

RHODES NEWSLETTER



Old Rhodian Union

July 1979



A photograph showing the Old Drosty buildings which housed the Rhodes University College when it was established in 1904.

75th Anniversary

A SERIES of functions has been planned by the university over the first week of September to commemorate the founding of Rhodes University College seventy five years ago.

The history of higher education in the Eastern Province goes back as far as 1855, when St Andrew's College was founded at Grahamstown. In common with three other institutions, St Andrew's College offered both junior and advanced courses, and prepared students for degree examinations, which after 1973 were conducted by a central examining board, the University of Good Hope. St Andrew's College established a separate College Department in 1878. This department which was to become the nucleus of Rhodes University College, carried on university work for nearly 30 years, but it became recognised toward the end of the century that the only satisfactory basis for higher education in the Eastern Province would be the establishment of a central university college. An attempt to establish such a college in Grahamstown was made in 1895, but was unsuccessful. In 1903 the movement was revived and received fresh impetus from the prospect of very considerable financial support from the Rhodes Trustees, from the citizens of Grahamstown and public bodies in the Cape Province, and from directors of De Beers Consolidated Mines. This movement, which received the generous co-operation of the

Council of St Andrew's College, led to the foundation, by Act of Parliament on May 31, 1904, of a university college named after Cecil John Rhodes whose magnificent provision for higher education made its establishment possible.

The seventy fifth celebrations have been planned to coincide with the Cecil Rhodes Memorial lecture which will be delivered on Saturday, September 8, at a special graduation ceremony at which honorary doctorates will be conferred on three Old Rhodians. The Student Representative Council's Arts and Sciences Week will be run concurrently with the celebrations.

Students of the Department of Speech and Drama will put on the musical *Salad Days* on the evening of September 7. This play will be directed by Mr Michael Atkinson who will be a visiting lecturer in the department for the second half of this year. Mr Atkinson is well known in theatre circles throughout South Africa. A subscription dinner is to be held in Kimberley Hall on the Saturday evening. Besides celebrating the seventy fifth anniversary, it will also be in honour of the honorary graduates.

Dr Eily Gledhill will show slides of Rhodes University buildings during the week illustrating restorations, alterations and recent building developments on the campus. Following this will be a talk on the

history of the university - the first half by Prof Hugh Chapman, and the more recent history by Prof Jack Gledhill.

The title of the Arts and Sciences Week will be '75 years of Arts and Sciences'. The SCR is hoping that Mr D.B. Sole, South Africa's Ambassador in Washington and one of the honorary graduands, will be present to officially open the week's programme.

Organisers could not supply the final programme at the time of going to press. The Department of English will invite an eminent poet Douglas Livingstone, the Life Sciences will run a quiz 'Just a Minute', there will be tours of the departments of Zoology, Entomology, Microbiology and Physics. There will definitely be displays by the Plant Sciences, Ichthyology and Chemistry, and by the Library which will illustrate the history of Rhodes University. Photosoc will also put on an exhibition of photographs and hold a competition.

The Department of Linguistics is hoping to have a talk or symposium on 'Breakthrough to Literacy'. Physical Education will give demonstrations and displays. The Christian Societies will present an audio-visual show on the development of art from the Renaissance. The Department of Geography is planning to have slides and talks on 'The Preservation of Okovango'. Another highlight will be a film show by Filmsoc of Polansky's *Macbeth*.

This will be an occasion of historical significance for Rhodes University and there should be much of interest to Old Rhodians. It is hoped that many will be present for at least part of the week.

Old Rhodians to be honoured

HONORARY doctorates will be conferred on three Old Rhodians. The honorary graduands are Professor H.J. Chapman, Professor Emeritus of Rhodes University, Dr F.J. Hewitt, Deputy President of CSIR, and Mr D.B. Sole, South Africa's ambassador in Washington.

Professor Chapman graduated B.A. (Hons.) from Rhodes in 1932, followed by the Higher Education Diploma and a later LL.B. from the University of South Africa. As chairman of the Students' Representative Council and Senior Man student in 1932 and 1934 he became the norm by which his

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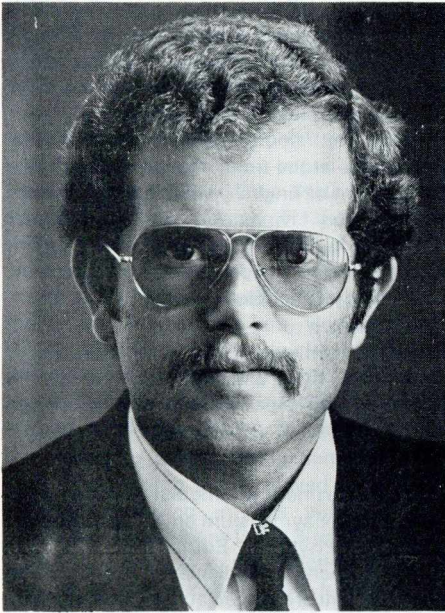
Changes in P.R. division

There have been several new appointments in the university's Public Relations and Development Division this year.

An Old Rhodian and former Grahamstown teacher, Mr Jonathan Stead, has been appointed liaison officer in the university's Johannesburg office.

He takes over the post formerly held by Miss June Bahlmann.

Before his appointment Mr Stead was head of the history department at St Andrew's College.



Mr Jonathan Stead

He joined the school staff in 1975 and a year later became department head.

He matriculated at Grey High School, Port Elizabeth. Mr Stead graduated from Rhodes University with a B.A. degree in 1971 and with a first class honours degree in history the following year.

He was awarded the Ernest Oppenheimer Memorial Trust scholarship in 1973 for study on an M.A. degree. His thesis on the Eastern Cape Separatist Movement was awarded a distinction.

In 1974 he studied for a higher education diploma at Rhodes. During his university years he served on the Freshers Reception committee and sang in the Rhodes University Choir.

He is the son of Mr and Mrs C.G. Stead of Mount Croix, Port Elizabeth.

Another Old Rhodian, Ms Catherine Damerell was appointed as Liaison Officer to the same office. She was working in the city at Anglovaal as assistant public relations officer.

Born in East London, she spent most of her youth in Cape Town and attended the Notre Dame Convent in Constantia, Cape Town. She matriculated in 1971 during which year she was a prefect at the school, where she was awarded her Debating Colours.

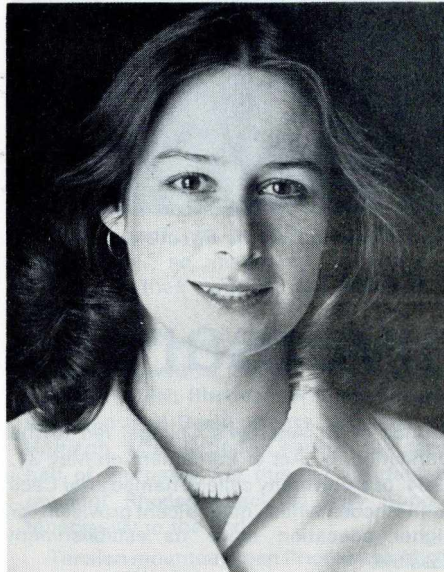
After registering at Rhodes, Ms Damerell won an American Field Scholarship and spent

a year in Los Angeles with what she described as a 'super family'. They took her on several trips, which included one across the southern states to the east coast and returned through the northern territories.

She graduated in 1975 with a B.A. degree and the following year with an Honours degree in English.

From Grahamstown she went to Windhoek where she worked on a journal of political and economic commentary for a year, before moving to Johannesburg.

Cathy Damerell will be responsible for keeping in touch with the Press, Radio and Television, and will also work in co-operation with personell managers to provide placement for graduates.



Ms Cathy Damerell

In Grahamstown, Mr Alfred Hayter was appointed as Information Officer. He took over from Ms Judy Forward who resigned to go overseas.

Although Mr Hayter has no previous attachments to the university, he is familiar with the Eastern Cape. He grew up on a farm in the Burghersdorp district and matriculated at Queen's College in Queenstown. Mr Hayter graduated with a Bachelor of Social Science degree at the University of Cape Town and then worked on the Kimberley newspaper, The Diamond Fields Advertiser. He resigned to travel to Europe and after eighteen months abroad, returned and has been appointed to the university staff.

