes that after the death of his father in 1992, he returned to farm Nguni cattle in Hougham Park.

**John Muirhead (1961)** has sold his estate agency business in Kenton on Sea and Port Alfred but is kept busy as an agent and valuator.

**John Scholtz (1961)** retired at the end of 1999 from the Methodist ministry and is newly engaged in tour guiding.

**Vyv Deacon (1962)** started her teaching career at Selborne College in East London. After 10 years as a principal in Cape Town she was appointed a senior planner in the Western Cape Education Department. She is a past president of the Rotary Club of Kirstenbosch, and is currently an Assistant Governor. She is married with two married children, both graduates of Stellenbosch University.

**Roderick Hooper-Box (1962)** is based in Johannesburg and is a training consultant operating in 10 African countries. He is married to **Denise Ann (Peckham)(1961)** who is the Assistant Registrar in the Student Affairs Department of Wits University.

**John Clarke (1964)** has retired from the Methodist ministry and is now living in Fish Hoek.

**Hugh Leggatt (1964)** and his wife, Susan, have started a new phase in London, where they are both working, after Hugh was made redundant by his employer of 11 years in Vancouver.

**Margaret Mary Lehnhoff (Reeve)(1964)** has been teaching music (mainly piano) in Germany since 1978. Her rewarding work at two music schools in Schleswig-Holstein and Hamburg takes her to five different centres every week and, over the last two years, has played a big part in helping her to adjust to her widowed state.

**Elaine Wansbury (Fingland)(1964)** has moved to the UK.

**Mike Wilson (1964)** lives in Cambridge, England and would love to hear from any contemporaries at [mike.wilson@dial.pipex.com](mailto:mike.wilson@dial.pipex.com)

**Melanie Sandler (Joffe)(1965)** lives in the San Francisco Bay Area, California with her husband John and two children, Andrew & Haylene, where she practices pharmacy. She can be contacted at [mtsandler@hotmail.com](mailto:mtsandler@hotmail.com)

**Ted Grobicki (1966)** spent many years starting and operating smaller mining and exploration companies. These have now merged with Harmony Gold Mining where he is Chief Operating Officer.

**Philippa Johnson (Morton)(1966)** is a public relations manager at Groote Schuur Hospital in Cape Town and has two sons, both in tertiary education at UCT and Cape Technikon.

**Paul Joubert (1966)** is sales manager of the Synthetic Latex Company based in Durban.

**Neilen Locke (1966)** was appointed Judge in 1999 in Umtata.

A happy band of 1960’s Old Rhodians in Brisbane, **Karen A’Bear (Knight)(1966)** and her brother **Edward A’Bear (1968)**, **Jean Monks (Summers)(1967)**, **New Monks (1968)** and **Merle Saunders (1968)** keep regular contact with each other.

**Peter Edkins (1967)** and **Rosemary (Connell)(1970)** have been living in Northern Ireland for two years with their children Paul (19) and Julia (15). They would love to hear from old friends at [peter@edkinsl.freeseerve.co.uk](mailto:peter@edkinsl.freeseerve.co.uk)

**Martin (1967)** and **Patti (1972) Ellenberger** are happily retired in Somerset West after 30 years at RET Butler’s Pharmacy in Grahamstown.

**Howard Garmany (1967)** and his wife **Lynne (Howard)(1969)** live in Maputo and have set up a new joint venture bank. Howard says life is quite a challenge in a developing country devastated by wars and floods. He asks if there are any other Old Rhodians living in Maputo?



# OLD RHODIAN NEWS

**David Goddin (1967)** and his family have moved from Durban to Surrey, UK. He is working for a marketing communications company in Basingstoke.

**John Thorpe (1967)** teaches at St. Paul's School in Baltimore where he is the head of the mathematics department and Academic Dean. He is married to Dr. Clair Francomano, a geneticist at the National Institute of Health who has been closely associated with the effort to map the human genome. They have two children, Emily (11) and Charles (9).

**Helen Hugo (Sleggs)(1968)** is married to Pierre and they have three adult children. In 1998 she was appointed as principal of Kimberley Girls' High School.

**Gordon Johnston (1968)** completed a Masters in Urban & Regional Planning at UCT after his days at Rhodes, and has been in public and private practice ever since.

**Leslie (Les) Ernest Sephton (1968)** qualified as an attorney in South Africa and had a partnership in East London before immigrating to Perth in 1993. He is now a self-employed solicitor in Perth.

**John Earle (1969)** has retired as head of Geography at Wits University.

**Feliciano Janneker (1969)** is human resources manager at Volkswagen.

**Elizabeth Norval (Poulton)(1969)** teaches first graders at a Gifted and Talented Magnet School in North Carolina and enjoys it very much.

## 1970s

**Bill Malkin (1970)** writes with news of members of a band of his era, "Tribe". Bill (bass and odd vocals) lives with his wife Lyn and family, in Chester, England, still dabbles in a little folk music, and is a Director with the Federal Mogul Group. **Brian Watts (1971)** (lead guitar and vocals) lives in New York with wife Donna. He has a PhD in Psychology and owns his own company. **Alistair Coakley (1972)** (second lead guitar and flute) is a full time professional musician and has a very successful recording studio in Johannesburg. **Ben Woods (1971)** (drums) lives in London and works for Amnesty International and when he has time, hopes to complete his PhD.



Bill Malkin (1970), Ben Woods (1971), Alistair Coakley(1972) and Brian Watts(1971) at a Kaif Krawl in 1972

**Timothy Neill-Dore (1970)** is married to Letitia (Purcell-Gilpin) of Zimbabwe and they have two sons. After leaving Rhodes, Timothy spent time in England and America, before going into business in Tzaneen.

**Bev Nicholson (1970)** and **Pippa (Evans)(1973)** moved to Pietermaritzburg in 1998 where Bev is in legal practice in Hillcrest and Pippa teaches at Epworth Primary School. They have three daughters, Melissa, Emma and Sarah.

**Valerie Potterton (Walsh)(1970)** is a senior lecturer in the department of Horticultural Sciences at Cape Technikon and was recently elected Assistant Dean of the faculty of Applied Science.

**Ishbel Sholto-Douglas(1970)** visited Harare and stayed with her cousin **Hamish Rodger (1980)** and his wife Corrie and son Colin. The trip coincided with the engagement of her cousin **Alasdair Munn (1989)** to Sasha Giles. She also met up with **Barry Blair (1961)** and his wife **Hilary (Whitnall)(1964)** and Richard Beagle and his wife. Her son **Alasdair (1978)** and his wife **Dawn (Leach)(1979)** live in

Cape Town and have recently had their third daughter.

**Carryl Megan Allardice (1971)** was until recently Director of the Cape Town Division of the National Library of South Africa. She is now an Agent for the Copyright Libraries (Oxford, Cambridge, National Libraries of Scotland and Wales, and Trinity College, Dublin) based in London.

**Lorna Bateman (Ryan)(1971)** lives in the UK with her three sons. They moved into their own home in July. Lorna works at a local sports centre, as well as teaching creative needlework and importing South African products.

**Jeffrey Hallett Brill (1971)** has recently moved to a new job with Griffin LLC, which produces and markets agricultural chemicals and pesticides.

**Brian Dollery (1971)** is Professor of Economics at the University of New England, Australia, and is married to Therese "Burto". Brian remains an adherent to the traditional celebratory Old Rhodian way of life and maintains close contact with numerous Old Rhodians, not least **Gordon "Kleingeld" Springett (1974)**, now a financial mogul in London, economics guru **Joe "Morris" Wallis (1977)** at Otago University in New Zealand, literary whizzkid **G "Gawie" Cornwell (1971)** of the Department of English at Rhodes University, political visionary **T. B. "Boermeli" Themeli (1984)** of Fordham University in New York, alternative scientist **Shirley "Belinda" Pinchuck (Hazelhurst) (1974)** of Rhodes University, Cape Town socialite **Andre "Amos" Mostert (1981)** and urban mythologist and pavementeer **J. D. "The Toff" Gilmour (1979)** of the University of Cape Town. Salutations may be sent to [bdollery@metz.une.edu.au](mailto:bdollery@metz.une.edu.au) !

**Moyra Evans (Sweetnam)(1971)** is a Senior Lecturer in Linguistics at RAU in Johannesburg.

**Roger Gilson (1971)** and **Bev (Hewitt)(1970)** live in Uitenhage where Roger owns a community pharmacy. They have three children, Susan (21), Grant (19) and Kathryn (14).

**Virgil Goncalves (1971)** works as a sub-editor at *The Advertiser* in Adelaide, Australia. He is married with two boys, 18 and 16. He would love to hear from Old Rhodians at [goncalve@chariot.net.au](mailto:goncalve@chariot.net.au)

**Charlie Griffin (1971)** has immigrated to Melbourne, Australia.

**Rob Oats (1971)** has been living in the UK since 1998.

**Jan Schaafsma (1971)** has worked at Parliament, Human & Rousseau Publishers and Struik Publishers, but for the past ten years has been working as a freelance language practitioner. He has lived in Betty's Bay, 90 km from Cape Town for the past three years. Apart from translating a great many titles from English into Afrikaans, he has also published two novels in Afrikaans under a pseudonym. He may be contacted at [jaschaaf@mweb.co.za](mailto:jaschaaf@mweb.co.za)

**Edward Philip Teare (1971)** married Debbie in Port Elizabeth in 1976 and they have four children aged 22, 21 and 11 year old twins. Edward became a chartered accountant in 1979. He retired from the corporate world in 1996 and bought an office supplies company in Cape Town in 1997.

**Anne (Cleghorn)(1972)** and her husband **Jim Bourne (1972)** are back in New Jersey, USA after 4 wonderful years in Japan. Jim has left Warner Lambert and is in the process of joining another venture. They have two daughters, Claire and Alyson. Anne met **Ina (Hove)(1972)** and **Bryan Vickerstaff (1972)** in Bali last year and is also in frequent contact with **Alyson (Chadd)(1970)** and **Dennis Finge (1971)**, who live in the same town.

**Helene Suzanne Griffiths (Abraham)(1972)** lives in Witbank and is the Senior English teacher at St Thomas Aquinas School. She is also a group fitness instructor at the local Health and Racquet Club. Helene and her husband Chris have four children: Dominic (20), Briony (19), Troye (16), and Jordan (10).

**Athol Hockey (1972)** and his wife **Beth (Eales)(1985)** immigrated to New Zealand in January 2000 and have settled in New Plymouth, on the west coast of North Island. Athol teaches science at a Catholic boys school and Beth is at home with the kids for the next few years. Andrew is now 4 and their latest addition is Jessica Rose, a little "kiwi" born in May 2000. They can be contacted at [atholbeth@xtra.co.nz](mailto:atholbeth@xtra.co.nz)

**Sandy Rowoldt (1972)** married Dr Robert Shell formerly of Rhodes, East London, in August 2000 in Grahamstown.

**Vic Alhadeff (1973)** has been living in Sydney, Australia since 1986 where he is the editor of the Australian Jewish News. He was formerly the chief sub-editor of the *Cape Times* in Cape Town. He has written three books: *A Newspaper History of South Africa*, *South Africa in two World Wars: A Newspaper History*, and an updated version of the first book.

**Gillian Barnett (du Toit)(1973)** was married in May 1999 to David.

**Greg Bertram (1973)** is a consultant based outside Stavanger, Norway and does yacht racing sponsorship and event management.

**Neil Crawford (1973)** was nominated in February 2001 for the position of headmaster at Grey High School in Port Elizabeth. He had been headmaster of Muir College since September 1997.

**John Julio de Freitas (1973)** works as a clinical psychologist in Christchurch, New Zealand.

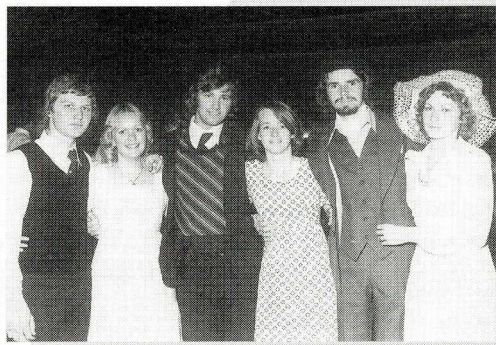
**John Frame (1973)** works as a general manager of a biotechnology company. His wife Janet has also built up an international marketing business that taps into Internet commerce. They have lived in Perth since 1981 and have two children - Chris (16) and Cathy (14).

**Peter J. Steynberg (1973)** has lived in California for ten years and is still married to Estelle. They have two daughters and own an Art Gallery "eAfrica", importing Shona sculpture. Peter still paints and exhibits his own work.

**Murray Thompson (1973)** is married to **Nicky (Fouche)(1976)**. They have a son of 14 and two daughters of 12 and 10, and live in Cape Town.

**Geoffrey Cowan (1974)** and **Jenny (Todd)(1974)** are in Pretoria where Geoffrey graduated with a PhD from the University of Pretoria in 1999. He is chairman of the Wetlands International AEME Council and represents Africa on the Ramsar Conventions Scientific and Technical Review Panel. He and Jenny have three daughters.

**Prof George Euvrard (1974)** took up the position of Dean of Education at Rhodes in January 2001 after heading up the Education Department for five years. His term has been marked by his entrepreneurial flair, and Rhodes Education courses are now being run as far a field as Namibia and Kokstad. **Gwenda Euvrard (Day)(1974)** graduated with her Masters in Clinical Psychology with distinction in 2000, and has a very busy private practice. They have three children: Jayne (20) is in 3<sup>rd</sup> year at Rhodes, Jonathan (18) is in matric and Benji in Grade 8 at Kingswood College.



George Euvrard (1974) and Gwenda (Day)(1974), Ian Masson (1974) and Lynne (Vickerstaff)(1974) and Ian McLaren (1974) and Charmaine (Kasner)(1974) at the 1976 SRC Leavers' Ball.