Mr Hayter will, in his capacity as Information Officer, liaise with the Press and be responsible for publicity for the university. He will also edit the *Rhodes Newsletter* and the annual *Rhodes Review*.

He is the son of Iris and the late Bruce Hayter of Spes Bona, Burghersdorp.

Old Rhodian meetings

BRANCHES of the Old Rhodian Union in South Africa, South West Africa and Zimbabwe/Rhodesia are planning reunions. Old Rhodians who would like to attend are asked to contact the people listed below:-

Blomfontein

Mr T.G. Ross-Thompson (P.O. Box 245)
September 14

Cape Town

Mrs J. Lewis (65-7426) September 14

Durban

Mr B. Wicks (39-2513) September 7

East London

Mr N.G. Flemmer (2-4221) September 12

Kimberley

Mr J.B. Hawthorne (28-157) September 14

Port Elizabeth

Mr John Blake (51-5141) September 7

Pretoria

Mr James Willett-Clarke (79-4312) September 15

Johannesburg

Mr J.L. Stead (788-5543) September 14

Pietermaritzburg

Mr R.E. Coss (2-1852) September 8

Bulawayo

Mr R.K. Gracie (P.O. Box AC 20, Bulawayo) August 16

Salisbury

Mr H.H. Hall (25-262) August 17

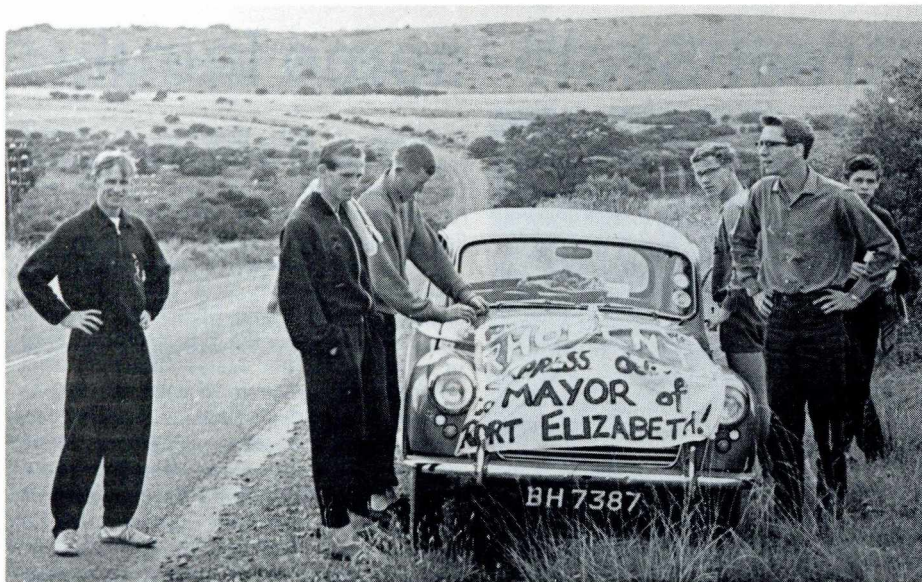
Windhoek

Mrs A.M. Ransom (P.O. Box 3847)

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6140

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Five of the 10 runners and the driver, Peter de Villiers, at the road side, on the day the train came last. From left: Doug Coghlan, Cliff Hopkins, Richard Phillips, David Blaker, Peter de Villiers and John Cave.

Stealing the steam

IF you have ever travelled by train from Grahamstown to Port Elizabeth, you will know that the time of arrival seems almost irrelevant with the never-ending stream of stops at places many of which seem quite bereft of life.

But on one occasion, for 10 young Rhodes University runners, the time of arrival was crucial. They were racing the train as a stunt to publicise the 1964 Rhodes Rag.

Leader of the team was cross country club captain Cliff Hopkins, now one of Port Elizabeth's top marathon runners with times of under two and a half hours to his credit.

Another of the runners was Doug Coghlan, now a senior lecturer in Physical Education at Rhodes whose name is synonymous with athletics in this part of the world.

The others were Tom Maxwell, who lectured at Rhodes for a while and is now in Canada, Trevor Anderson, John Cave, Rob Rudman, Rory Taylor, Peter Levy who now lives in Australia, Richard Phillips and David Blake.

The 10 set off at 8am, accompanied by three cars and a lorry, to the cheers of the spectators who gathered in Grahamstown to send them off.

Driving one of the cars was Peter de Villiers who five years later was to set a new South African decathlon record while at Oxford. De Villiers amassed a total of 7,012 points and his record stood until 1976 when it was broken by Herman Muller. His performance nevertheless still ranks second in the list of alltime best performances by South African athletes.

Running in laps of two miles each and later one mile, the group reached the City Hall in Port Elizabeth at five past four, all ten having run the last mile.

Waiting for the wet and weary band at the City Hall was Rag Queen Glynnis MacKenzie, who received the first copy of Rhodent from

Cliff Hopkins and promptly sold it to the Mayor, Mr Graham Young.

Did they beat the train? History records that the train chugged into Port Elizabeth an hour after the runners. But then there was a delay of 95 minutes at Alicedale, and a cup of tea and a chat with Oom Piet...

- Patrick Cull

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successors were judged, and is remembered especially for his pioneering work in ending student initiation.

Professor Chapman taught at Queen's College, Queenstown, then lectured in History at Rhodes. He joined the staff of the University College of Fort Hare in 1937 where he became Professor of History.

During the Second World War Professor Chapman served in the First City regiment before being posted to the headquarters of the First South African Division in Libya. He served as Air Staff Officer in Italy and was awarded the M.B.E.

Professor Chapman returned to Rhodes as Dean of Men Students and later served as Dean of Students until his retirement at the end of 1975. He continued to lecture in Constitutional Law for many years.

Dr Francis Hewitt was born in Grahamstown, and after matriculating at St Andrew's College he studied at Rhodes for his B.Sc. in Mathematics and Physics, and his M.Sc. in Physics. He was awarded an H.B. Webb scholarship, but his plans to go to Cambridge were interrupted when the Second World War broke out.

Dr Hewitt was a member of Sir Basil Schonland's small team that developed South African radar equipment, and was officer-in-charge of what was probably the first operational radar station in the southern hemisphere, near Mombasa, in 1940.

He joined the C.S.I.R. in 1946 as officer-in-charge of the telecommunications research laboratory and became a member of the C.S.I.R. executive in 1964.

Dr Hewitt is a past president of SAIEE, chairman of the SAA scientific committee for Antarctic research, and has represented South Africa on various international scientific bodies, such as the International Scientific Radio Union and the Committee for Space Research.

He was awarded his Ph.D. by the University of the Witwatersrand in the 1950's for his work on the study of interstroke process in lightning by radar.

Dr Hewitt is keenly interested in international scientific programmes and was closely associated with the establishment and initial operation of the American space tracking facilities in South Africa. He has also been involved in the establishment of a joint venture in astronomy between the British African Research Council and the CSIR, as a result of which the South African Astronomical Observatory has been established.

Mr Donald Sole joined the Department of Foreign Affairs in 1938 as a cadet in the head office in Pretoria. He left for London in 1949 where he held the posts of cadet attaché, third secretary, and second secretary. After a spell in Pretoria, he left for Paris in 1953 as first secretary, and was promoted to counsellor in 1955.

Mr Sole then represented the Department of Foreign Affairs in New York, followed by the posts of Charge d'Affairs, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary in Vienna.

In 1961 Mr Sole returned to the headoffice in Pretoria as an undersecretary and was promoted to the rank of deputy secretary. He became ambassador in Cologne and Bonn in 1969 and has held the same post in Washington since 1977.

Mr Sole married Miss Elizabeth Wookey and they have one daughter and three sons. He holds an M.A. from Rhodes University.

With thanks

MR H.H.K. Currie, the current mayor of Grahamstown, retired from the Department of Psychology at the end of last year. He wrote asking whether the newsletter would "convey my thanks to those members of Rhodes University for the kindly sentiments expressed towards me through their contributions to a farewell presentation on the occasion of my retirement last year. Your publication offers the only means of conveying to them my appreciation for their generous gesture."

Featured on the French T.V.

PROFESSOR Ed Verdier (1933) is now the head of a research group, Physico Chimie des Interfaces in Paris. We quote from a colourful letter which he wrote earlier this year to Professor Douglas Rivett in the Department of Chemistry:

"Imagine my feeling to see on French T.V. sometime last year, a photo of Major Walker, with a particularly horrible version of one of the numerous Binks, surrounded by four young sportsmen in blazers. Actually this was within the framework of an interview given to a French journalist by Ian Smith. Of course, of all those who saw, I presume I was the only person to whom this photo carried infinitely more than the youthful silhouette of the Rhodesian M.P.

"I would like to say how the photo of Herby Arnott planting a tree also brought back old souvenirs. We were together at school at Aliwal North with Herby though he was an older boy than I was, whom I much admired. As for Miss Trudgett, if I am not mistaken, was a Miss Elliott - she taught me in her first teaching post in Aliwal North. A beautiful girl, and we young lads, I was then a senior boy, always tried to carry her books on the way to and from school, which in those days we did on foot. As for her sister, we came to Rhodes the same year."

Professor Verdier was the son of French missionaries. He fought with the French Resistance during the Second World War, and was secretary of the Organisation Scientifique Co-operation south of the Sahara which was based in the Belgian Congo. After the revolution of the early sixties, Prof Verdier settled in France.

What is going on

MANY Old Rhodian couples may be wondering what is going on. Where they had previously each received a copy of the Rhodes Newsletter and the Rhodes Review, now only the man in the family is receiving them. This is the result of an effort to cut down on the expense of publishing and posting unnecessary material - that the man was singled out to receive the copy is a decision taken by the computer programmers and does not necessarily reflect any male chauvinistic tendencies in the Public Relations Department.

Where married couples are still receiving more than one copy of each of the publications, they are asked to let the department know. Old Rhodians are also reminded to remitt changes of address. We regret that our intelligence service is non-existent, so if you have moved, not notified us of your new address and not received the newsletter and review, we cannot be held responsible. We would also appreciate notification of the deaths of Old Rhodians.

Great Scott - some family

IN THE elder days of Rhodes there was a family of Scotts whose combined studies extended continuously over a period of 18 years, which must be something of a record. Professor (Hamish) Scott writes:

"My sister, Helen M. Scott, went to Rhodes at the beginning of 1916 and left at the end of June 1921. She took her B.A., M.A. and H.Dip. She received her colours for hockey and was, I believe, the first woman member of the Athletic Union. Later she played hockey for the O.F.S. and in the S.A. Trials. She was appointed to a post at Harrismith High School at the beginning of 1922, taught there all her working life and retired there. She still coached children in English.

"My brother, T.B. (Tom) Scott, went to Rhodes at the beginning of 1920, overlapping his sister by 18 months. He left at the end of 1924 having taken his B.A. and H. Dip. He did not complete his M.A. as he left to take up a post at Grey College, Port Elizabeth where he taught for 19 years. He received his colours for rugby at Rhodes and he played for

Crusaders in Port Elizabeth for several years. In 1943 he was appointed principal of Cambridge High School, East London and retired from that post in 1962. He still lives in East London.

"I went to Rhodes at the beginning of 1924 and overlapped Tom by a year. I took my degree in Botany and Chemistry and then broke my studies for the M.Sc. in Botany to go to a post with the Tsetse Research team in 1929. I returned to Rhodes in 1932 to complete my M.Sc. in Ecology. In 1933 I was appointed the first Ecologist in Pasture Research in South Africa and was responsible, with Dr J.W. Rowland, for starting nearly all the pasture research stations in the country. After working at the Estcourt Research stations for 11 years, I was awarded a D.Sc. by the University of the Witwatersrand. I was appointed Professor of Pasture Management and Soil Conservation at the new Faculty of Agriculture in 1948 and retired from the post in 1973. I still live in Pietermaritzburg.

"My younger brother, G.H. (Dick) Scott, went to Rhodes in 1929 overlapping me by six months in that year. He took his B.A. degree and then the Teachers Higher Diploma and left at the end of 1933. He captained Rhodes at golf. For a good many years - interrupted by war service - he taught at Maritzburg College. He then became principal of the Nongoma School and, after that, was appointed the first principal of the big parallel medium Pelham School in Pietermaritzburg. Ten years later he became an inspector of education in the Natal Education Department. He retired from this post a couple of years ago and still lives in Pietermaritzburg.

"I believe there was another family of Scotts (it may have been five) from Queenstown, after us, but not over such an extended period."

Flashback



The only South African to win a medal in the last Olympic Games in which South Africa competed (1960), was Old Rhodian Malcolm Spence. He won a bronze medal for the 400 m. His time, 45.5 secs, is still a South African record. As a Rhodes student, Malcolm had competed in the 1956 Olympic Games. He was coached by Mr Doug Coghlan who is now senior lecturer in Physical Education at Rhodes. This photograph was taken while Malcolm was a student.

Faculty first

THE first Faculty of Pharmacy in South Africa was created from the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences at Rhodes University in Grahamstown this year.

The Minister of National Education approved of the move to faculty status, with Professor B. Potgieter, Professor of Pharmacology, as head of the faculty.

Pharmacy was instituted at Rhodes in 1957 with three students and one staff member in a sub-department of the Department of Chemistry. This soon expanded to a separate department and the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences was established in 1974 with Professor E. Ramstad at the head.

Enrolment has grown to 400 undergraduates, with 13 full-time staff members, three of whom are professors and six with Ph.D. or equivalent degrees. Extensive research in fields such as the effect of drugs on the nervous system has been undertaken at the faculty.

Professor Adam to give lecture

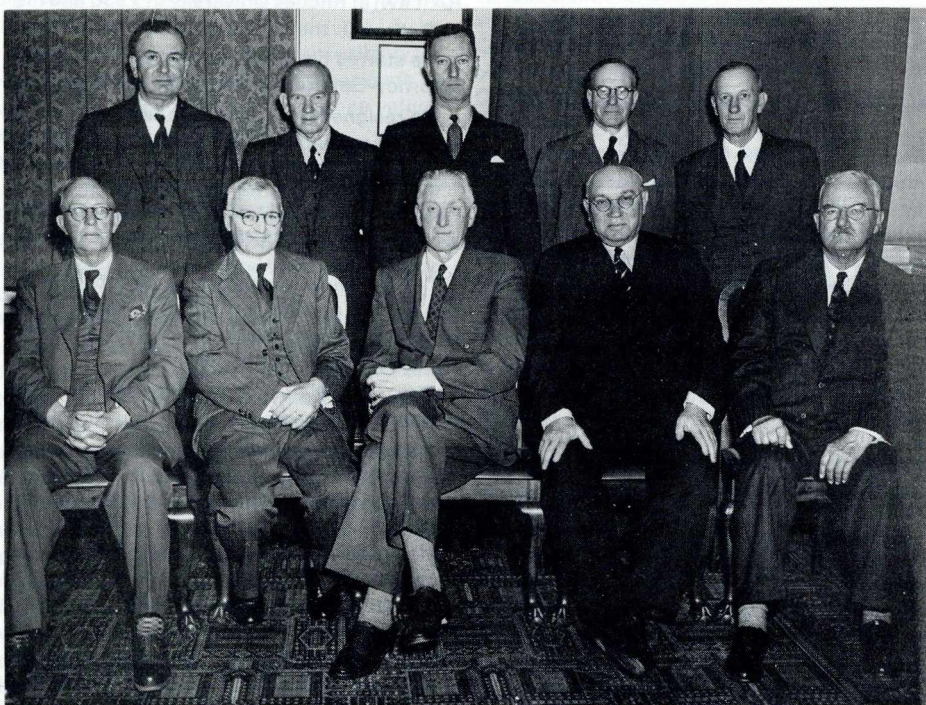
THE ninth Cecil Rhodes Commemoration Lecture will be delivered by Professor Heribert Adam, chairman of the Political Science, Sociology and Anthropology Department at the Simon Fraser University in Vancouver.