**Dennis Lipke (1974)** is pastoring a 1000-member congregation called Highland United Methodist Church in Colonial Heights, Virginia. He and Dale

have been married for thirty-one years and have three grown children - Charmaine, Caroline and Andrew, and grandsons.

**Lesley Oliver (Dobbs) (1974)** worked with Ogilvy-Mather Advertising for 12 years and has now joined The Coca-Cola Company as European advertising director. She has enjoyed the past five years in London.

**Gerald Squier (1974)** and **Adele (Beekhuis) (1975)** are living in Brisbane, Australia where Gerald is a retail pharmacist and owner of six pharmacies.

**Tony Turton (1974)** heads the African Water Issues Research Unit (AWIRU) at Pretoria University. During the second World Water Conference in The Hague in 2000, he chaired a session of Southern African ministers as part of the sovereignty panel. Tony writes that he is also "wading his way" through a DPhil degree in which he focuses on the political dynamics of the various international river basins in South Africa. He is in regular contact with **Peter Ashton (1976)**, who has recently been appointed Associate Professor at Pretoria University as part of the UP/CSIR strategic alliance. He and Peter were both invited speakers to the 10th Stockholm Water Symposium in August 2000.

**Chris van der Spuy (1974)** has joined HJ Heinz as Head of Human Resources for the Middle East and Africa, based in the United Kingdom.

**Michael Williams (1974)** is restoring a 1926 Spanish style home near Pasadena and "living in chaos and dust".

**Eldo Barkhuizen (1975)**, married Yvonne in 1991 after traveling widely, and lives in a seaside town on the eastern side of England. He is working as a freelance copy editor, mainly in academic publishing. He would love to hear from anyone who knew him as a student via e-mail [aared@onetel.net.uk](mailto:aared@onetel.net.uk)

**Edward den Blaauwen (1975)** and **Julia (Ewing)(1981)** moved to Macomb four hours from Chicago, USA in October 2000. They would love to hear from old Rhodians in their area. Ed is the priest at the local Episcopal Church and Julia is working as a Pharmacy Technician. Their two daughters (15 & 17) are enjoying their new lives and settling very well into school.

**Ronald William Cawood (1975)** moved to a new congregation at Fish Hoek after ministering in Wynberg for 10 years. His oldest son is in his 2<sup>nd</sup> year of Chemical Engineering and his youngest is in his 1<sup>st</sup> year Dentistry.

**Gail Cunningham (Gatley)(1975)** and her husband **Greg (1988)** send greetings from Sydney, Australia where Greg has recently been awarded a PhD in education. Gail was the Latin teacher at Collegiate High in Port Elizabeth, and is now the senior Latin teacher at Barker College (an Anglican independent school) where she also teaches French and German. She is active in the NSW Classical Teachers Association and has been an examiner in Latin for the NSW Higher School Certificate. Greg is the Director of Teaching and Learning at Barker College and was formerly a teacher at Grey High in Port Elizabeth. Also on the Barker staff in Sydney are **Neil Logan (1970)**, **Alastair McCallum (1972)** and **Kelvin Watson (1978)**.

**Mike Francis (1975)** is married and lives in the UK where he runs his own computer software company, providing management systems to professional firms.

**Kiloran Townsend (Mullin) (1975)** moved back to Johannesburg in July 1999.

**Meryl Howell (Vincent)(1976)** lives in New Zealand and has recently moved from the South Island to the Auckland area. She can be contacted at [mlhowell@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mlhowell@xtra.co.nz)

**Charles Raymond Inggs (1976)** has finally left Chipinge Rural District Council after 14 years, to become Roads Advisor/Trainer for the Association of Rural District Councils of Zimbabwe.



# OLD RHODIAN NEWS

**Andrew Knight (1976)** and his wife have recently become Australian citizens and have settled in Bathurst in rural New South Wales. Andrew is Senior Mine Geologist at Springvale Coal in the town of Lithgow, three hours drive from Sydney. He would love to hear from any colleagues from his years at Rhodes via e-mail [maasknight@bigpond.com.au](mailto:maasknight@bigpond.com.au)

**Christopher Mills (1976)** is happily living and teaching in Auckland, New Zealand.

**Gail Morrison (1976)** works as freelance television producer and lives in Wimbledon, London. She would like to get back in touch with her fellow OR's from SecPrac in 1976 and can be contacted at [g Morrison@Dial.Pipex.com](mailto:g Morrison@Dial.Pipex.com)

**Barbara Anne Taljard (Schnell)(1976)** has been appointed as the headmistress of Herschel Preparatory in Cape Town.

**Corrie Bridgman (de Blocq van Scheltinga)(1977)** lives in Washington DC, where her husband, David, is programme manager for an agency of the World Bank Group. Corrie completed a teaching diploma at UCT and taught in Walvis Bay and King William's Town. They have three children Katrina (15), Michael (13) and Gregory (11). Corrie keeps the home fires burning while also doing volunteer work for World Bank. She is planning to do a masters degree. She would welcome contact from friends from her Hobson days, especially from Jenny Ritchie and Lynda Anderson, at [bridgman@boo.net](mailto:bridgman@boo.net)

**Reverend Michael Chapman (1977)** married Gaynor Geyser in 1981, and they have two children, Candice (16) and Samantha (13). Michael received the "Paul Harris Fellow" award from Rotary International in 1998.

**John Kayser (1977)** has recently joined the staff of Rhodes as Director of the IT Division after nearly 20 years in business. He has also been doing an LLB degree at Rhodes.

**John Lawes (1977)** is married to Nicola (Cole) and they have two sons, John and Craig.

**Lynda Price (Harries)(1977)** the 1975 Rag co-chair with **Willie Marais (1965)**, lives in the UK where she has worked in the NHS and the pharmaceutical industry and now runs a successful strategic consultancy business. She writes that **Rob Cowling (1968)** is soon to have his first son.

**Neil Rusch (1977)** manages his own publishing company with a diverse range of clients.

**Louise Terry (1977)** is freelancing as a management consultant/accountant in England. She would love to catch up with friends from Rhodes who can email her at [louiseterry@hotmail.com](mailto:louiseterry@hotmail.com)

**Leszek (1977)** and **Muriel Vincent (Frank)(1979)** live in Columbia, Missouri, USA where Leszek works at the University of Missouri-Columbia ([www.missouri.edu](http://www.missouri.edu)). Muriel is preparing to enter the pharmacy profession and doing an internship prior to writing an equivalency exam. Leszek completed an MSc and PhD in Botany (Plant Systematics) at Natal University after leaving Rhodes. Since then he lectured in the Botany departments at Rhodes and at Wits prior to moving to the USA. Their three sons, Michael (18), Chris (15) and Andrew (10) are all thriving in their new, different and very stimulating environment. They would love to hear from RU friends and classmates wherever they are in the world at [Leszek@missouri.edu](mailto:Leszek@missouri.edu)

After four years in Botswana, **Ingrid (Winquist)(1977)** and **Donald Young (1978)** immigrated to New Zealand in 1997. Ingrid teaches at a small Catholic School, which their son Matthew attends, Alistair is at the neighbouring high school and Donald spends half of the week in Wellington as a training consultant in a bank. They love New Zealand, but would love to see old friends.

**Paul Carter (1978)** emigrated with his wife Berna-May and two Jack Russells to Yorkshire, UK in 2000 and is now Regional Business Manager,

Merck Pharmaceuticals UK.

**Belinda Eisenhauer (1978)** is a librarian at Durban Museum and Art Gallery. She married Eugene a couple of years ago, and became an "instant granny" to five children, ranging in age from 2 to 13 yrs.

**Penny Foyn (Mills)(1978)** is living in Johannesburg. After 19 years of "hard slog" in the computer industry she has "retired" to take care of her beautiful blue-eyed baby daughter, Tamara. She married Richard Foyn last year and lives in Hurlingham Manor, Sandton. Friends are asked to visit her home page at <http://foyn.homestead.com>

**John Gillmer (1978)** has left Uitenhage after 12 years as minister of the Methodist Church to take up a position at Bryanston Methodist Church.

**Lisa Kirstein (Coghlan)(1978)** lives in Oakham Rutland, England with her 2 children (William, 15 and Caroline, 11). She teaches English, and Speech and Drama, at the nearby town of Standford (after six years as a children's Librarian in Knysna).

**Desmond Bailey (1979)** is married with three daughters. He relocated to New Zealand in 2000.

**Terry Campbell (Springer)(1979)** remarried in December and works for Braun Medical South Africa.

**Bruce Malcolm Cooper (1979)** has moved to Brisbane with his wife, Leonie, and children, Kendal (13), Michael (11) and Nicole (6).

**Carole Heming (Epps)(1979)** is married to Keith and has two children, Kate and Michael. She works for ABSA in their marketing department.

**Emmanuel Jacob (1979)** has an MTh degree from the University of Aberdeen, Scotland, and a PhD from Bristol in England. He is a senior Methodist tutor at the United College of the Ascension, Birmingham, UK.

**David Knowles (1979)** has moved to Johannesburg to take up a position at St Stithians College, after eight very happy years at Kearsney College.

**Beverley (Andrews)(1979)** married **Dean Richards (1979)** and they have two daughters, Lauren and Paige.

**Marc Russell (1979)** and **Sue (Lane)(1979)** are comfortably settled in Auckland, New Zealand with their three children, Nicola, Louise and Robert, after moving three years ago from Namibia, where Marc was involved in diamond mining. Marc is doing contract dredging and Sue teaches at a local high school. They would like to hear from old friends at [Rusfam@xtra.co.nz](mailto:Rusfam@xtra.co.nz)

**Marguerite Van Rensburg (Nell)(1979)** is married and living in Cape Town. She has two children, Jessica and Sean.

## 1980s

**Hellen Asproloupou (1980)** is married with a son (7) and a daughter (2). They live in Ajax, near Toronto, Canada. She is an independent Human Resources Consultant. Hellen would like to hear from anyone who remembers her.

**Janet Carr (1980)** formerly of the Rhodes Journalism department lives in Sweden. She is married and has two Swedish children. She is studying Swedish at Stockholm University and teaches computer-aided journalism "whenever the university needs a teacher who can do it in English". She writes that Sweden is very different – "lots of snow and ice and no English".

**Julie Coghlan-Smith (1980)** is living in Hout Bay with husband Rene and son Oliver (5). Julie is co-partner of "Full Circle", a company in Newlands.

**Neal Collins (1980)** is assistant sports editor of the Daily Mail in London. He is married with twins, Kriss and Laura, born 1988. He'd be happy to meet old Rhodents in London, contact via e-mail at [nealcollins@hotmail.com](mailto:nealcollins@hotmail.com)

**Ruth Connelly (Benjamin)(1980)** taught at a high

school in 1989, before doing postgraduate studies (Hons and MA) in Counselling Psychology at UPE. She is now a psychologist at a school for the physically disabled and cerebral palsied in Port Elizabeth.

**Claudia-Martina (Riebold)(1980)** and **Chris Elliott (1978)** moved to British Columbia in May 1998 and have settled on Vancouver Island, Canada. Chris is the international sales manager for Marine Seabed Classification Company and Martina is a personal banker at the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. They have two children, Robyn (14) and Perdita (11) who are settled in the Canadian schooling system and doing very well.

**Ken Gardner (1980)** has been seconded to Kader Asmal's ministry for approximately two years.

**Alison Green (1980)** lives in Cape Town and is Operations Manager of Direct Medicines, a chronic medicines courier pharmacy.

**Cheryl Ann Hodgkinson (1980)** married **Kevin Williams (1975)** in November 1999 in the Rhodes Chapel.

**Vijay Manga (1980)** has relocated to Australia. He passed the NSW Pharmacy Board Exams and works in community pharmacy. He is married, with two daughters aged 7 and 4.

**Leoné Marais (1980)** is working for Orange Communications SA in Switzerland.

**Kevin George Molloy (1980)** works as a senior buyer with Amplats, the world's largest platinum producer. He has recently passed the certificate in Purchasing Management with UNISA and is finishing an advanced certificate. He has spent 15 years in retail pharmacy, 10 of these owning his own pharmacies. He is married to Elena and they have three children, Rhett (14), Sharn (12) and Tarryn (9).

**Craig Smith (1980)** married Tracy Lee in 1993. Their first son, Gregory was born in January 1999 and they have since had another child. Craig works as a company secretary and procurement officer in the gold mining industry.

**Bronwyn (Bonnie) Wiggill (Smart)(1980)** has two children, 9 and 11 years old. Her husband, Terry, was from Queenstown. She taught Biology for 11 years and now teaches Life Skills and counsels school children.

**Christopher Wust (1980)** is a staff pharmacist at the King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Centre in Saudi Arabia.

**Sean Bryan (1981)** is married to **Ann (Halse)(1981)**. They live in the Queenstown district where they are involved in ecotourism, the running of a sawmill, and general stock and game farming. They have three girls, Megan (12), Kate (10) and Laura (6). They would welcome any contact from old Rhodians of their era.

**Malcolm Crossley (1981)** has his own Law firm in Cape Town, called Crossleys Incorporated. He is married to Karen Kingon and they have three children, Alexander (9), James (5), and Victoria (3).

**Mike Erskine (1981)** lives in Johannesburg with his wife **Sharle (Matthews)(1984)** and their two boys, Oliver and James. He works as an education consultant.

**Jean Galloway (1981)** immigrated to Australia in 1999. She is working as a research officer for Agriculture Western Australia and is enjoying living in rural Australia with two tame kangaroos in the garden!

**Catherine Ann Hickson (Long)(1981)** is working with management consultants in P-E Corporate in Johannesburg. She has three children, two of them are at Northcliff High School and they live in Northcliff.

**Robin McKee (Moore)(1981)** is teaching English at Kloof High, having been redeployed in 1999. She married James in April 1999 and they have one daughter Caithlin who is nine.