Professor Adam, who was born in Germany and educated in Frankfurt, has studied and written extensively on the political scene in South Africa. He spent two years at the Institute of Social Research at the University of Durban doing research which was subsequently published in a book 'Modernising Racial Discrimination'. He has returned to South Africa on several occasions and delivered addresses at a conference at the University of Cape Town which focussed on the role of universities in South Africa, and at the Roads Ahead conference at the 1820 Settler Monument last year. Another publication which he has written in conjunction with Dr H. Giliomee at the University of Stellenbosch, 'Ethnic Power Mobilised', is due to be released at the end of June.

Heribert Adam spent a year at Yale University as a visiting Fellow in the South African Research programme during 1977/78.

Professor Adam is married to a South African and has two children.

Photograph records gathering



Among the papers of the late Mr H.P.J. Boemke (1909), Mr E.L. Rogers (1941) found an envelope with this photograph of a group of Old Rhodians taken at a luncheon at the City Club in Cape Town on November 19, 1951. It is believed that the Old Rhodians pictured are, in the front row from the left, Dr Gordon Mears (who was Secretary for Native Affairs), Mr H. Boemke, Dr Lionel Goldschmidt, Mr Justice Cyril Newton-Thompson and Professor R. Varder. Behind from left, Mr R.M. Travers, Mr G.D. McDonald, Mr Harold Hockly, an unidentified gentleman, and Mr Walter Mears who was headmaster of Rondebosch Boys' High School. An interesting touch was the receipted account for the luncheon in the envelope with the photograph - the lunch cost £3.5.0d, wines £1.6.5d, a grand total of £4.11.5d.

Canvassing for members

THE Rhodes University Pharmacy Alumni Association has begun canvassing for active membership among pharmacy graduates. Although there have been over 500 graduates, only 150 are active members. In an effort to create interest and to draw most of the graduates into the association, information and circulars are being sent to everyone for the next two years.

The association was founded to preserve the spirit engendered at the university and to raise funds for the faculty while providing an educational and social service to its members. Money raised will be used to improve library facilities and to make funds available for post graduate research. The President of the association, Mr Stan Henen, hopes to generate enough capital so that the holding fund, the Rhodes University Pharmacy Association Fund, will be able to operate on the returns on investment.

Members will be expected to contribute at least R5 per annum.

The association hopes to found branches in all the major centres, and to produce a quarterly scientifically based journal. While being a vehicle for research papers by people

at the university and in industry, it is hoped that the journal will prove to be a money spinner. The journal will be co-ordinated and published in Grahamstown.

Anyone with a B.Sc. (Pharmacy) or B. Pharmacy degree from Rhodes may join. An application form is included in this issue of the newsletter and may be returned with a membership fee of at least R5.00 to:

The Honorary Secretary,
Rhodes University Pharmacy Alumni Association,
c/o Rhodes University Office,
P.O. Box 52303,
SAXONWOLD,
2132

Top businessmen

TWO members of the Rhodes Board of Governors were honoured last year being voted among the five Businessmen of the Year by the Sunday Times. They are the Chancellor of the university, Dr Ian MacKenzie and Mr Robin Plumbridge.

New lecture room revolutionises old methods

A NEW lecture room in the Department of Physics at the university has revolutionised former methods of instruction in electronics. Each student is provided with a miniature 'workshop' so on the completion of a lecture on theory, the student immediately puts what has been explained into practice. Not only does it provide reinforcement to what has been said, but students realise immediately if they have not properly understood the lecture, and the theory is continually linked to practical application. The B.Sc. degree with Physics and Electronics is unique in South Africa. The course pays particular attention to the part played by electronics in the field of Physics.

Electronics has become indispensable to experimental physicists and is imperative for graduates entering the electronic side of the computer business. Practical instruction is an integral part of each of the three years in the course. Students begin by using simple circuits and progress to working with, and building and designing amplifiers, and complete the course with work on digital electronics.

old rhodians in the news

Roads to Rhodes

'ALL Rhodes lead to fame' asserted a headline in a March edition of the *Sunday Times*. Although the story which followed told of four Old Rhodians who had graduated to the international business scene, many may feel that the headline did not truthfully reflect the destiny of most. But what is remarkable is the number and the movement of Old Rhodians throughout the world. So, given the same journalistic (or poetic) license, let's suggest at least that all roads lead to Rhodes.

An excerpt from that *Sunday Times* story by Nigel Bruce follows:

Another young South African executive has landed a top international position.

He is Peter Joubert, managing director of African Oxygen, one of the country's leading engineering and gas groups, who left in May to head up the giant British Oxygen Corporation International's gases business in Britain.

British Oxygen is the parent company of African Oxygen.

In making his move Mr Joubert follows fellow Rhodes University student of the fifties, Michael Edwardes, who is currently wrestling with troubled British Leyland, the big car manufacturers which is today owned by the British government.

It would be unfair to British Oxygen, a well run group, to suggest that Mr Joubert has anything like the make-and-break task of Mr Edwardes.

Be that as it may, Mr Joubert is the fourth Rhodes student of the early fifties to move to an important post in international business.

Apart from Mr Edwardes, another Rhodes contemporary who has similarly moved on is Volkswagen's Noel Phillips, who now heads this group's US effort.

Yet another is Ronald Morris, who has a similar job in the US at Chicopee Manufacturing Company, an affiliate of Johnson and Johnson which he managed here.

Judge to retire

MR Guy Titterton, Attorney-General of Transkei, will retire from the Justice Department on August 1 this year, the fifth anniversary of the Supreme Court in Umtata.

Mr Titterton helped form the department when he went to Umtata on a five year contract.

Before moving to Umtata he was leader of the Bar in Grahamstown.

He was born in Upington and educated at various schools as his father, a magistrate, moved about South Africa. He obtained his

BA (Law) at Rhodes University in 1936 and his LLB through the University of South Africa.

He started his career as a junior clerk in the Attorney-General's office in Cape Town.

He resigned from the public service in 1946 to become a barrister and he became a senior counsel in 1964.

Mr Titterton and his wife, Ivy, plan to leave Umtata on August 1 to live in Somerset West.

"I'll be living in semi-retirement because I don't think anyone can afford to retire these days - and I don't want to turn into a mental cabbage," Mr Titterton said.

The past five years had proved a most exhilarating experience.

"It has been most exciting to be here during the transition period and my wife and I have thoroughly enjoyed living in this integrated society."

Athletics honour

MRS Janet Melville (née Van Lingen) studied for several years at Rhodes part time while she was working at the Wool and Textile Research Institute. Many will remember her for her athletic prowess. She is now resident in Port Elizabeth and is an active sports administrator, editor of the South African Athletics Statisticians Annual and also an enthusiastic genealogist. Recently she was accorded special honour.

At a lunch given by the South African Amateur Athletics Union she received an attractive "thank you" brooch from Professor Charles Nieuwoudt, president of the South African Athletic Union.

Professor Nieuwoudt said the brooches were given to women who had made a large contribution to South African athletics.

Janet Melville is one of the most active honorary administrators in the Eastern Province. Having won colours for Eastern Province athletics and cricket she decided to make her contribution as an administrator.

She has done much work down the years but, in recent weeks, she went through possibly her most hectic time as an administrator.

Janet organised a number of large athletics meetings and was also a selector, picking teams for eight athletics meetings.

She records athletics performances from all over South Africa for inclusion in the 1980 South African Athletics Statistics annual.

She is editor of the publication. The 1978 annual ran to 144 pages. It is crammed with all sorts of information people want to know about South African athletics.

On top of her commitments to athletics, Janet is a keen horsewoman and an enthusiastic genealogist. She has compiled detailed family trees of both her family and her husband's.

Travel fellowship

THE Ernest Oppenheimer Memorial Trust has awarded two Overseas Travel Fellowships this year, one to an Old Rhodian, Dr Stephen Blaber of the Department of Zoology in Pietermaritzburg.