**Carol Millar (1981)** is farming in Zimbabwe. She

is also doing some freelance journalism, writing and consultancy work. She would love emails from the Hobson house crowd from 1981 - 1983 at [millar@mweb.co.zw](mailto:millar@mweb.co.zw)

**Breffi O'Connor (1981)** works as a marketing manager for Oxford University Press and is married to Marieke, daughter of former Rhodes sociology lecturer, HW van der Merwe. They have two children, Katrina (7) and Fintan (5).

**Steve Olivier (1981)** and **Amanda (Shaw)(1984)** have moved to Lancashire, UK where Steve is head of sport science at Edge Hill. Amanda teaches part-time at Keele University, and in her free time she rides her new horse "Travis". Young Alastair James recently turned 4, and his "Pom" accent is getting pronounced.

**Davina Pugh (Harraway) (1981)** is living in Johannesburg with her two small children and working part-time as an SAP consultant.

**Steve Trollip (1981)** spent nine years in HR/IR with Alpha Cement and has now emigrated to Dublin, Ireland with his wife Irene and children Cherie (12) and Patrick (9).

**Neil van Dokkum (1981)** studied BSocSc and then completed his LLB in Durban. He practiced as an attorney for five years before going to the Bar in 1992, the same year he joined the Law Faculty at the University of Natal where he is now a senior lecturer. He completed an LLM at the end of 1995. He still conducts a private practice, although he does not keep chambers, being an academic member of the Bar. He is also a Senior Commissioner at the CCMA. His years at Rhodes were very happy ones and he returns to Grahamstown every three years or so, usually for the Festival.

**Kevin (Khalid) Adams (1982)** and his wife **Nazalie (Limbada)(1983)** live in Walvis Bay where Khalid manages the PR division of the local authority, while Nazalie teaches high school. Their campus baby, Ziaan, is now 15 and his sister, Sadiya is 9.

**Elaine Collins (Recsei)(1982)** recently gave birth to a baby girl, Giselle, and also has a son (3). **Sharlene Crage (1982)** is Giselle's godmother. Sharlene is in Australia, working as a freelance actuary and is married to an actuary. Elaine is planning to spend less time in clients' offices and do some of her work at home, so as not to miss out on her small children too much.

**Eddie Correia (1982)** and **Amanda (du Toit)(1984)** have been living in Christchurch, New Zealand for over two years, with their two children, James (9) and Teresa (8). Before leaving South Africa, Eddie had been lecturing at the University of the Western Cape for four and a half years and obtained a DMus (Unisa). He is now a computer trainer. Amanda has recently completed her BA degree through Unisa and is working at a call centre. They have come into contact with a number of South Africans in New Zealand, including **David Reason (1981)** and **John de Freitas (1973)**. Eddie remembers his years at Rhodes as such a happy time and will treasure them forever.

**Gerard Corsane (1982)** left the Robben Island Museum to take up a post to lecture in the Department of Museum Studies at the University of Leicester. His wife **Michelle (Blyth)(1980)** and their children Jonathan and Danielle will join him later.

**Peter Dickson (1982)** is an independent journalist and provincial correspondent for the *Mail & Guardian*. He is married with a son and lives in Cape Town after 15 years in the Eastern Cape.

**Rob Gill (1982)** and **Lynn (Derry)(1983)** live in the UK where Rob works as a recruitment manager for an IT company and Lynn teaches. They see **Owen Conway (1983)** regularly in London and also have contact with **Rory Stewart (1982)** who is now married and living in Bangkok; **Warrick Strachan (1983)** who is in Port Alfred; **Brian Horn (1983)** who is in Port Elizabeth and **Owen Skae (1982)** who lives in Durban. They can be



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**Terry Jarman (Henry)(1982)** has moved to White River where she spends her time caring for her baby son and two year old daughter.

**Denae Lutge (Weyer) (1982)** is married and has a son, Greg who is in Grade 1 this year.

**Mary Jane Williams (Enslin)(1982)** is married to **Alan (1980)**, 1984 Rhodes SRC President. Mary worked briefly at Long Island University, NY doing research but was then lured into the fascinating world of intercultural exchange and joined AFS (American Field Service) International at their HQ in New York City. They now live in Maryland and Mary is at home caring for her two boys, Matthew (6) and Nicholas (2).

**Dieter Achtzehn (1983)** and **Elizabeth (Sweetnam)(1984)** live in Durban with their two children, Gabriela (6) and Christopher (3). Dieter practices as an Advocate.

**Janet Cizek (White)(1983)** has been married since 1991 and has three daughters. She lives in Port Elizabeth.

**Alan Gardiner (1983)** became a father to a cheerful son, Eric Selous, in February 2000 in Zimbabwe.

**Paul Hodkin (1983)** enjoys getting the newsletter as it helps him keep in touch with old friends. He completed a BPharm at Rhodes in 1986, moved to Howick in 1987 and has been there ever since. He married in 1990 and has three children Courtney (7) and twins Matthew and Hayley (5), who are his all.

**Richard Hummel (1983)** immigrated to Australia in early 2001. He is married to Marilen, has a five year old daughter and can be contacted at [hummels@bigpond.com](mailto:hummels@bigpond.com)

**Monique Linder (1983)** has just finished more studying and is looking for a job!

**Naresh Patel (1983)** is employed as a financial manager with the Murray & Roberts group in Port Elizabeth. He is married to Bharti and they two children, Tarika and Nikhil.

**Nigel Sloane (1983)** is deputy headmaster of Uplands Prep School in White River. He is married to Monica who recently gave birth to daughter Jessica. They are both enjoying golf.

**Janet Frances Vollmer (Hayward)(1983)** is married with one son, Jean-Luc (4), and is living in Alsace, France teaching English.

**Antony Wilks (1983)** works as a senior electronic engineer in Silicon Valley, doing R&D work into laser range measurement devices. He met his Filipino wife in a Pizza Hut in Hong Kong and they have a son who Ant says, “is far better looking than me”.

**Jean Mary Woodbridge (Crawford)(1983)** married a Welshman and they have two young sons.

**Andrew Chandler (1984)** has moved to the United States and would appreciate hearing from Rhodes friends at [andrew.chandler@iname.com](mailto:andrew.chandler@iname.com)

**Mzolisi Diliza (1984)** is the CEO of the Chamber of Mines.

**David Garnett (1984)** lives in Harare and is married to Clare. They have two boys, Samuel and Miles.

**Jens Heise (1984)** married **Jennifer Ann Andrews (1989)** and they have two children, David and Emily. Jennifer is teaching and Jens practises as an attorney.

**Eleni Mavrikos (Kyriacou)(1984)** is living in Cyprus.

**Tony Murray-Smith (1984)** lives and works in Basel, Switzerland, having moved there from the UK at the end of 1999, with his wife Ruth. They are having a great time exploring the region, skiing and learning German.

**Darene Puttergill (Rothschild)(1984)** and **Kevin (1985)** are happily settled in Australia with their three boys and send greetings to all old friends from

Drostdy Hall, Graham, PA, and Oakdene Residences.

**Wendy-Ann (MacDonald)(1984)** and **Daniel Owen Raath(1984)** live in East London. Wendy has taken a break from teaching and Daniel is running his own retail business.

**Mark Jonathan Shanahan (1984)** is married to Naomi and they have a son Sebastian Edward who was born in May 2000.

**Marc Stonestreet (1984)** is the manager of the Winford Private Nature Reserve as well as being contracted as the executive assistant to the director of an NGO, “Abalimi Bezekhaya” which deals with urban greening and environmental issues. He sends regards to all at Rhodes, especially those at his favourite haunt, the Geology Department!

**Rob Weare (1984)** joined De Beers as a project accountant in 1999 and is based in Oranjemund. **Graham Tasker (1987)** is his colleague at De Beers. Rob has completed an MBA and still enjoys road running. He had a unique run in last year’s Comrades Marathon, completing it with his wife, Tracy.

**Lowell Johannes Cloete (1985)** married Karen Robinson in 1999 in Washington where Johannes works for Deloitte and Touche and Karen works for Amnesty International.

**Jennifer Meriel Davies-Black (Black)(1985)** is married and had a baby in April.

**Robyn Geisecke (Richardson)(1985)** was recently divorced and lives in Malibu Lake, California with her two children, Zach and Michaela. She would love to hear from friends at [robynfere@aol.com](mailto:robynfere@aol.com)

**Beth (Eales)(1985)** and her husband **Athol Hockey (1972)** immigrated to New Zealand in January 2000 and have settled in New Plymouth, on the west coast of North Island. Athol is teaching science at a Catholic boys school and Beth is at home with the kids for the next few years. Andrew is now four and their latest addition is Jessica Rose, a little “kiwi” born on May 2000. They can be contacted at [atholbeth@xtra.co.nz](mailto:atholbeth@xtra.co.nz)

**Sonia Mather (1985)** works as a media strategist for Ogilvy and Mather, an advertising agency in Cape Town. She is married to Ian Mackie.

**Lance Michalson (1985)** and **Patsi (Weyer)(1983)** live in Cape Town with their daughter, where Patsi is an advocate and Lance is a partner in a law firm. They are in contact with **Brett Finestone (1985)**, **Richard Heath (1985)**, **Neil Johnson (1985)** and **Myron Zlotnick (1982)** all of whom live in Cape Town. Lance and Patsi would love to hear from their friends at [lancem@salaw.co.za](mailto:lancem@salaw.co.za)

**Michele O’Connor (Donaldson)(1985)** and **Stephen (1984)** are married and living happily in Johannesburg. Michele is the newly appointed manager for Kinesis Logistics in Johannesburg while Stephen is legal advisor for CNA, Johannesburg.

**Charlene Storm (Neilson)(1985)** teaches English in London. She married Breyten in April 2000 and they plan to settle in the UK for the foreseeable future. They enjoy annual jaunts back to good old SA. She would love to hear from other Old Rhodians from her year - especially any Beit girls out there – at [bc@stormcb.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:bc@stormcb.fsnet.co.uk)

**Jane Swain (Moore)(1985)** lives in the UK with her husband Brad and son, Jonathan (3) and works as the corporate website editor for Unilever, based in London. Brad works with a finance leasing company and Jane says Jonathan is thriving at nursery school.

**Lorraine Welman (Latre)(1985)** is married to **Alan (1991)**. They live in New Zealand with their two children. Lorraine is the mental health pharmacist at Palmerston North Hospital and finds the work very rewarding.

**Heidi Wheeler (Power)(1985)** is an independent Strategy and Transformation consultant in Johannesburg.

**Elizabeth Wilson (Casey)(1985)** and Scott have

bought a six-acre property on the outskirts of Gisborne, New Zealand and are growing mandarins and walnuts and running sheep on the paddocks. They have twins of 19 months who are now walking and talking – 24 hour hard work but lots of fun. Are they the first Old Rhodians to see the sun every day?

**Merridy Wright (Pugh)(1985)** runs an artist’s studio/workshop in Hobart, Tasmania from which she sells handmade candles and miniature paintings. She has just completed a postgraduate degree in Psychology. She would love to hear from old Rhodes friends at [merridy.wright@tassie.net.au](mailto:merridy.wright@tassie.net.au)

**Nicky Goodenough (Brent)(1986)** and her husband Patrick have moved from Jerusalem and are now living in the UK where Patrick is the London bureau chief for CNS. They have a son, Benjamin (5) and a baby daughter Hannah who share the same birthday.

**Lynn Green (Moffitt)(1986)** has moved from KwaZulu-Natal to a chicken farm near Pretoria and has enjoyed meeting up with Old Rhodians in Johannesburg. She is the mother of a baby girl, Ashleigh and a 6-year-old son, Luke.

**John Graeme Hayward (1986)** is working as an IT Consultant in Cape Town.

**David (1986)** and **Philippa (Martin)(1986)** Knight live in Ireland, having moved there after two years in Bulgaria. David works for KPMG as a Tax Manager in Financial Services and Philippa is seeking work in the psychology field. They have a baby son, Michael Sean.

**Nicky Louis (Baynes)(1986)** is married to a Johannesburg attorney and has recently had a beautiful baby girl. Although her family takes up a lot of her time, she still contracts as a systems trainer.

**Mzinqaba Mabenge (1986)** obtained an MBChB degree in 1992 at Medunsa. He is a practising doctor and is also at UNISA doing a Masters degree in Business Leadership.

**Jerry Masebelanga (1986)** has been very busy since 1991. He received a BAHons in 1991 and a PDM (Bus Admin) in 1992 from Wits; worked for Gillette S A in 1993; did MBChB from 1994-1999 at Medunsa; an internship in 2000 at Sebokeng Hospital and in 2001 did community service at the Natalspruit Hospital. He was married in November 2000 and has a baby.

**Lisa Orffer (Adcock)(1986)** is married and has a daughter, Taryn-Lee. She lectures diploma and degree courses at Allenby College in Johannesburg.

**Kevin Schaakma (1986)** is a practicing attorney and partner in a law firm in Johannesburg. He would like to hear from Old Rhodian friends at [Kev@Sonderup.co.za](mailto:Kev@Sonderup.co.za)

**Russell Sim (1986)** who ran a karate school at Rhodes is married to Loren. He taught English at Port Rex High in East London for seven years and is now sales and marketing manager for Brokem Pharmaceutical Financial Advisors in Johannesburg. They have a toddler son named Jesse.

**Neil (1986)** and **Colleen (Snedden)(1977)** Oosthuizen have moved to Montroux, Johannesburg with their children Simon and Rebekah. Neil is senior minister at Trinity Methodist Church, Linden.

**Ant Hudson (1987)** moved to Dubai last year to get away from tax (!) and has joined a watch and jewellery chain. He is still working hard and playing harder. He says life in Dubai is great fun; summer weather all year with more than enough to do in the gulf, desert and out on the town.

**Jacqueline Joss (Pilzer)(1987)** is married to Randall and lives in Iowa City, USA. They have two children Sydney (3) and Oliver (almost 1).

**Kevin McCullum (1987)** is an editor at the *Sunday Independent*.

**Marie (Hegarty)(1987)** married **Steve Murphy (1986)** in 1999. Marie taught for several years and

is now a senior computer courseware developer at Crux Technologies. Steve is Financial Director at Bausch & Lomb. They live in a quaint house in Johannesburg with their two cats.