Dr Stephen Blaber obtained the B.Sc. Honours degree in Zoology at the University of Reading, England, and a Ph.D. degree at Rhodes University in 1974, the year he joined the University of Natal as a lecturer. Since that time he has lectured and examined in Zoology for 1st, 2nd and 3rd year students and honours students. He has supervised various post-graduate studies and is examiner for a number of M.Sc. theses. He is author of many scientific publications and sits on many committees.

His overseas study will take the form of an investigation of the importance of estuaries to juvenile marine fish - a comparison of the biology of estuarine and coastal fish in Southern Africa (Western-Indo Pacific Region, calm estuaries and turbulent seas) and North-east Australia (Eastern-Indo Pacific, calm estuaries and calm seas).

He will visit Queensland, Australia, where he will work with the Queensland Fisheries Service at Deception Bay, and will also go to Kuala Trengganu, Malaysia, where facilities will be provided by the Universiti Pertanian Malaysia at Marine Research Station.

The award, tenable for one calendar year, is valued at R4,000.

OLD RHODIAN UNION

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Old Rhodian Union will be held in the Rhodes Club, Rhodes University on Wednesday September 12, 1979 at 5.30 p.m. It will be preceded by a wreath-laying ceremony at the War Memorial at 5.00 p.m.

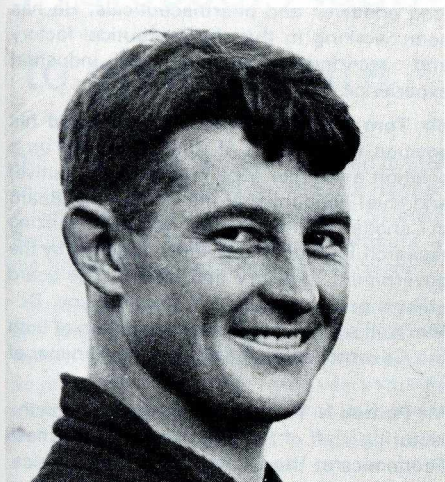
The Agenda will be:

1. Minutes of the previous meeting.
2. Matters arising from minutes.
3. Reports and Financial Statement.
4. Election of Office Bearers.
5. General.

D.E.A. Rivett
Honorary Secretary

A cocktail party will be held afterwards.

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Barry Andrews

Mr Barry Andrews (1963) was senior lecturer in Physical Education at Paarl Training College, but is now teaching at Dale College in King Williams Town.

Mr Dennis R Bouwer (1954) was elected a Vice President of Capital Strategic Services Inc., a Los Angeles based firm, last year. He had been serving as assistant to the Chairman of the Board of Capital Research Company, the investment research subsidiary of Capital Research and Management Company, one of the United States' largest and oldest mutual fund advisory organisations. Both of these companies also are members of the Capital group. A chartered financial analyst, Mr Bouwer is a director of the Financial Analysts' Federation and a past president of the Los Angeles Society of Financial Analysts. Before joining the organisation in 1968 Mr Bouwer was an executive with General Tire and Rubber Co., E.L. du Pont Nevours, Unilever Ltd. and American Metal Climax.

Mrs Belle Paterson (1927) has been Clerk of the Court at the Magistrate's Court in Fort Victoria for the past 24 years. Several years ago she was promoted to senior clerical officer. She writes that she flew to Johannesburg before the New Year and travelled with **Mai Cordell** (née **Gorden** - 1930) who is Chairman of the Consumer Council. Her brother, **Mr L.R. (Rastus) Gordon** (1930) who used to be manager of Gaths Mine (asbestos), Mashaba, is also an Old Rhodian. **Peter Stokes** (1943) is headmaster of the Fort Victoria High School. His wife, **Anne** (née **Campbell** - 1957) was also at Rhodes. Mrs Paterson was at Rhodes with Anne's father and uncle, **Hamish** and **Bronté**. **Jimmy Watson** is a partner in the firm, Winterton, Holmes and Hill (solicitors) in Fort Victoria. **Beth Richards** (née **Dacombe**) is married to a farmer near Zimbabwe Ruins.

Mr Donald Mackay Coghill (1960), appointed manager of the International Gold Corporation (Intergold), a marketing division of the Chamber of Mines in 1972, already well-known as a cricketer, helped expand its activities into Africa, Europe and North America.

Under his leadership, Intergold has played a

big role in promoting gold as a highly marketable commodity.

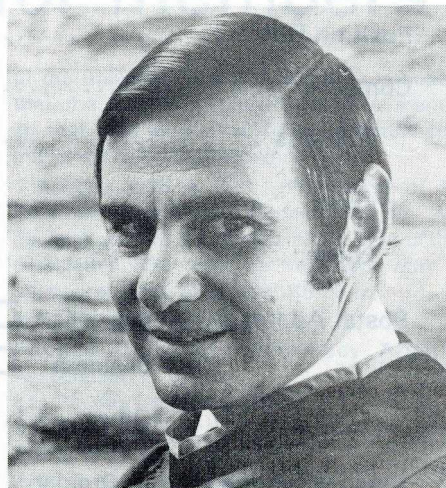
In 1975 Intergold resumed responsibility for marketing and promoting Krugerrands - expected to bring in foreign exchange valued at more than \$1 billion this year.

Mr Dennis Clur (1956) has been appointed to the boards of the following companies in the Fedmis Group: Fedmis (Pty) Ltd., Optichem (Pty) Ltd., Chemical Industries of S.A. (Pty) Ltd., Bosveld Kunsmis (Pty) Ltd., Palcaso (Pty) Ltd., and Plofed (Pty) Limited.

Miss Cathy Crowe (1976) is in Osaka in Japan where she is working in a modern language laboratory teaching adults English. She taught for a year in Hong Kong and then travelled to Taiwan and Japan. She hitchhiked around the south of Japan and visited Hiroshima where she was particularly impressed by the Peace Garden which was established to remember those who had perished in that disaster. Apparently the message in the gardens is a call for forgiveness and understanding. Cathy has written to her parents describing the Japanese people as being very friendly, and she has been skiing in winter and walking mountain paths in the summer. She has given a colourful description of the cherry blossom season where there is a name for each stage of the development of the blossoms, and regular pilgrimages are made to view the flowers.

Mr Michael Currie (1934) and his wife have left Salisbury where he was practising as an attorney. They have settled in the Republic of Ireland and have a cottage outside Dublin.

Professor K.A.C. (Cheese) Elliott (1924) would be glad if any Old Rhodian who remembers him would write him at Biochemistry Department, McGill University, Montreal.



Dr Nathan Finkelstein

Dr Nathan Finkelstein has been a member of the staff at Rhodes University where his teaching commitments have largely been in the areas of applied microbiology and forensic pharmacy. He received the Diploma in Pharmacy and the Diploma in Clinical Chemistry from the Cape Technical College, and the M.Sc. degree from the University of Strathclyde. He has long served as an examiner for the S.A. Pharmacy Board, and

various South African universities, has served as a member of its Education Research Committee, and has been an inspector of pharmacies since 1974. He is also a Commissioner of Oaths by ministerial appointment.

Dr Finkelstein has long been interested in student activities, having served as a liaison between students and staff both in Cape Town and at Rhodes and has also served on the SAPSF executive. Dr Finkelstein has been a member of the PSSA since he qualified and is a member of the South African Institution Pharmacists Association.

Dr Finkelstein takes an active part in community life in Grahamstown being involved with the Hebrew community, the Lion's club, the golf club and the philatelic society. He also takes a keen interest in gardening with a particular emphasis on growing indigenous flora.

He was awarded the Ph.D. degree for work under the guidance of Professor D.E.A. Rivett.

Mr Jan van Someren Greve (1961) is working as a senior entomologist with the Papua New Guinea Department of Primary Industry in the field of stored products. He married Miss S. Cato in 1969 and they have a three year old daughter, Saskia. The couple stay in Boroko and any old Rhodians travelling in the vicinity are welcome to call.

Mr Derek Harroway (1953) has returned with his family to live in Port Elizabeth where they are occupying the old family home.

Miss V.W. Henley, senior lecturer in the department of English at Fort Hare retired at the end of last year. In January 1965 she went to Fort Hare from the Vryheid Training School where she had taught English and English Method to students in both the Lower and Higher Primary Courses. Miss Henley obtained the B.A. and M.A. degrees, both with distinction, and the University Education Diploma (UED) at Rhodes.

Mr Ronald Hieber (1972) is now Section Geologist on Rustenburg Platinum Mines (Rustenburg Section).

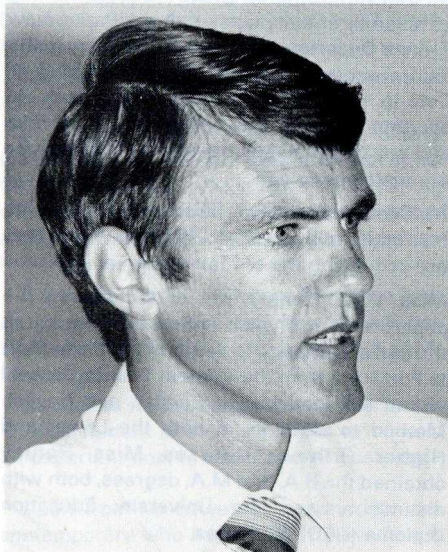
His wife, **Mrs Shelley Hieber** (née **van Heerden** - 1971) has worked as a journalist (Rand Daily Mail), teacher and translator. The couple has been married five and a half years and have two children.

Mr Anthony Ilsley (1963) is working in the Flinders Medical Centre, South Australia, in the department of Anaesthetics as the Principal Hospital Scientist. His work involves g.c. and m.s. work on anaesthetic agents and their metabolites. He has his own portable m.s. for medical gas analysis and "many other fancy toys".

Mr Benson Jarzyna (1973) married Barbara Schwartz and settled in Cape Town where he managed Newlands Pharmacy. The couple emigrated to Canada where Benson is doing a year of traineeship in a pharmacy in Sudbury. Barbara who qualified as a Medical Technologist at Tygerberg Hospital intends joining the Canadian Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service.

old rhodian news

Mr William (Bill) Lane (1947) has been elected president of the Law Society of the Transvaal. He served for a while on the committee of the Johannesburg Attorneys' Association. He was elected to the council of the Transvaal Law Society in 1972, then vice-president of the society and president in 1978. He was appointed a member of the Standing Committee on Motor Vehicle Insurance of the Association of Law Societies in 1971. He has been chairman of this committee since 1974 as a result of which he has been actively concerned with amendments to the Compulsory Motor Vehicle Insurance Act. He was appointed by the Minister of Justice as a representative of the Association on the Legal Aid Board from 1975 to 1978. He has been a member of the Association's Standing Committee on Legal Education since 1975, is convener of the attorney representatives on the joint liaison committee of attorneys and accountants and assisted with the organisation of the national law conference in Johannesburg in 1978.



Mike Lawrie

Mr Mike Lawrie, manager of the Rhodes University computer services, has just been awarded his M.Sc. degree from the University of Manchester, Institute of Science and Technology. Mr Lawrie did research on pedestrian circulation in buildings, involving specialised use of the computer with a television camera. He worked for ICL before joining the university in 1965 as a site engineer when the university first got a computer. He was awarded his B.Sc. from Rhodes in 1968 and completed his Honours degree the following year before returning to ICL. Since taking over as manager of the computer services, Mr Lawrie has given occasional courses to Computer Science and Applied Mathematics students as well as supervising all aspects of providing a campus computer service.

Mrs Bernice Mallett (née McWilliams - 1966) taught at Herschel in Claremont for the last six years, but resigned as they now have a baby son, Roger, born in December, a companion to his school-going sisters, Elizabeth and Alexandra.

Dr Ronald Mallet (1965) qualified with the M.B. Ch.B. at U.C.T. in 1977 and has completed his internship at the Somerset Hospital in Green Point, Cape Town. He is now working at the Red Cross Children's Hospital in Rondebosch.

After leaving South Africa in May 1973, **David Marcos** took up a post at the University of Bradford in England. He held the post of Thackray Research Fellow for two years and the post of temporary lecturer in Pharmaceuticals for three years. During that time he also carried out research towards a Ph.D. degree which he was awarded in 1978. He received his degree from Sir Harold Wilson who is Chancellor of the university. At the beginning of 1979 David left England for Israel where, for the past few months, he has been working and studying Hebrew on Kibbutz Ma'abarot. The produce of this kibbutz includes citrus fruit, apples, avocado pears, pineapples, mangoes, pears, pecan nuts, cotton, milk, fish (farmed in ponds), animal

food additives and pharmaceuticals. He has been working in the pharmaceutical factory and acquiring some valuable industrial experience.

Mr Tom Maxwell (1962) has resigned his position in the Bank of Canada to take up a position as Senior Vice President (Executive) and chief Economist at the Conference Board in Canada - an independent non-profit making research institution, privately financed by the government, industry and labour. The board enjoys great prestige in Canada and Dr Maxwell's move has had the sanction of both the Governor of the bank, and the Minister of Finance.

Mr Patrick N. Palmer (1969) is serving on the lecturing staff of the Department of Business Economics at the University of South Africa, having graduated with a B.Com(Hons) degree in 1970. Prior to this he was attached to the lecturing staff of the Natal College for Advanced Technical Education and the University of Durban-Westville.

Rhodes University Pharmacy Alumni Association: Application for Active Membership

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First Names

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Position Title:

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Other:

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Associate ☐

If Associate

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old rhodian news

Jean Marshall (1977) has married P.J. Budler and they are living in the Tarkastad district where her husband farms. Jean is the daughter of Mr J.C. Marshall, a member of the Rhodes Council, and Mrs Marshall.

Mr Vincent Murphy (1961) was recently elected President of the Pharmaceutical Society of Rhodesia. He is married to **Margaret (Blackie - 1961)** and has four children. Mr Murphy is the Regional Pharmacist for Rhodesia Railways Medical Fund in Salisbury, and is an honorary lecturer in the Dept of Pharmacy, University of Rhodesia.

Mr Osmond has also been invited to be the Information Officer for Southern Africa and neighbouring areas for the World Council for Gifted Children.

He attended both previous world conferences, the first which was held in London in 1975 and the second in San Francisco in 1977, where he was the only speaker from Africa.

Mr Osmond established the Office for the Gifted and Talented in Port Elizabeth in 1976 with the aim to "promote, encourage and foster the education of gifted and talented children in South Africa".



Two newcomers on the Rhodes administrative staff are both Old Rhodians. They are Mr Kevin Whitehead (right) and his wife, Briony, and Mr John Penberthy and his wife, Janet. Mr Whitehead takes over from Mr Cecil Woodbridge as examinations officer and Mr Penberthy is the new student liaison officer.

They are seen here at the Vice-Chancellor's welcoming party at the beginning of the year.

Mrs Petal O'Brien (née Tyson - 1955) is now Head of the Education and Training Department, Konkola Division, Nchanga Consolidated Copper Mines, in Zambia. Her elder son, David, is a first year student at Rhodes studying journalism, and her second son, Hugh, is at St Andrew's College. Her parents, Mr and Mrs Eric Tyson, are retired in Grahamstown.

Miss Jean Osborn (1973) married Anthony Armstrong from Stellenbosch in 1977, and they are now living in Dordrecht.

Miss Jill Osborn (1973) last year married Mr Peter Haxton, a teacher at Queen's College. Jill teaches at the Girl's High School in Queenstown.

Mr Jock Osmond (1931) a Port Elizabeth educationalist, will deliver a paper at the third world conference for gifted children to be held in Jerusalem in July. Mr Osmond left in April for a three-month study and research trip to America and Europe before the conference.

Five other South Africans are expected to attend the conference in Israel. Mr Osmond, who is chairman of the Port Elizabeth Office for the Gifted and Talented, is the only South African member of the World Council for Gifted Children.