**Alan David Pitt (1987)** was appointed Regional Director of Scripture Union Amatola in March 2000. He is married to Catherine (Chevalier) who is an occupational therapist. They have a daughter, Tegan, and a son, Thomas.

**Judy Geyle Porter (1987)** is married to Andre Marais, who is a patent attorney in Silicon Valley. They have two daughters aged 3 and 1. Judy is currently a full-time mother.

**Iain Scott (1987)** was married to Denise Lindsay in December 2000. Denise is currently writing up her thesis for a PhD in microbiology at Wits. Iain invites all old friends to visit their personal website at [www.geocities.com/iaindenise/](http://www.geocities.com/iaindenise/) or contact him at [iain\\_scott@yahoo.com](mailto:iain_scott@yahoo.com)

**Debbie Segrott (1987)** has her own practice in Rondebosch and is completing an MA in Law. She has three children.

**John Bacsá (1988)** is working in the crystallography section of the Chemistry department at UCT and recently completed a PhD at the University of Witwatersrand.

**Andrew Baillie (1988)** has settled in Nottingham, UK and is married to Debbie, a schoolteacher from Natal.

**Jenny Clogg (1988)** was married in January 2001 to James Shepherd. She runs the Guardrisk office in Cape Town and keeps in touch with a number of Old Rhodians.

**Greg (1988)** and **Gail Cunningham (Gatley) (1975)** send greetings from Sydney, Australia where Greg has recently been awarded a PhD in education. He is the Director of teaching and learning at Barker College (an Anglican independent school) and in his PhD, conducted research on how older adolescents develop critical judgments. His work has generated wide interest in Australia. Gail is also on the staff at Barker College, as the senior Latin teacher while also teaching French and German. She is active in the NSW Classical Teachers Association and has been an examiner in Latin for the NSW Higher School Certificate.

**Sharon Futter (1988)** is the Public Relations Manager at Mass Discounters.

**Nigel Humphrey (1988)** and **Angie (Hulley)(1988)** have two beautiful sons, Alistair, born June 1998 and Kieran, born February 2000. Nigel completed an MSc in clinical psychology in 1997 and is in private practice.

**Janet Matcher (1988)** is doing computer programming for an insurance company after spending two years in the UK.

**Jocelyn Mitchell (1988)** has lived in Connecticut, USA for the last three years and works as a financial analyst for UBS Warburg.

**Lindi (Hayward )(1988)** and **Derek Redfern (1989)** have two children, James and Jessica. Derek is a labour attorney and a partner and director with Shepstone & Wylie Tomslinsons.

**Nina Shand (1988)** completed an MA at Wits after leaving Rhodes in 1993. She does research work on contract and runs a pottery with her husband and three-year-old.

**Pat Garratt (1988)** ) is married to **Ally Ashwell (1992)**. Ally left Kirstenbosch as Head of Education to start as an environmental education consultant in September 1999. Pat is curator of the Two Oceans Aquarium.

**Fiona Snyckers (Fourie)(1988)** gave birth to a daughter, Julia Kathleen in January 2000.

**Grant Stuart (1988)** is a qualified chartered accountant and the financial director of Summerpride Foods in East London. He married Wendy Petzer in August 1999.



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**Glyne Berber (1989)** has lived in London for three years and is doing her articles for chartered accountancy.

**Vanessa Helen Day (Lee)(1989)** married Richard Day on 19 April 2000 in Kloof, South Africa. She is currently the music co-ordinator at an inner London Primary School. She gained UK teaching qualifications in August 1999.

**David Dodd (1989)** and **Janet (Seals)(1992)** are married. David is working at Falconbridge Ventures of Africa with **Nic Fenner (1992)** and **John Astrap (1990)**.

**Simphiwe Dzengwa (1989)** has recently married and has a wonderful son. He graduated MPA in 1996 from the Florida Atlantic University, USA and is back at Rhodes doing the MBA program.

**Tim Gooding (1989)** is in his final year studying chiropractic in Atlanta, Georgia, USA. He is married to Wendy and plans to return to South Africa in 2002 to open up a practice in Johannesburg.

**Janet Hunt (1989)** lived in Zimbabwe for three years and taught at Ruzawi School in Marondera and then went to London for two years. She is now back in Gauteng and teaching Grade Two at Crawford School.

**Phethiwe Matutu (1989)** graduated from UCT in 1999 with a PhD in Mathematics and is a lecturer at Stellenbosch University. She was blessed with a baby girl in April 2000.

**Liam Pedersen (1989)** holds a PhD in robotics from Carnegie Mellon University USA and has helped to create Nomad, a robot which not only autonomously identifies meteorites, but which also may play a significant role in future space travel. He has recently returned from his fourth scientific expedition to Antarctica and has taken up a position with NASA.

**Sajid Rahim (1989)** has moved to Canada where he works for Pepsi on their mainframe applications. He would love to find other Old Rhodians in Toronto and can be contacted at [Sajid.Rahim@ca.pepsi.com](mailto:Sajid.Rahim@ca.pepsi.com)

**Shirlene Siddall (1989)** has been on a six-month secondment to the UK for Deloitte & Touche and attended her first Rhodes reunion in London.

**Susan Smith (Gold)(1989)** is married to **Roger (1987)** and they have two children, Sasha Lee (7) and Tyler (4). Susan teaches at Sandringham High.

**Dirk Sturzebecher (1989)** was awarded a Dr.Ing. (cum laude) in Computer Science in November 2000 in Germany.

**Jennifer Treadwell (1989)** is in San Diego, USA, finishing her teacher's certification. She spent an amazing year in Samoa in the Pacific teaching pre-school and prior to that taught at a private international school in Europe.

## 1990s

**Elizabeth Allardice (Ferreira)(1990)** is married to Colin and they have a baby boy, Joshua. Elizabeth continues to teach.

**Michael Breetzke (1990)** married Jane Buchan in Johannesburg in 1997. Michael works for Price Waterhouse Cooper based in San Jose, California, and travels to Mexico, Singapore and Japan.

**Guy Clarence (1990)** qualified as a chartered accountant in Zimbabwe and is now training auditors to go out and "terrorise commerce" in Lisbon, Portugal. His father, **Michael Powell Clarence (1953)** has retired from teaching and still lives in Bulawayo. His mother **Peggy Patrica Helen Clarence (Fish)(1959)** is also retired and spends time reading and painting.

**Andrew Clark (1990)** works at Reuters and was married in 1998 to Roanne Daniels, an American. He is presently a correspondent on Capitol Hill in Washington DC, reporting on banking reform. He is in touch with **Stuart Johnson (1987)** and **Alastair Johnson (1991)**.

**Antony John Daniels (1990)** lives in Port Elizabeth and is the financial manager of Dimension Data, Eastern Cape. He married Gina Tassan in September 2000.

**Deborah Donkin (Cameron)(1990)** moved to New Zealand in August 1994.

**Susanne Fortina (1990)** is married to Patrick Schomburg and has a son Max (5) and a stepson Gray (10).

**Karen Fuller (1990)** was married to Russell Howes on 25 September 2000 and they live in London, UK.

**Belinda Jackson (1990)** loves living in Hout Bay while working as an SAP consultant in Cape Town. Work periodically takes her to Johannesburg where she catches up with **Angela (Arnott)(1986)** and **Geoff Jennett(1986)** and **Con (1986)** and **Lee(MacDonald) (1985) Olivier**.

**Camilla Victoria Klein (Van Copenhagen) (1990)** has been married to Tom Klein since 1996 and they are living in Connecticut, USA. She works at Citibank in Emerging Markets.

**Anne (Smith) (1990)** and her husband **Mark Midgley (1988)** have relocated to the UK for a few years.

**Annalise Ledebouer (1990)** is now living in the UK and would love to hear from anyone who remembers her.

**Andrea Moller (1990)** is working for the National Institute of Dramatic Art in Sydney.

**Andrew Schultz (1990)** went on to UOFS to do a Masters degree in Town & Regional Planning and is now employed as a Town Planner at BCP Engineers in Maritzburg. He married Rebecca Mills in 1998.

**Steven Spartinos (1990)** qualified as a chartered accountant in 1997 and is working in the investment banking division of Gensec Bank in Johannesburg.

**Kathryn Straughan (Rosmarin)(1990)** lives on a game farm on top of the Soutpansberg mountain and has two beautiful daughters Erinn and Kai.

**Shannon Stephen (McKellar)(1990)** married Adam in April 1999 and is working at the University of Oxford.

**Gillian Tarr (Allwood)(1990)** is married to Gavin and they have a one year-old baby. Gillian runs a B&B/self-catering business in her cottages in Underberg in the Southern Drakensberg after seven years in business and teaching.

**Martin Victor (1990)** has done offshore commercial diving in Nigeria and diver training in Port Nolloth. He asks friends please to email news to him at [flatout2000@hotmail.com](mailto:flatout2000@hotmail.com)

**Diane Watkins (Desvaux de Marigny)(1990)** married Graham, a farmer, in September 1999. Her daughter Sophie is now seven and she is due to have another baby. She is still living in Zimbabwe.

**Teresa Brandt (Muir)(1991)** is living the quiet country life in Fort Beaufort where she owns her own pharmacy. She would love to hear from classmates and friends at email [tbrandt@imagnet.co.za](mailto:tbrandt@imagnet.co.za)

**Charlotte Brierley (1991)** has left Land Rover after three years and has joined the Metropolitan Police where she is undergoing her 18-week training period.

**Edelmiro Iglesias Del Campo (1991)** is still working with the Pescanova Group and has just returned from their USA branch, is now settled in Spain and happy.

**Brad Hale (1991)** and **Tara Richards (1994)** have purchased a flat in London. Brad is an assistant producer for Golf European Tour Productions (TWI), which involves traveling all over the continent and Tara is working in the fine art field for Phillips Auctioneers.

**Mariam Hassen (1991)** completed a BSc(Med) degree in biokinetics and is busy with her

internship. She intends to remain in private practice whilst doing an MSc.

**Beth Houston (1991)** lives in London and works for the American Investment Bank, J.P. Morgan. She would love to hear from her friends at [houstonbeth@hotmail.com](mailto:houstonbeth@hotmail.com)

**Catherine Mayfield (Shone)(1991)** married Stephen in May 2000. Stephen is a marine ecologist and Catherine has specialised in family law.

**Maria McAdam (van Dongen)(1991)** is managing a luxury hunting camp on the Limpopo with her husband **Shane (1990)**, who is a professional hunter. They have two children, a boy and a girl.

**Wendy Meyer (1991)** lives in Benoni and has recently become engaged.

**Cathlin Mulledy (Rumboll)(1991)** married Anthony in July 1999 and they live happily in Ireland. Cathlin will be reading for a Masters in Work & Organisational Psychology through Trinity College, Dublin this year.

**Liesl Nienaber (Opperman)(1991)** married Phillip in September 1999. Liesl is a business development consultant for Discovery Health and Phillip is a sports co-ordinator for Theodor Herzl school.

**Shabnam Noorbhai (Kader)(1991)** is married to a doctor and lives in Nelspruit with their two children (6) and (4). She has recently completed a teaching diploma with London Montessori International and runs her own Montessori nursery and pre-school. She would be delighted to hear from Old Rhodians at PO Box 2169, Nelspruit, 1200.

**Nick Olivari (1991)** has joined Reuters America Inc. as head of the hot stocks team in New York after a four-year stint with Bloomberg in Toronto and New York. He and Susan Lane retain their cottage by the lake in Toronto, though they conclude they may only return there on retirement - if at all. Nick is hoping retirement is "sooner rather than later."

**Leticia Smith (Fortuin)(1991)** was married on 2 October 1999 and has a baby boy, Darren. She lives in Pietermaritzburg.

**Dale Elizabeth Taggart (1991)** lives in London and would like any recent Rhodes students living in London to contact her at [dalekeithc@hotmail.com](mailto:dalekeithc@hotmail.com) or cell: 0944 077 900 75740.

**Alan Welman (1991)** is married to **Lorraine (Latre)(1985)**. They live in New Zealand with their two children.

**Avron Welgemoed (1991)** has moved to the UK.

**Carla Witkin (1991)** obtained her BEd from UNISA in 1998 and teaches in Perth, Australia.

**Janet Allsopp (1992)** completed a Masters in botany at UCT and then worked at the Kirstenbosch Research Centre for two years. She is now working for a consulting company in Johannesburg.

**Ally Nicola Ashwell (1992)** is married to **Pat Garratt (1988)**. Ally left Kirstenbosch as Head of Education to work as an environmental education consultant in September 1999. Pat is curator of the Two Oceans Aquarium.

**Greg Assink (1992)** is a teacher at CBC in Boksburg.

**Brendan Fogarty (1992)** teaches at Bishops Prep School in Cape Town and coaches the UCT u21A rugby side, which has had a very good season.

**Craig Hollinshead (1992)** lives in Zimbabwe and works with UDC Glenrand, in the Finance Division. He enjoys Zimbabwe but also enjoys meeting friends and colleagues from Rhodes around the world. He says, "We're still one of the finest, most social groups of people that I have encountered!"

**Anjanette Haller (1992)** completed her Masters Degree in Botany in Jan 2000, has stayed in Grahamstown and is currently working at Rhodes. She will be married in 2001 to Nigel Barker, a senior lecturer in Botany at Rhodes. Would love to hear from old friends at [A.Haller@ru.ac.za](mailto:A.Haller@ru.ac.za)

**Sharif Hoosen (1992)** is a qualified chartered accountant, working as a merchant banker in the corporate finance division of Rand Merchant Bank.

**Jenny Jordan (1992)** spent two years teaching at Rhenish Girls' High in Stellenbosch and is now the school counsellor and History teacher at Wynberg Girls' High in Cape Town.

**John McKane (1992)** was ordained into the ministry in September 1999 and is the Minister at St Andrews Presbyterian Church in Germiston.