Miss Shirley Anne Ritchie (1960) has received the coveted honour of being appointed a Queen's Counsel. Miss Ritchie, a member of the Eastern Cape branch of the South African Bar, was called to the English Bar in 1966 and is a member of the Inner Temple. She practises in the High Court and in the south-eastern circuit, specialising in family division matters, and frequently appears as counsel for England's solicitor in child wardship cases.

Mr Ian Ross (1971) and his wife, **Janine** (née Sola - 1970) and their young daughter, Jaqueline, emigrated to the United Kingdom last year. Ian is marketing manager for an international scientific company.

Mr Peter Searle (1958) who last year succeeded **Mr Noel Phillips** (1955) as Managing Director of Volkswagen South Africa, has been elected Vice President of the Eastern Cape Branch of the Institute of Marketing Management.

Mr Mike Shelley (1960) has been appointed public relations manager for Goodyear, South Africa. He succeeds **Mr Saville Watson**, who retires next month after nearly 30 years' service with the company. Born in England, Mr Shelley came to South Africa in 1947. He

was educated at Grey College, Port Elizabeth and Rhodes University, where he obtained a B.A. degree in economics and politics.

Mr Rolf Stokhuysen (1967) and his wife **Esmè** are now settled in Burlington, Ontario, Canada. Rolf completed his Ph.D. (Waterloo University 1975) and is now employed with BP Canada. They have two children.

Mr Wiet Stokhuysen (1967), his wife **Colleen** (née Dargie - 1967) and their two sons moved to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia in 1977 where Wiet serves as a marketing consultant to the Saudi Industrial Development Fund. They have made their permanent home in England where Wiet took his M.B.A. (Cranfield 1975/6). The couple left South Africa in 1971 to settle in the U.K. Wiet worked for Ford of Europe until 1975 when he read an M.B.A. Colleen now teaches in Riyadh.

Mr Brian Thiel (1956) and his family have emigrated to Australia where Brian has joined the staff of the well-known school, Barker College, as Senior Master (Deputy Head). This position was previously held by **Alistair Todd** (1955) who has moved to Albany High School, New South Wales, as Headmaster.

Mr Len van Zyl (1960) has been honoured by becoming a member of The Reader's Digest 'Hall of Fame'. Len is Managing Director of Lindsay Smithers-FCB and has been President of the Association of Accredited Practitioners in Advertising for the past three years.

Mr G.D. (Derek) Varnals (1958) has been appointed Marketing Director of Lipton SA (Pty) Ltd. He will be moving to the Transvaal from Durban where he has lived for many years. He was a prominent cricketer, gaining his Springbok colours in a test series against England.

Mr Charles James Waddington (1950) was appointed a puisne judge in the General Division of the High Court in Salisbury at the beginning of this year. Mr Waddington who went to Salisbury in 1953 and took silk in 1969, was one of the first two senior counsel in Rhodesia. He has been in the Attorney-General's office since then.

Mr Waddington has advised the government on sanctions and was one of the diplomatic team at the Geneva settlement talks.

He married **Shirley Wild** (1951), daughter of the late Professor and Mrs Ernie Wild.

Mr Andrew Wadman (1972) emigrated to England after obtaining a degree in Journalism. He worked as a features writer dealing with travel and tourism for Times Newspapers "enabling me to see a good deal of the world at someone else's expense." In 1974 Andrew decided to become a solicitor and after writing the Law Society's examinations, won a Barclays Bank Travel Bursary to study Criminology at Berkely in California for six months. When he returned to England he married and served articles with Tweedies, a firm of solicitors in Lincoln's Inn. He is now specialising in Tax Law. He has offered to show any Old Rhodians around London if they happen to be passing through. His address is - 31 Warwick Road, New Barnet, Hertfordshire, EN5 5 EQ.

obituaries

This is the year of the 75th anniversary of Rhodes University. At anniversary time we not only celebrate; we recollect. Among those who will be remembered is **Dr Stella Alty**, who died in Birmingham earlier this year.

Stella was the wife of Dr Thomas Alty, head of Rhodes from 1948 to 1963 and first Vice Chancellor when Rhodes gained full university status in 1951.

The Alty's came from Glasgow to Rhodes when it faced a financial crisis and it was Dr Thomas Alty who steered the university through those troubled waters. At his side was Stella, who made her own contribution to the growth and success of Rhodes.

A geology graduate of Liverpool University, she obtained a doctorate in geography at the University of Saskatchewan, Canada.

An intellectual who could hold her own in any distinguished academic company, Stella Alty was a woman in her own right long before the advent of Woman's Lib. She belonged to that generation of women who were conscious of the responsibilities imposed on them by virtue of their training and position.

Small, petite and fragile looking, Mrs Alty never enjoyed robust health yet she radiated force and energy. She had great charm. Yet she could be a formidable foe against injustice. She was a doughty fighter. She was a steadfast friend.

She was an outstanding hostess and in her home, with the help only of her stalwart Eunice, and an old fashioned, inadequate kitchen, she entertained with grace and distinction. Few of those who visited the old Lodge (where the new chemistry block now stands) had any idea of the sheer hard work that had gone into the preparation for the occasion when she greeted them with a radiant smile and a witty sally. It was a time of close links with Fort Hare University so that multi-racial gatherings at the Lodge were the norm.

It was Mrs Alty who started the Rhodes Women's Association which she planned as a happy get-together of woman members of staff and wives of staff. She also opened the doors of the Ivory Tower to welcome townspeople and farmer's wives to some of these gatherings.

Her energies were not confined to Rhodes. She was an industrious chairman of the Grahamstown Library Committee in the days before the Provincial Library was established. She was also deeply concerned with the problems of the underprivileged in the city.

As chairman of the Grahamstown branch of National Council of Women, she visited the Black township where she helped the African NCW members to start needlework classes and educational courses. When Grahams-town became the headquarters of NCW in South Africa, with Mrs Dorothy Rivett Carnac as National President, Dr Stella Alty was the National Vice President.

Both she and Dr Alty were determined to become "Tweetalig". They took every

opportunity to speak Afrikaans and even spent holidays with an Afrikaans-speaking family on a farm near Cradock. Many a government official visiting Rhodes was surprised to find how fluent their Afrikaans was.

Although the Alty's were innately reserved they had a keen sense of humour and a ready wit. Their love of fun is illustrated by this story related by Dr Winifred Maxwell: "Mrs Alty told me on one occasion the frogs in the pool of the Lodge were unusually numerous and noisy. She was expecting visitors from England and was worried about the disturbance at night. The gardener was quite prepared to seek out and destroy. Mrs Alty found the idea more repellant than the croaks. Instead she and Dr Tom captured them in relays with a net, put them in a large bucket and emptied them stealthily by night into a dam on the Cradock road. For a week it was their nightly exercise. Silence reigned for the crucial days of the visit. But she assured me the frogs came back 'to croak in triumph'."

As we remember Stella Alty, we think of her intelligence and integrity; her wit and wisdom; her charm and courage. But above all there was a kindness. It was a kindness that flowed from a warm and loving heart. - *Thelma Neville*

A man known as **Uncle Sam** to hundreds of Old Rhodians and many more South African and British airmen stationed at Grahamstown and Port Elizabeth during the war, **Mr Elias Cohen**, died in Cape Town aged 82.

Mr Cohen was a popular hotelier in Grahamstown for many years when he ran the Victoria Hotel and subsequently restored the old Howison's Poort coaching inn to become the Stone Crescent Hotel, the fame of which spread throughout the country.

He was born at Hottentot's Kloof in the Western Cape, matriculated at King Edward School, Johannesburg, and farmed in the Ceres district until he bought the Victoria Hotel in 1943. He sold it in 1949 to build Stone Crescent.

Mr Cohen retired in 1970. He filled in as caterer at Rhodes University for a spell. Three years later he and his wife moved to the Cape.

The Rev Cliff Ellis (1958) who served as Methodist minister to the parishes of Jansenville, Mount Stewart, Wolfefontein, Oatlands, Klipplaat, Willowmore and Steytlerville died suddenly at the age of 50.