**Alex MacKay (1992)** and his wife **Karen (Walkden-Davis) (1991)** live in Oranjemund, Namibia, where Alex works as a geologist and Karen is a full time mother to their two children. Karen writes," it is a big adjustment not working, but I have the opportunity to "develop my inner/creative self" (other stay-at-home moms will understand!)"

**Lee-Ann McKitterick (1992)** completed a HDE at UCT and teaches Biology at Settlers High School. She sees a large number of Old Rhodians in Cape Town.

**Odet Nevin (1992)** completed her articles with Ernst & Young, Johannesburg, did a short-term secondment with Ernst & Young to Dallas, Texas and is now working for E&Y in Brisbane Australia.

**Richard Pringle (1992)** married **Bronwyn (Barrett)(1993)** in 1996 and they spent a year in Cape Town before returning to Grahamstown. They are both teaching at local schools and the have a baby boy named Matthew.

**Alisdair Wood (1992)** lives in London and works for McKinsey & Company.

**Ismail Mahomed Ali (1993)** has just opened a pharmacy in Pietersburg. Anyone who was in Kimberly Hall between 1993-1997 is welcome to visit.

**Linda Tracey Bater (1993)** qualified as a chartered accountant with KPMG in Harare and recently became engaged to Toby Simpson of the UK. They are both living in Zimbabwe.

**Meggan Brummer (1993)** has spent a year travelling, in South East Asia and India where she studied Tibetan Buddhism, yoga, meditation and alternate therapies. She works as a freelance journalist in Zimbabwe and also teaches yoga and meditation.

**Carolynne Butler (1993)** married Justin Butler, an engineer from Natal University in November 1999. She left retail pharmacy after doing her internship and has joined Innovex SA. She is now involved in all capacities in the pharmaceutical industry.

**Colleen Ferguson (1993)** has immigrated to Australia.

**Robert John Maconachie (1993)** is a trainee currency trader at Deutsche Bank in London. He is engaged to Kelly Goodall of Camps Bay, Cape Town.

**Emmanuel Minas (1993)** lives in Athens, Greece and works as a consultant in the Enterprise Risk Services Division of Deloitte & Touche.

**David Rhys Owen (1993)** is chaplain and head of religious studies at Taunton School, Somerset, UK. He teaches courses on Renaissance and Reformation Thought and New Testament Studies and has lectured in Oxford on the work of Sir Herbert Butterfield and written articles on WE Sangster and Dr Donald English. He would like to hear from other alumni and staff from Divinity at [DRevOwen@aol.com](mailto:DRevOwen@aol.com)

**Emma Rice (1993)** is working for Clifford Chance and is on secondment in Bermuda. She will be writing the N.Y. Bar exams. She writes that **Karl Delport (1992)** has recently obtained a training contract with Cable and Wireless.

**Romuald Rwamamara (1993)** and **Sarah Margaret (Critchley)(1994)** were married in February 1999 and moved to Sweden in August 1999. They are both studying and working.

**Carol Schutz (1993)** is working in the field of public relations at UCT.

**Julia Stephens (1993)** is now a qualified attorney and working in the Intellectual Property field at DM



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Kisch Inc in Johannesburg. She is also half way through studying for her LLM in Intellectual Property.

**Pamela Wright (1993)** is working for Kraft, Jacob, Suchard as marketing assistant for the Middle East and Africa.

**Charles Walters (1993)** is engaged to Catherine Marshall and is working as a professional assistant at Venn, Nemeth and Hart Attorneys Inc. in Pietermaritzburg.

**Kim Loraine Wylie (Armitage)(1993)** is married to Kurt, a qualified chartered accountant.

**Xolani Xundu (1993)** is a local government correspondent for *Business Day*.

**Lindsay Dentlinger (1994)** is a TV News Producer at the Namibian Broadcasting Corporation

**Heather (Newington)(1994)** married **Graham Goode (1997)** in January 1999. They have moved to East London where Graham is an assistant minister at Stirling Presbyterian Church and Heather is lecturing at Rhodes, East London in the Economics department.

**Rory Haschick (1994)** lives in East London and is the general manager of Q-Mel Koi Farm.

**Sarah (Broderick)(1994)** and **Ryan Hewlett (1994)** were married in Johannesburg in April 2000. Ryan is a business analyst with Unilever and Sarah is a project manager within Dimension Data. Both have their Honours degrees through Unisa, Ryan in Management and Sarah in Industrial Psychology.

**Kerrith Mapham (1994)** has moved to Dublin and is working for an e-commerce company called QM4.com. She is keen to re-connect with people from her TV Journ class of 1997 and can be contacted at: [kerrith@dublin.com](mailto:kerrith@dublin.com)

**Nqobile Nyathi (1994)** joined the *Zimbabwean Financial Gazette* in February 1997 as a reporter and was promoted to Business News Editor in January 1999.

**Rosemary Ann Payne (1994)** is working as a laboratory chemist for Aspen Pharmacare in East London.

**Brendan Peacock (1994)** works as an editorial assistant for TechNews, a technical publishing company in Durban.

**Vusumuzi Radebe (1994)** was appointed assistant director of administration at the Highveld Ridge TLC, and married Te Tshabalala in March 2000.

**Asha Roshni Ramdenee (Bheenick)(1994)** is married and working as a pharmacist in Mauritius.

**Peter van’t Hoogerhuys (1994)** lives in London and works for British Airways as a network engineer.

**Xolisa Vapi (1994)** works as a political journalist.

**Kirsten Wells (van Schalkwijk)(1994)** had a baby girl, Caitlin Jane, in October, a sister for brother Dylan.

**Michelle Yates (1994)** is married, has two sons and lives in the UK. She has wonderful memories of Rhodes and has decided to return to study after six years.

**Kirsten Bowden (1995)** is working for the BBC in London.

**Nicolette Campbell (1995)** has been awarded the Manuel Lopez-Rey studentship for study towards an MPhil degree at Cambridge University and is adapting to life in England, as is her cat, recently released from quarantine.

**Monique Chelin (1995)** has a BScHons (Environmental Geology) from Natal University (1998) and is completing an Msc (Applied Science) at Pretoria University. She is an environmental management consultant for Iscor Mining.

**Sanjay Daya (1995)** lives in Cape Town and asks that ex-Gold Fields guys visit his website [www.homestead.com/oldfields](http://www.homestead.com/oldfields) and give him their contact details.

**Patrick Demana (1995)** completed an MA in Pharmaceutics and is now busy with his PhD at the University of Otago, New Zealand, in the field of transdermal drug delivery.

**Unathi Malunga (1995)** has been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship and is reading for a Masters in Entertainment Law at UCLA Los Angeles.

**Vuyiswa Cynthia Mfundisi (1995)** is now living in Cala. She is doing her final year BPrimEd through UNISA.

**Sithembile Ndwanja (1995)** works as an electrical assistant for Telkom in Durban.

**Adrian Raath (1995)** is doing articles at Pearce, Lister and Co. in Durban.

**Gary Rabie (1995)** passed his Board exams and is working in Johannesburg.

**Gill Victor (1995)** recently started a strategic communications business in Cape Town, specialising in event management. She asks any old friends to contact her at [gillvictor@hotmail.com](mailto:gillvictor@hotmail.com)

**Susan Young (Thurman)(1995)** married **Chris (1995)** in 1997. After working in Johannesburg for a year, they moved to London, where Susan works as a copywriter for Draft Worldwide, a leading advertising agency, and Chris works in the photographic industry. They are making plans to transfer to Chicago, USA, with their respective companies.

**Kim Coetzee (1996)** has moved to London where she says the weather is terrible. She is missing old friends and would love for them to contact her at [kimzee@talk21.com](mailto:kimzee@talk21.com)

**Julie Dennison (1996)** became engaged to Clinton Hendricks (Jim) and works in London.

**Ilda Jacobs (1996)** is working as a journalist for Matheson Communications in Washington DC.

**Kathryn Kenyon (1996)** has been teaching and working as a hostel mother in Nigel and has now relocated to London.

**Will Mbang (1996)** writes with OR news from St John’s College in Zimbabwe where he teaches and where over 70% of the staff are Old Rhodians! He shares a house with **Gary Beresford-Miller (1996)** and **Dawn Holmes (1995)** who also teach at St. John’s. **Dave Samuels (1995)** is running his father’s Pressings & Mould business in Harare, and is an “honorary” digsmate at Will & Gary’s house. Will runs a sports consultancy business to supplement his teacher’s salary, with **David Lundgren (1996)** serving in an advisory capacity. David has recently left Zimbabwe for the USA and intends working on a cruise ship as a fitness expert or musician. **Sikhumbuzo Ngwenya (1994)** has recently joined the staff at St John’s. **Christie Martin (1996)** teaches at St. John’s Prep School and **Chiko Chitsike (1996)** is on a management trainee programme with Standard Bank.

**Moabi Nyokong (1996)** seeks contact from ArbSoc friends at [moabi.nyokong@impress.com](mailto:moabi.nyokong@impress.com)

**Katherine Andrews (1997)** has immigrated to Vancouver, Canada and hopes to study further there. She would like to make contact with other Old Rhodians in Canada or on the North American west coast.

**Cheryl Court (Dell) (1997)** and her sons are living in Nova Scotia where she practices community pharmacy.

**Nkwenkwezi Languza (1998)** graduated from Music Honours and then obtained a Diploma in Basic Sound Engineering. He is presently working for *e-TV* as a sound engineer for the morning news.

**Carmen Aring (1999)** works as a pharmacist in the Research & Development Department of J & J in Switzerland.

## SA Sports

Ros Parker from Sports Administration has issued a request for all those Old Rhodians who have represented South Africa in any sport, to contact her office to ensure that Rhodes has their name. Ros can be contacted at:

R.Parker@ru.ac.za  
Tel (046) 603 8366  
Fax (046) 622 9704

# Notification of death

*Oscar Gordon Tarboton (1924)*  
*Mary Gwyneth McGaffin (1924)*  
*Marjorie (Madge) Money Kilgour Stormont (1925)*  
*Dr NR Schindler (1925)*  
*Mary Robbie Thorp (McNaughton)(1928)*  
*Lewis Henry Gericke (1929)*  
*Connie Fletcher (McGlashan)(1929)*  
*Esmonde Errol Smith (1929)*  
*Grace Margaret Rushmere (Weir)(1929)*  
*Monte B. Shapiro (1929)*  
*Keith Skelton Vaughan (1931)*  
*Eric Berry Edney (1931)*  
*Ida Lorna Nurse (Shand)(1932)*  
*Herbert William (Bill) Scott (1934)*  
*Phyllus Mabel May O’Shea (Bloomfield)(1935)*  
*Robert Desmond Gillespie (1935)*  
*Malcolm D Hutton (1936)*  
*Frederick Guy Butler (1936)*  
*Thomas Lodewijk “Pluto” Webb (1937)*  
*Hon Grad*  
*Garth SC Cochrane (1939)*  
*Sybil Mary Dowthwaite (1940)*  
*Janet Dorothy Vauquin (Stewart)(1940)*  
*George Edward Balthuser von Hoesslin (1940)*  
*Frederick Simon Berning (1941)*  
*Mr CM Zartz (1942)*  
*Stanley Frame Allen (1943)*  
*Miss EM Rogers (1943)*  
*Michael John Metelerkamp (1943)*  
*Donald W Wright (1943)*  
*Thomas Gerald Taylor (1943)*  
*Maureen Annette Mercer (Saunders)(1944)*  
*Albert Coates (1945)*  
*Rev BBW Jones (1945)*  
*Richard “Dick” Eastcourt Lay (1946)*  
*Isaac Goldberg (1946)*  
*AJ Beresford Manning (1946)*  
*Michael Francis Hanley (1946)*  
*Martha Elizabeth Greeff (Schoeman)(1946)*  
*Graham Boug Fyfe (1946)*  
*Clifford Henry Taylor (1947)*  
*Leon Michau (1947)*  
*Lorraine Yvonne Brighton (Warren)(1947)*  
*Alan George Rishworth Walter (1947)*  
*Hermanus Haye (1948)*  
*Tom Cameron Knowles (1948)*  
*Jennifer Ann Evered Smith (Poole)(1948)*  
*Muriel Anne Staude (Ryall)(1949)*  
*Leo Melville (1949)*  
*Peter DG Anschutz (1951)*  
*Lucas G Erasmus (1951)*  
*James Andrew Walker (1952)*  
*Mr KG Armstrong (1953)*  
*Findlay Dion Hamilton (1953)*  
*Arthur Francis George Cotton (1954)*  
*Patrick J Herley (1954)*  
*John A Hewson (1955)*  
*Edward Mokawem (1955)*  
*Peter Stoker (1955)*  
*Geoffrey Steward Woods (1957)*  
*Joan M Marshall (1957)*  
*Ronald Reeve-Johnson (1958)*  
*John (AJL) Dickson (1958)*  
*Mrs EM Creighton (Wilmot)(1958)*  
*Pauline Winifred Bam (Wiles)(1962)*  
*Ruth Edgecombe (1963)*  
*Harry Frederick Oppenheimer (1965)*  
*Hon Grad*  
*Johann A Redelinghuys (1966)*  
*Moirra Nell Abbott (1966)*  
*Jeff A Chandler (1967)*  
*Barney B Waters (1972)*  
*Claude C Cawood (1973)*  
*David B Kruger (1976)*  
*Charmaine McLaren (Kasner)(1974)*  
*Dr VE Solomon (1974)*  
*Ian MacKenzie (1975) Hon Grad*  
*John Archie Graham Black (1977)*  
*Lucy Buyaphi Mvubelo (1981) Hon Grad*  
*Coletane Catherine Markham (1982)*  
*Allen Ernest Burmeister (1984)*  
*Mary Cathrine Allen (Bollis)(1987)*  
*Cyril Lincoln Sibusiso Nyembezi (1988)*  
*Hon Grad*  
*Tebogo Patrick Dhlamini (1989)*  
*Alexander McGregor (1995) Hon Grad*  
*Willem H Welling (1996) Hon Grad*  
*Christopher Moeketsi Mosia (1997)*  
*Conrad Dylan Cambray (1998)*

# Obituaries

## Marjorie Money Kilgour Stormont (1925)

(Tribute by *Ann Waugh(1955)*)

Madge, as she was known to her friends) died on 2 July 2000. At the age of 95, though blind and deaf, her mind was still sharp, her comments witty and acerbic, her council wise for those who asked her advice.

Her parents came to Blythswood Mission station at Lovedale in the Eastern Cape in 1880. The Church of Scotland funded the mission and her father, Dr Stormont, was its fifth principal. She was born at the station on 7 Feb 1905. Madge was educated initially with the small black children and her only regret was that in the first grade, she was hampered in the Arithmetic class because she had to wear shoes and socks – she could only count to ten on her fingers while her classmates had their toes as well! After matriculating, she attended Rhodes and graduated in 1928, majoring in English and French. She taught initially at Blythswood, then Ellerslie in Sea Point, East London High School, Pearson High in Port Elizabeth, King William’s Town Training College and finally, at Grahamstown Training College. Many of her students made their mark in the education field and one of her pupils from the 1930’s, Nerina Mathie, and her devoted friend from Training College, Phyllis Dell, were at her side when she died. She served as the Chairman of the Red Cross for 10 years where she did sterling work. While at Red Cross she established a finance committee, helped trace missing persons and ran the ambulance service, which involved working all hours of the day and night. Her initiative and hard work helped to make the tearoom in the Botanical Gardens such a success. The project closest to her heart was the Gladys Williams Creche. She helped the Sevenfountains clinic for nearly 20 years and her dedication earned her the *Red Cross Meritorious Service Award*. In her nineties, she looked back on life and, although troubled by problems caused by ageing, she pronounced life good.

## Esmonde Errol Smith (1929)

(Obituary from the *District Post*)

The former Surveyor-General of the Cape Province, Esmonde Errol Smith has passed away at Mountview Frail Care.

Mr Smith retired to Somerset West in 1975. He was born in Pietermaritzburg on 24 June, 1910, the ninth child in a family of attorneys. Mr Smith broke from the family tradition and studied at Rhodes University to become a Land Surveyor. He served in the Surveyors Department of the South African Railways and joined the Surveyor Company in the Army at the beginning of World War II, serving in North Africa and Italy.

Mr Smith married Noreen Johnston in 1938 and was an active sportsman playing golf and bowls at the Somerset West Country Club.

## Eric Berry Edney (1931)

(Obituary by his wife, *Gwen Edney*)

Dr Eric Edney died in Vancouver, Canada on 28 May 2000. He graduated from Rhodes with a BSc in 1933. For most of his working life he was in universities – a Reader in England and Professor of Zoology in Zimbabwe and California. His research field was in insect ecology with particular regard to adaptation to extreme environments such as deserts.

He is survived by his wife, son and daughter.

## May O'Shea (1935)

(Obituary from the *False Bay Echo*)

May died on 15 November 2000. She was one of twins born on 20 October 1915 at Heilbron in the Orange Free State. The family moved to Leribe, then Basutoland, and her amusing memories of their unusual upbringing are portrayed in her book *Bloomie*. After completing a fine arts course at Rhodes, she moved to Johannesburg to her first job with artist, Ernst Ullman. She wrote the book *The Picture Game* about her experiences and the amusing and interesting people she met. In 1941, she married Paul Dallamore but, after his tragic death in 1943, she found herself alone with a seven-month-old daughter, Diana. She then turned to commercial art and met and married Brian O’Shea and they continued to live in Johannesburg for 30 years. They had two children, Shelagh and Brian. When her husband Brian retired in 1974, they moved and lived for a number of years in Fish Hoek, where May was a longstanding member of the Fish Hoek Art Society. She gave many demonstrations and was a sought-after art teacher and still giving lessons at the age of 85. She held five solo exhibitions and many of her paintings have landed in various private collections in eight different countries and have been used on calendars and Reader’s Digest covers. May is survived by three children, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



# Obituaries

## Frederick Guy Butler (1936)

*(Tribute by Mary Burnett (1969))*

Professor Emeritus Guy Butler, teacher, poet, champion of South African literature, friend to many, died in Grahamstown on 26 April 2001 after a short illness. He was a Professor in the department of English at the University from 1952 to 1986 and head of the department for much of that time.

His impact on Rhodes University was extraordinary. His conviction that South African English needed to be nurtured and dignified led to the foundation of a number of departments and institutes at Rhodes. These include the departments of English Language and Linguistics, Drama, Journalism & Media Studies, the National English Literary Museum and the Institute for the Study of English in Africa.

“Guy was a tremendously vivifying human being. He had a particular skill in inspiring others and finding out what they were good at. He had an exacting intellect and was never one to accede to easy dogmas. He always saw that issues were more complicated than they might appear”, said Professor Laurence Wright, a former student, colleague and now Director of the Institute for the Study on English in Africa (ISEA). “He was a champion of African and South African literature in the curriculum long before others entertained the idea. He was a brilliant teacher and will be remembered thus by generations of students.”

Many friends and colleagues remember Guy as a man with a tremendous sense of humour and fun and a great talent for friendship. In this he was aided by his wife **Jean (Satchwell)(1937)**, with whom he made an hospitable home at “High Corner” on Grahamstown’s High street, just across the road from the Drostdy Gate, the entrance to Rhodes University.

“Guy was a fantastic head of department, a benevolent dictator who had complete faith in his staff”, said Professor Emeritus Don MacLennan. “He and I shaped the first ever course in South African literature offered at a South African university. He held things together and his great energy and willpower carried people along with him. He viewed the cosmos with wonder and amazement, awe and perhaps reverence for the way that all kinds of things work. The universe was a wonderful and challenging place for him.”

Dr Derek Henderson, former Vice-Chancellor of Rhodes University noted that “He had played a vital role in establishing what is now the Grahamstown Foundation, in recognition of which he was made Honorary Life Vice-President of the Foundation. His vision and drive was largely instrumental in the building of the 1820 Settlers National Monument, home of the National Festival of the Arts.”

Guy is survived by his wife, Jean and adult children David, Jane, Christopher and Patrick. The university, the city of Grahamstown and those who value literature, the expression of ideas with integrity and vigour and the enjoyment of all that life has to offer will remember Guy Butler with gratitude.

## Thomas Lodewijk “Pluto” Webb (1937) DSc (Hon causa 1985)

*(From a tribute given at his funeral by Mr Roy Page-Shipp)*

After graduating from Rhodes in 1939 Pluto Webb spent most of World War 2 in the Signal Corps. After the war he joined the National Building Research Institute of the CSIR becoming Director in 1959, a post he was to grace for 21 years, until 1980. He took up a special chair at UNISA upon retirement. Pluto liked to refer to himself as the ‘illegitimate father’ of the Agrément Board of SA. Agrément in South Africa focuses on ensuring that technological innovations relating to housing are viable despite their lack of literal conformance to prescriptive building regulations. His achievements in the building industry brought him prominence and recognition in South Africa and abroad.

As a colleague, Pluto had a lively sense of humour, a love of language and the mental agility to make the most of these. He could be both amusing and penetrating. After an urban planning conference on idlers sleeping on the hallowed lawns of Church Square, Pluto expressed the view that Urban Planning should concern itself more with the plight of idle bodies with nowhere to go, rather than busybodies with nothing better to do!

He is survived by his three daughters Jean, Kathy and Sheila.

## Isaac Goldberg (1946)

*(Obituary by his son, Ed Goldberg (1970))*

Isaac Goldberg passed away on the 16 July 2000. He was born in Lithuania on 1 February 1925 and arrived in South Africa in about 1930. He attended Muir College, where he was a top athlete, involved in rugby, boxing and athletics. In 1942, after lying about his age, he volunteered with the South African Forces and saw action in the Middle East, Sicily, Italy and Yugoslavia. After returning to South Africa, he did a BSc at Rhodes,

majoring in Geology in 1948. In his final Chemistry exam he obtained 100% and even managed to find two mistakes in the exam! He also represented Rhodes in several sports. In 1949 he married Jenny Flax and moved to Zimbabwe. In 1950, he was admitted as a Member of the Institution of Mining and Metallurgy in London, England. In 1957, he was awarded his PhD in economic Geology from the University of London. He returned to Zimbabwe in 1958 and went on to have a long and distinguished career as a geologist. He was a world expert in his field, writing many important papers on geology, mining and gemstones.

He is survived by his three children and six grandchildren.

## Michael “Mike” Francis Hanley (1946)

*(Obituary from The Australian)*

Mike Hanley was born in Aliwal North on 30 March 1925 and died in Geelong, Victoria, Australia on 20 July 2000. Despite a slight weakness in vision caused by a childhood accident, Mike became a vigorous and successful all-round athlete during his school days at St. Andrew’s College, Grahamstown. Early in 1943, he enlisted in the field artillery unit of the 6<sup>th</sup> South African Armoured Division and served in a tank crew in Egypt and Italy. He graduated from Rhodes with an arts degree, having captained the athletics team for three years, in addition to rowing, swimming, rugby, hockey, cricket and squash. Hanley taught at Queen’s College, Queenstown from 1950 to 1955. He met his future wife Claire, and they moved to Australia in 1958, settling in Melbourne. After gaining a degree in education from the University of Melbourne he moved in 1963 to Timbertop, the mountain branch of Geelong Grammar School in Victoria. He became the focus of the world’s media when, in October 1965, it was announced that Prince Charles would be attending Geelong Grammar School in Victoria. It was decided for a variety of reasons, including its comparative remoteness from the gaze of press and public that the Prince should be at Timbertop. Hanley worked at Timbertop until 1968, teaching English and geography for 15 years. He retired in 1982.

He is survived by Claire, three sons and eight grandchildren.

## Alan George Rishworth Walter (1947)

*(Obituary from SA Pharmaceutical Journal)*

Alan passed away on 13 June 2000. He was born on 2 October 1929 and obtained a BSc at Rhodes and qualified as a Pharmacist at the Port Elizabeth Technical College in 1953. He was elected to the PSSA committee in 1954 and remained a member until 1996. In 1962, he was elected as Chairman of the Cape Midlands Branch and became the youngest President ever of the PSSA. He became a Director of East Cape Pharmaceuticals in 1971 and was Chairman of the Board of Directors from 1980 to 1997. Alan initiated and was the founder of the Cape Midlands Checking Services, which later became Medikredit (Pty) Ltd. His entire career was spent in the service of pharmacy and he had a passion for the profession that never wavered. He served as an external examiner at Rhodes and was the representative for the Minister of Health on the Technikon Council for many years.

In his retirement he pursued his many interests ranging from music to sport to things mechanical. He passionately restored a vintage Sunbeam Talbot. All who were privileged to have known him will sadly miss his valued friendship and advice, his quick wit and cheerful humour.

He is survived by his wife Mary, Andrew, Gaye, Stephen and Lauren.

## Tom Cameron Knowles (1948)

*(Obituary from the E.P. Herald and Grocott’s Mail)*

Tom Knowles was born in Maclear in the Eastern Cape in 1931, son of farmer Bryan Knowles and his wife Hilda. He was educated at Maclear junior school and Queen’s College, Queenstown. He studied at Rhodes for two years and then joined the post-war R.A.F. in 1950. In August 1952 he crashed and was injured, while flying a Vampire jet in Wales. He returned to South Africa in 1953 and played a leading role in the formation of the paraplegic movement. In 1961 Tom Knowles pushed his wheelchair from Pretoria to Durban in the space of two weeks, thus helping to bring about the South African Paraplegic Games Association. Tom Knowles was the first director of publicity for Grahamstown and he also served as president of the Grahamstown Chamber of Commerce. He started the successful travel agency named Tom Tits, which has now become GBS Travel.

Among his many interests was ecology and wildlife and he was instrumental in the development of the Thomas Baines nature reserve. He initiated the transfer of the two white rhino from Natal, and the surviving rhino bears the name of Tom.

He is survived by his brothers Richard and Robin and sisters Jill and Elizabeth.

## Leo Melville (1949)

*(Obituary from Stainless Steel)*

Leo Melville died suddenly on 13 April 2000. Leo was born in Trinidad, went to school in Canada and later finished his schooling at King Edward in Johannesburg. After qualifying in geology at Rhodes University and a short stint working in Canada he attended Cambridge University where, in addition to reading for a higher degree in Natural Sciences (Metallurgy), he was awarded his Blue for both swimming and squash.

## Findlay Dion Hamilton (1953)

*(Obituary by his wife, Mize Hamilton)*

Dion Hamilton passed away on 27 April 2000, after being stricken by a malignant melanoma.

He completed a BCom at Rhodes in 1957 and often spoke fondly of his student days at Rhodes University. From 1962 to 1982 he lived in Beira, Mozambique where he was the MD of Manica Freight Services.

Dion was a very good pilot and also a brilliant skydiver. He was, in every sense of the word, a very gentle humane being, generous and with a good sense of humour. He will be sadly missed by all of us.

## Patrick J Herley (1954)

*(Obituary from Newsday.com)*

Patrick Herley, an engineer and chemistry professor at the State University at Stony Brook for nearly 30 years died on 7 Nov 2000. Patrick Herley was described as a very outgoing person. He and his wife were originally from South Africa where he earned his undergraduate degree and doctorate at Rhodes. He moved on to England, where he received another doctorate in physical chemistry from the Imperial College at the University of London before joining the faculty at SUNY-Stony Brook. He leaves his wife **Daveen (Hodges)(1955)**.

## Arthur Francis George Cotton (1954)

*(Obituary from Grocott’s Mail)*

Arthur Cotton died on 14 June 2000. He had served as Headmaster of St Andrew’s College from 1981-1993. Educated in Natal and at Rhodes University, Arthur was a highly respected physics teacher, co-author of a science textbook and a man of vision. He had a long and distinguished teaching career at prominent independent schools, including Kingswood College and Michaelhouse. He commanded respect from peers and scholars alike and had a fine sense of humour, unusual insight and forthrightness. In his spare time he exercised his photographic skills on bird-watching trips. After his departure from St Andrew’s, he joined the ORT STEP Institute in Johannesburg as a technology specialist and was responsible for organising and training of teachers in this field and setting up technology education programmes in township schools. He became CEO of the Institute and was responsible for the establishing of satellite branches throughout South Africa. Arthur Cotton will be remembered for his scientific endeavours, pioneering educational initiatives, excellent leadership, humanity, intellect and his devotion to his family.

## Edward Mokawem (1955)

*(Obituary by Neil Papenfus (1955))*

Eddie Mokawem died on 18 June 2000 after a long illness. He involved himself in many aspects of Rhodes. He played first team rugby and table tennis and was Secretary of the Drostdy Hall House Committee. He retired from Syfrets in the early nineties where he was a General Manager in charge of finance. Until his untimely death he was an active member of Rotary, The Community Chest, Springfield Convent and his church.

## John (AJL) Dickson (1958)

*(Obituary by his sister, Jane Dickson (1958))*

John Dickson has died, aged 60, on 2 April this year in Durban, after a short illness. He and his wife, Glenys (née Rees, who was at the Grahamstown Teacher Training College) had three children. Admitted as an Advocate of the Supreme Court, Cape Town in 1964, John worked initially as a Judge’s Registrar. Having decided against practising Law, he joined the Board of Executors Group in 1966, moving to Natal in 1981 as MD of BOE Natal. After taking early retirement in 1995, he practised as a Financial Services Consultant until his untimely death.

John was a generous, caring man with a deep sense of commitment to his family and the wider community. He gave freely of his time and expertise to numerous organisations, ranging from his local church and schools, to the Natal Technikon, KZN Institute of Directors and the South African Institute for International Affairs (SAIIA). He enjoyed life to the full, and was known for his perceptive and wry sense of humour. A keen sportsman, he represented both Eastern and Western Provinces at hockey, as well as

touring Europe with an SA Varsity team. He was also a long-distance and cross-country runner.

**Brian Clarke (1940)** said of John “He has left behind a distinguished track record that will permanently enrich and influence the future conduct of so many of us who were fortunate to have made contact with him in various fields of endeavour.”

## Pauline Winifred Bam (Wiles)(1962)

*(Obituary from Knysna-Plett Herald)*

Pauline Bam died in August 2000, a woman of many talents though her overriding characteristics were her kindness and sensitivity, which showed in her love of all living things. She was a real animal lover and a stalwart worker for the Animal Welfare Society. Pauline’s caring nature extended to all people in need and she was very involved in work for the Street Children. Pauline was born in Potchefstroom and was educated at the Collegiate School for Girls in PE before attending Rhodes where she obtained a BA degree. She followed this with an Advanced Secretarial Course in London, where she met her husband, Theo, who for some years ran a dental practice in Knysna. The couple settled on Leisure Isle 25 years ago. Pauline became an artist in her own right alongside others of the well-known Wiles painting family. Pauline became the owner of the Brian Wiles Gallery on Leisure Isle, the oldest gallery in the area and the early focal point in the development of Knysna as a leading art centre in this country. Pauline was essentially a private, family person with a gentle nature. Her intelligence and humour, integrity and interest in other people, marked her as a person of great sensitivity. She leaves her mother Lucy, husband Theo and sister Jane.

## Ruth Edgecombe (1963)

*(Obituary from Natal Witness)*

Professor Ruth Edgecombe died in Pietermaritzburg on 28 January 2001. She was a noted academic and civic campaigner. Educated in Port Elizabeth, she took her degrees up to master’s level at Rhodes, before reading for a doctorate at Cambridge, which she completed in 1976. Returning to South Africa, she first worked at Unisa before joining the department of history on the Pietermaritzburg campus of the University of Natal in 1979. In the mid-nineties she became interested in environment history. At the time of her death she was working in the Centre for Environment and Development (Cead) at the university and also collaborating in a book of conference papers. Ruth Edgecombe possessed a rare ability to encourage and motivate students. She served for many years on the committee of the Scottsville Ratepayers’ Association, which she also chaired. She was a great lover of animals and a supporter of the SPCA. She leaves her partner of 25 years Nicole Geslin, mother Lillian and two surviving brothers.

## Harry Oppenheimer (1965) Hon Grad

*(Taken from various obituaries)*

Harry Oppenheimer, internationally known and respected businessman whose name was synonymous with diamonds, died on 19 August 2000 at the age of 91. He was born in Kimberley on October 28 1908, attended primary school in Johannesburg and completed his education in England before returning to South Africa to join the Anglo American Corporation, which his father founded in 1917. Oppenheimer was both chairman of Anglo American and De Beers for more than a quarter of a century. The Chairman’s Fund in which he was intimately involved contributed millions to education in South Africa. Among his efforts at social upliftment, his contribution to education ranks as one of the best. He also established the Ernest Oppenheimer Memorial Trust as a vehicle for the family’s charitable works. Following the Soweto uprising in 1976, Oppenheimer helped establish the Urban Foundation, which was dedicated to improving the social and industrial environment for urban black South Africans. Thabo Mbeki said of him “Ever the gentleman and a man of deep conviction and compassion, Mr Oppenheimer’s life serves as an inspirational example for all”.

He leaves his wife Bridget, daughter, Mary, son Nicholas, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

## Jeff E. Chandler (1967)

*(Obituary from Mercury The Good Life and Sunday Tribune Magazine)*

Jeff died in September 2000 after an unfortunate accident. He was born in 1947 in Molteno, East Cape. was educated at Dale College and studied fine art at Rhodes, where he completed a MFA in 1975 and took up a lecturing post at Technikon Natal in 1977. He was senior lecturer there at the time of his death. He was President of NSA for three years and from the early 90’s he was in charge of NSA’s outreach and art training programmes and in 1993 became president of the South African Association of Arts. He firmly believed that “We need to establish an artistic value system that is democratic and benefits the most people”. His passion for writing led to the formation



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of Gdunk, Venture and NSA's Newsart, which is now one of the leading fine art publications in South Africa, largely due to Jeff's courage and energy to find sponsorship. He was also a highly respected critic for *The Sunday Tribune*. In a tribute to Jeff, close friend John Roome said, "Jeff was a sensitive, talented, insightful and intelligent man who hated mediocrity. He was a totally committed educator who had high expectations".

Jeff leaves his wife, artist Pascale Chandler and a son, Claude, aged 10.

## David B Kruger (1973)

*(Tribute by John Frame (1973))*

David attended Churchill Boys High, Salisbury, Rhodesia and decided with John Frame to apply to attend Rhodes to do Commerce. He was resident in Walker House. David is best remembered by his business acumen in setting up a very lucrative "bottle shop" in the residence, the profits keeping him in funds throughout the year.

After leaving Rhodes he went back to Zimbabwe to start his Chartered Accountant articles. These were interrupted when he was called up into the Territorial Army, where he became a Corporal. He used to play his bagpipes in the bush with awesome effect. Unfortunately in 1976, after a series of "fire-fights" he was killed along with several other of his men when the evacuation vehicle hit a land mine.

## Charmaine McLaren (Kasner)(1974)

*(Obituary by Ian McLaren (1974) and Gwenda Euvrard (Day)(1974))*

On 6 January 2000 Charmaine McLaren died of a heart attack at the age of 44, whilst rescuing two people from drowning at Nature's Valley. Charmaine, who was hailed as a heroine in the national press, died as she had lived: efficiently helping others. Always fit and energetic, she did not hesitate when she spotted the couple in distress in a remote spot. Dispatching members of her party to get help, she entered the sea where she was able to contain the situation until further help arrived, and both drowning victims were saved. Charmaine's death moments later left family and friends shocked.

In her time at Rhodes, Charmaine did a BA (English and Psychology) and an HDE. With her usual enthusiasm she threw herself into varsity life. She was a keen member of the first women's rowing team, very active in the re-establishment of the SRC on campus in the mid-seventies, senior student of St Mary Hall, and later warden of Phelps House. She made many enduring friendships. Charmaine met her husband, Ian McLaren, at Rhodes. They have two daughters, Bronwen (18) and Megan (15). Charmaine taught Guidance and English before moving to pre-school teaching and at the time of her death was the much loved principal of The Hill Pre-Primary school in Cape Town. Professionally she was well known for her dedication to education and her community involvement: constantly seeking to share life's blessings, she actively forged links with less privileged schools.

Charmaine's special loves included people, children and their art, her home and garden, food preparation, old Cabernet, "sê-goed", movies, books, music, flowers, showing the way, Kirstenbosch, Clifton's 4th beach, Nature's Valley and Grahamstown. Her favourite comment was: "Another beautiful day in Africa". She loved the mountains, and especially the sea. After her body was brought to the beach, the rain came and released the forest smells she so loved, and a rainbow appeared over Nature's Valley - an African blessing.

## Ian Mackenzie (1975) Hon Grad

*(Obituary from Grocott's Mail)*

Dr Ian Mackenzie passed away on 31 January 2000 at his home in Johannesburg. He was Chancellor of Rhodes University from 1977 to 1990.

Dr Mackenzie devoted himself untiringly to the welfare of Rhodes over 14 years. He was described by his colleague, Dr. Henderson, as "something approximating fairly closely to that thermodynamic improbability – the perpetual motion machine". He was a valuable and much appreciated member of the Board of Governors. In 1975 Ian Mackenzie was awarded an honorary doctorate in Law by the university. He displayed a tremendous interest in all aspects of Grahamstown and will always be remembered by many as the enthusiastic conductor of the Teddy Bears Picnic at the annual graduation garden party!

Dr Mackenzie is survived by his wife Anne, and children John, Ian, Mary-Anne and Jane, as well as numerous grandchildren.

## John Archie Graham Black (1977)

*(Obituary by John Frame (1973))*

Archie began his life on a farm in Zimbabwe. After finishing school, he was called up for military service

and elected to do this in the British South African Police. In 1977 he came to Rhodes where he did a BCom, resident in Walker House.

He took his family to live in Perth in 1987 where he worked as an IT Manager in a multi-national company with **John Frame (1973)**. He was seconded to London where he installed a state-of-art computerised telephone ticketing system to service 12 West End Theatres.

After an acute illness earlier last year, in which he demonstrated extreme bravery, he passed away. Archie was a dedicated family man and adored his children.

## Lucy Buyaphi Mvubelo (1981) Hon Grad

*(Obituary from Business Day)*

Lucy Mvubelo died in November 2000. Mvubelo, known as "LM" to friends, will be remembered by many as a feisty trade unionist who paved the way for women in what was then a hostile trade union environment, particularly for black women. Her life was dedicated to workers' rights, which she viewed as distinct from the politics of the day. She was very involved in the community and was a member of the Women for Peace organisation and a staunch member of the Methodist church.

Mvubelo was voted Woman of the Year by the *World* newspaper in 1975 and in 1981 Rhodes bestowed an honorary doctorate on her.

## Coletane Markham (1982)

*(Obituary from the Sowetan Sunday World)*

Coletane was born on May 20 1963, and educated at Maruapula in Gaborone, Botswana and at St Barnabus' College in Johannesburg. She obtained a degree in Journalism at Rhodes, Honours in African studies from Wits and a Masters in Sociology from Leeds University. She worked for the *Labour Bulletin* and lectured for a while at the University of the Western Cape, also holding a position at the Catholic Institute in Booyens, Johannesburg. Coletane joined the *Sowetan* in 1995.

Coletane was strong, forthright, fearless, opinionated, feisty and refused to compromise. She was self-critical, had a keen sense of humour and firmly believed that you must never betray a confidence and always be honest. She was very progressive in her ideas on politics, religion and women's issues. A keen sportswoman, she competed in marathons and relays. She is survived by her parents, a brother and a sister.

## Allan Ernest Burmeister (1984)

*(Obituary from Daily Dispatch)*

Allen who died at the age of 53, was well known to Border school children as a friend and educator. Educated at Butterworth High School, Rhodes University and Graaff Reinet Teacher Training College, he taught at Umtata and Transkei high schools and at Beaconshurst Primary and was also headmaster at Lilyfontein Primary School.

He was consulted by visiting historians for his knowledge of the Eastern Cape. He was seconded to the East London Museum as an education officer and because of his rich teaching background, he had the knowledge of children and the ability to impart knowledge in a manner acceptable to pupils. Museum Director Gill Vernon said "Allan was more than just a hard and intelligent worker, he had great initiative and was able to combine his educational experience with the qualities necessary in this particular museum post. Allan was most knowledgeable about the Eastern Cape, and was particularly versed in the history of his own home area Centane."

Allan Burmeister is survived by his wife and four children.

## Mary Cathrine Allen (Bollis)(1987)

*(Obituary from Grocott's Mail)*

Mary Allen died suddenly in January 2000. She was born in Cape Town in 1943 and spent her childhood between Cape Town and Johannesburg, studying at both Wits and UCT. She married Anthony Allen in 1966 and they moved to Grahamstown in 1985 where they ran Davenport's Coffee Shop for several years before she joined Rhodes administration as a secretary. Before long she was promoted to faculty officer in the Registrar's office. She was described as a "superb" faculty officer who served on the Rhodes University Staff Association and represented non-academic staff on the Rhodes Council.

Mary Allen first entered politics in 1977 as a campaign assistant for the then Progressive Federal Party. She went on to serve as Grahamstown branch chairperson of the DP, as well as regional and provincial vice-chairperson. She served a number of terms as a member of the DP's federal council, the party's highest decision-making body. In 1988 she was elected to the Grahamstown City Council. In 1994 she stood as a DP candidate on the provincial

and national lists. In 1995 she was re-elected to the city council.

Colleagues described her as "a formidable woman with a great capacity for caring and a person who enjoyed the respect of even her staunchest opponents". She is survived by her husband Anthony, children Bruce and Clare and four grandchildren.

## Cyril Lincoln Sibusiso Nyembezi (1988 Hon Grad)

*(Obituary from the Daily News)*

"Prof", as he was affectionately known, left a legacy that will be hard to surpass. Born in Zululand on 6 December 1919, he was educated in Vryheid and Ladysmith, completing his matric through correspondence after training as a teacher at Adam's College at Amanzimtoti. He taught at various schools in KwaZulu-Natal, before embarking on a BA at Fort Hare, attaining the degree with distinctions in English and isiZulu in 1943. He completed the College of Education Diploma in the same year and went on to obtain a first class BA (Hons) at Wits. In 1948, he was appointed a language assistant in the Wits Department of African Languages and attained his MA in 1950. He became Professor of Bantu Languages at Fort Hare, until resigning in protest against the imposition of Bantu Education in 1959.

Nyembezi moved to Pietermaritzburg and joined Shuter & Shooter publishers, rising to become the chief editor of African languages. In 1975 he was appointed a member of their board. He also became a board member of African Booksellers and the *Natal Witness*.

Nyembezi published or co-wrote close to 40 books. His first novel was entitled *Mntanami Mntanami* (1950), but he will undoubtedly be remembered for his *Inkinsela Yase Mgungundlovu* (1961). He translated *Cry, the Beloved Country*, Alan Paton's award-winning novel, into Zulu, and his *Igoda* series of children's books was for many years a Zulu primary school must-read. In 1988 Wits, Rhodes and the University of Zululand awarded him honorary literature doctorates for his contribution to the Zulu language.

Prof Nyembezi is survived by his wife, Muriel, four children and 12 grandchildren.

## Willem H Welling (1996) (Hon Grad)

*(Obituary from Grocott's Mail)*

Dr. Welling died on 9 July, 2000 after a short illness at 77 years of age. He was executive director of the Bernard van Leer Foundation from 1968 until his retirement in 1988. He saw the Foundation as a facilitator, stimulator, and provider of support systems because, in his own words, it "is about building capacities in people to bring about a society where children can live more fruitful lives". Many tens of thousands of children and families were reached through projects during the 20 years that Dr Welling led the Foundation. Dr Welling was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by Rhodes for his vision and leadership. Mrs Thelma Henderson said: "In his capacity as Director of the Bernard van Leer Foundation, Dr Welling can be regarded as the father of pre-school education in South Africa. We in Grahamstown and the Eastern Cape will always be indebted to him in the tremendous work of the Foundation in our regions".

## Christopher Moeketsi Mosia (1997)

*(Obituary from the Sowetan)*

Christpher Mosia died on 5 Dec 2000. He was the son of prominent Katlehong, East Rand businesswoman, Mrs Sugar Mosia and was a final year bachelor of commerce student at Rhodes University in Grahamstown.

## Conrad Dylan Cambray (1998)

*(Obituary from Grocott's Mail)*

Conrad Cambray, a 19-year-old Rhodes student was killed in July 1999 in an accident involving a kombi, while out jogging on the N2 just outside Grahamstown. Conrad was the son of a renowned Grahamstown family of scientists: his father Dr Jim Cambray is an ichthyologist who works at the Albany Museum and his mother Eve is manager of the fast-growing Sasol Scifest.

Conrad Cambray was a brilliant young scholar at Graeme College and was deputy headboy in his matric year in 1997, when he achieved no fewer than six As. While at Graeme he won an overseas trip with his project presented at a national science expo. At the time of his death he was in his second year BSc, gaining four subject distinctions in his first year.

Academics, family and friends spoke or wrote about Conrad's magnificent smile, his boundless enthusiasm, and his sheer academic brilliance. Previous Rhodes Vice-Chancellor, Dr Derek Henderson and his wife Thelma said in an interview: "One of Grahamstown's brightest young lights has been snuffed out."

# 2001 Reunion Dates

Rhodes Reunions, be they formal and elegant, or informal and lively are always fun occasions to meet up with your university friends to network and catch up with all the news. The following reunions will take place this year. Please contact the person concerned to find out further details, should you wish to attend.

## Durban

### BERTIE WICKS (1966)

Tel: 031- 307 1884 (w)

Fax: 031- 307 1927

Reunion Date: Thursday 6 September 2001

## East London

### HAIDEN SMITH (1996)

Tel: 043-704 7000

083 651 7885

Email: eloru@ru.ac.za

Reunion Date: Saturday 8 September 2001

## Grahamstown

### JENNY PURDON

Tel: 046-603 8516

Fax: 046-636 1902

Reunion Date: Saturday 15 September 2001

## Bloemfontein

### ROY GORDON (1960)

Tel: 051-447 7831 (w)

Fax: 051-447 6951

Reunion Date: Tuesday 18 September 2001

## Kimberley

### MIKE ROSSOUW (1983)

Tel: 082 804 3299

### KEVIN RITCHIE (1982)

Tel: 053 832 6261

Reunion Date: Wednesday 19 September 2001

## Johannesburg

### ROSE RIDGEWELL

(RU Johannesburg office)

Tel: 011-788 5543 (w)

Fax: 011-788 1098

Email: R.Ridgewell@ru.ac.za

Reunion Date: Friday 28 September, 2001

## Cape Town

### ROB MACLEAN (1973)

Tel: 021-683 6433 (w)

Fax: 021-683 6488

Email: Rob@felix.co.za

Reunion Date: Friday 12 October 2001

## George / Knysna Region

### BILL ASHMOLE (1958)

Tel: 044-874 7592 (h)

Reunion Date: Saturday 3 November 2001

## Welkom (NEW)

### DAVE FORSON (1977)

Email: forson@sactria.co.za

Reunion Date: to be advised

## Bulawayo & Harare

### HANS CHRISTEN (1981)

Tel: 092634-744 338 (h)

Email: acacia@africaonline.co.zw

Reunion Date: to be advised

## Namibia

### JOHN MANNHEIMER (1966)

Tel: 09264-61-237 103 (w)

Reunion Date: To be advised

### *Please note:*

If your residential address differs from your address in our mailing list, you will receive an incorrect reunion invitation. *The onus is thus on you, if you wish to attend Old Rhodian functions, to have your mail forwarded or read the newsletter or check the Rhodes Web Page to keep yourself apprised of happenings and to know who to contact.*



# REPORT ON REUNIONS IN 2000

## CAPE TOWN

The Cape Town reunion at the Oak Room at the Western Province Cricket Club in Newlands was once again a smashing success. Dr **David Woods(1959)**, Vice-Chancellor and his wife, **Charlotte(1961)(Abbott)**, were in attendance and Dr Woods gave the guests a run-down on recent developments and events at Rhodes. Many thanks to **Rob Maclean (1973)** and his team for all their efforts. The guests were also entertained by **Jumpie "Spielberg" Wilmot (1971)**, a famous Rhodes cheerleader in the 1970's with a showing of his 1976 rag film. Thanks to Old Mutual for their kind sponsorship.



Pictured at the Cape Town reunion: (l to r): Vallance Kennelly (1991), Phillipa Salmon (1995), Greg Lewis (1992), Norelle D'Ewes (1991), and Mark Bolton (1987).

## BLOEMFONTEIN

Prof Hugo Nel, Head of the Department of Economics and his wife Suzette attended the reunion in Bloemfontein on Tuesday 10 October. Credit is given to **Roy Gordon (1960)** for all his efforts. Among the 30 Old Rhodians who attended were **Mary Spears (1987)** and her husband who travelled all the way from Sunday's River, and **Dave Forson (1977)** from Welkom who has kindly offered to organise a reunion in Welkom in 2001.

## JOHANNESBURG

The Johannesburg reunion was well supported with over 300 ORs gathering at the Parkview Golf Club. Prof **Matthew Lester (1980)** of the Accounting Department at Rhodes proved to be a speaker of note and the exuberant Gautengers listened attentively, before plunging back into lively chatter.



(l to r) Linda Soga (1993), Thembi Chazonda (1990), Dita Ngcobo (1990), Menge Montshiwa (1993) at the Johannesburg reunion.

## GRAHAMSTOWN

A luncheon, attended by approx. 45 Old Rhodians, was held in the new Eden Grove building on the Grahamstown Campus, following the AGMs of Convocation and the Old Rhodian Reunion.



Dr Dave Woods (1959), Mrs Charlotte Woods (Abbott)(1961) and Rev Dr TSN Gqubule (1973, Hon Grad 1995), President of Convocation at the Grahamstown reunion luncheon.

## DURBAN

Approximately 30 Old Rhodians in Durban gathered at The Long Room at Westville Boys High School on Wednesday 27 September to hear news of Rhodes from the Director of the East London campus, Dr **Terry Marsh (1982)**. Many thanks to **Bertie Wicks (1966)** for once again organising this reunion.



Guests at the Durban Reunion listening attentively to Dr Terry Marsh's speech.

## KIMBERLEY

**Kevin Ritchie (1982)** went to a lot of trouble at short notice, to ensure that the Kimberley reunion held on 11 October 2001 was enjoyed by all. Good food and cheap box wine was the order of the day at the Star of the West Restaurant. Prof Hugo Nel addressed the gathering concerning happenings at Rhodes.



Kevin Ritchie (1982) chatting to a few of the guests at the Kimberley reunion.

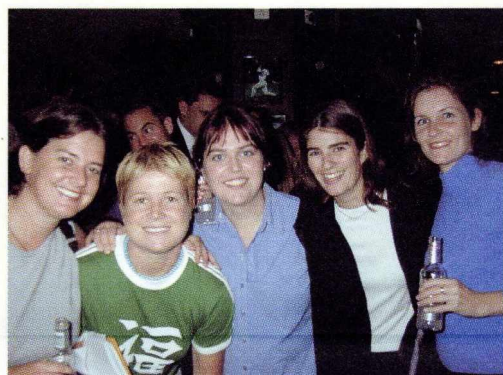
## GEORGE/KNYSNA

This reunion was attended by Prof **George Euvrard (1974)** from the Department of Education and his wife, **Gwenda (Day)(1974)**. ORs mingled in the lovely garden of Arbour Lodge, the home of **Bill (1958)** and Marion **Ashmole** and enjoyed lunch made by Marion. An excursion to the Wild Flower Show followed, where **Yvette van Wijk (Green)(1958)**, ex-Grahamstown herb specialist, gave a talk. The oldest OR present at the reunion was **Graham Moodie (1931)** who travelled all the way from Swellendam to attend the function. Thanks again to Bill and Marion for their hospitality.



Lindsay Page (1969), Avril Guthrie (McGregor)(1973), Jane Andrews, Barry Andrews(1961).

## LONDON



The Founder's Day celebration held on 12 September 2000 at The White Horse in London was a lively affair, attended by many younger Old Rhodians, some of whom are pictured here.

Several enterprising and sociable Old Rhodians didn't wait for us to organize a reunion in their area – they simply did it themselves! Below are photographs of three such occasions. Should you wish to organize such a function, the Alumni Office can assist with names of Old Rhodians in your area. Should you meet other Old Rhodians, please also supply our office with their contact details so that we can keep everyone in touch!

## THAILAND

Rhodes friendships, which began more than 30 years ago, led to a reunion with a difference, held in the exotic location of Thailand. Four couples who met at Rhodes and have kept in touch ever since, celebrated the new millennium together on a two-week tour of Thailand, "during which we only occasionally stopped talking to draw breath!" writes **Garth Eagle (1964)**.



(Back, l to r): Tony Ransom (1965), Carol Ilsley (Gutsche)(1967), Jenny Ransom (Hipkin)(1967), Gail Eagle (Martin)(1966), Garth Eagle (1964) (Front, l to r): Jeff Ilsley (1964), Lew Botha (1966) Bobby Botha (Arnott)(1968)

## QUEENSTOWN

A small group of Queenstown ORs gathered for a superb lunch at the Aloe Grove Guest House Restaurant. Prof **Rob Midgley (1973)**, Dean of Law and his wife Trish attended, and Rob spoke enthusiastically about Rhodes. Thanks to **Adrie Stockdale (1970)** who once again worked hard to organise this reunion.



Old Rhodians at the Queenstown lunch, from left, around the table: Geoff Peires (1975), Charlotte Wormald (Collett)(1975), Rob Midgley (1973), Trish Midgley, Hugh Wormald (1973)

## HARARE, ZIMBABWE

"Definitely the best reunion we've had for years" was the comment of **Hans Christen(1981)** who organized a Bring and Braai in Harare. The gathering of 60-70 Old Rhodians was addressed by Prof **Vivian de Klerk (Cole)(1972)** who attended with her husband **Billy (1972)**.

## BULAWAYO, ZIMBABWE

**Chris Everett (1959)** reported that Prof **Vivian (Cole)(1972)** and Dr **Billy de Klerk(1972)** "went out of their way to make everyone feel as if they still really belonged to Rhodes," at the Bulawayo reunion held at the New Orleans restaurant and attended by about 20 Old Rhodians. Thanks to Ray Louw for the organization.

## PERTH, AUSTRALIA



Pictured at a mini OR reunion held in November 2000 in Perth are (Back, l to r): Tony Siopis (1968), Chris Palmer, Andrew Burnett (1967), Peter Martin (formerly Muddle)(1965), Bunny Young. (Front, l to r): Ann Siopis, Janet Tagg (Palmer)(1968), Thomas Tagg (1967), Suzanne Martin and Barbara Burnett (Palmer)(1967). Thanks to Mary Burnett (1969) for the photograph.

## KROONDAL

**Islay Retief (Hall)(1955)** rounded up 27 Old Rhodian contemporaries for a reunion on her farm where everyone enjoyed afternoon tea, a sociable evening meal and a champagne breakfast which lasted until lunch. A wonderful time was had by all and thanks to Islay for a sterling job!



Tony Petter-Bowyer (1957), Arletta "Bee" Petter-Bowyer (Timberlake) (1956), Lillibet Moolman (Swart)(1954).