Mr Ellis worked as a commercial representative in Cape Town after he matriculated from Glenwood High School in Durban.

He later graduated from Rhodes University and joined the ministry at the age of 26. Mr Ellis went to Jansenville from Somerset East almost five years ago.

Mr David John Gale, 72, former United Party MP died in East London this year.

Born in Walvis Bay, Mr Gale was educated at Rondebosch Boy's High School, Durban

High School and Grey High School, Port Elizabeth. He studied at Rhodes University College.

He married Maud Beesly in 1937 and in the same year was elected to the East London City Council.

In 1940 he resigned from the council to go on active service and served in Prince Alfred's Guards and the Kafrarian Rifles.

Attaining the rank of Major, Mr Gale served throughout the Indian campaign.

Mr Gale was elected an MP for East London North in a by-election in 1946, was re-elected in 1948 and resigned in 1951.

He was also prominent in sporting circles, being president of the Border Amateur Swimming Association from 1939-40 and in 1946. He obtained his colours for rugby at Rhodes and played hockey for Border in 1929. Mr Gale was a past president of the Comrades Bowling Club and also played golf.

Miss B.H.G. Heyworth, MBE, died on October 19, 1978, aged 93. She was head of the women's residence during the 1920's.

Sidney Levinsohn (1935) died suddenly in London on January 13.

He was born in Grahamstown where he matriculated at the Victoria Boys High School, now Graeme College. After taking his B.A. degree at Rhodes he taught for a year at Komga, then returned to Rhodes where he took his M.A. degree, in English.

In spite of every effort he was unable to find a teaching post anywhere in South Africa but the late Major Walker, the Registrar at Rhodes, secured him a teaching post in Northern Rhodesia, where he taught for at least 20 years apart from the five years' war service, being discharged with the rank of sergeant.

Thereafter he taught for several years in Nova Scotia and London.

Leo N. Salomon died on March 1, 1979, aged 83. He graduated at Rhodes in 1916 with a B.A. (Hons) in Philosophy and was awarded a Beit Scholarship. He went to England and took his LL.B. degree at the Inns of Court in London. He returned to South Africa but he found that he was not able to carry on with his intended law profession. He took up teaching at the Parktown High School for boys in Johannesburg for some years. Later he moved with his family to Pietersburg where he taught for many years until his retirement.

In 1941, although well over 40 years of age, he joined the army and served up north with the Botha Regiment. After retirement from the Government High School, he carried on with his teaching, doing relief work at various schools. Later he did a great deal of private tuition and was still teaching at the time of his sudden death.

Mr Ken Waddell (1927) and his wife were tragically killed when a light aircraft crashed into a block of flats in which they were living and completely demolished their flat. Mr Waddell worked for the Argus Group for many years and had a distinguished record of service in the Second World War.

obituaries

Mr Harold Waldron (91), who was born in Port Alfred and educated at St Andrew's College, died in East London.

Mr Waldron's father was a harbour engineer who built the first reinforced concrete bridge at Port Alfred and started the East London breakwater.

Before going to St Andrew's, Mr Waldron was a pupil at St George's Grammar School in Cape Town.

He was one of the founder students at the Rhodes University College at the beginning of the century and completed articles under a Grahamstown attorney.

He joined the Rhodesian Department of Native Affairs and later, a firm of attorneys in Salisbury.

At the outbreak of World War I he joined the First Rhodesian Regiment where he fought in the South West Africa campaign. After the campaign the regiment was disbanded and Mr Waldron paid his own passage to England and joined the British Army Service Corps.

After World War I Mr Waldron settled in Omaruru in South West Africa for 21 years where he practised as an attorney.

Mr Waldron became a member of the South West Africa Legislative Assembly in 1940, where he served for two years.

After 10 years in East London, where he continued working as an attorney, he finally retired at the age of 75.

Manfred Weinstein South Africa's "Mr Philately", died in a Pretoria hospital last year after a short illness. He was 51.

Mr Weinstein, a stamp collector since childhood, was a member of the Pretoria Philatelic Society for over 30 years, and Chairman of the society for about 15 years.

A past president of the Philatelic Federation of South Africa, he was the honorary editor of the monthly SA Philatelist for six years during which period readership of the journal increased threefold.

He was the internationally recognised expert on the stamps of early southern Africa, and judged such material at national and international exhibitions. Ten years ago he became the youngest collector ever to be elected to the elite "Roll of Honour of Distinguished Philatelists".

Mr Edward Winston Wigg (1963), killed in the Viscount crash, was Chairman and Managing Director of Liebig's Ltd., whose Rhodesian Head Office is in Bulawayo. He was born in Salisbury. After leaving Rhodes University where he obtained a B.Comm., he joined Deloitte & Co., becoming Chief Accountant of Liebig's in 1973. He was appointed Financial Director and Deputy Managing Director in 1975, and Chairman and Managing Director in 1977. He is survived by his wife and 2 children. Mr Wigg was 37 years old.



Mr and Mrs Dennis Smith-Howe are the new managers of the Rhodes Club. They are experienced hoteliers and have spent time in Swellendam, Natal and the Katberg.

Hoteliers take over

THE Rhodes University Club has undergone several changes during the past half year and after an interim period during which the club was managed by Mr Mike Gibson, Mr Dennis Smith-Howe and his wife, Elizabeth, have taken over. They are both experienced hoteliers and caterers who were previously at the Katberg Hotel.

The most obvious change has been the transformation of the rat-trap into a ladies bar. As a counter attraction in the original bar, draught beer will shortly be offered. Plans have already been passed to turn the present TV lounge into a cocktail lounge for the Orange Room functions. The TV will go into the

Student's Lounge which is being incorporated into the club.

At only R6 per year, it is hoped that most Old Rhodians will maintain their contacts with Rhodes through the club.

A club tie is available and can be ordered through the club. The price is R5.50 each.

Fifty years of close contact

MARCH marked 50 years of dedicated service and interest in Rhodes University by 3 former students now living in Grahamstown. They are Professor Hugh Chapman, former Dean of Students, and Mr and Mrs George Randell, all students at the university in 1929.

Professor Chapman joined the university as an ink on February 22 1929, and made his mark as a student by being elected to the SRC in 1931. He became chairman in 1932 and 1933, when he pioneered the abolition of student initiation.

Mrs Randell was the first Rhodes student to be awarded a B.A. (Fine Arts) degree and was the winner of the Purvis Prize for the best art student.

Fifty years ago her husband, George Randell was made a senior student and chairman of the Rhodes Students' Representative Council. In 1929 he captained the university touring cricket team of Cape Town, playing in the first inter-varsity cricket match between Rhodes and U.C.T. He also represented Rhodes at Nusas 'parliament'.

Record numbers

A RECORD number of students graduated at two ceremonies in April. It was the first time that the university conferred a Doctorate of Philosophy in Pure Mathematics, and the first time that degrees were awarded in the field of Exploration Geology in South Africa.

In all 591 degrees were conferred, 68 more than at last year's ceremony. Amongst these were twelve Doctorate of Philosophy, one Master of Social Science, nineteen Master of Science, three Master of Fine Arts and twenty one Master of Arts. There were also fifteen Bachelor of Law and ninety honours awards for Science, Commerce, Social Science and Arts.

The first ever Ph.D. in Pure Mathematics conferred was to Mr N.J. Groenewald of Port Elizabeth. Mr Groenewald studied under the university's Dean of Arts and Professor of Mathematics, Professor H.J. Schutte.

Historic win for Rhodes rugby team in Grand Challenge Cup series

FOR the first time in the eight years that the university has participated in the 78 year old Border Grand Challenge Cup, last season the Rhodes rugby team battled their way to victory. That memorable season began on a happy note as the team welcomed back former Rhodes captain, Alistair Weakley as a player and coach.

The team which was to gather momentum as the season progressed, began on a low note when Rhodes lost to Free State University's Irawas, in the annual Freaques Memorial Cup. Hattingh as eighth man was the star of the match and was to continue with his outstanding play throughout the season.

Rhodes then fought on to a series of wins beginning with a convincing victory over Cradock Rovers - Rhodes scored three tries in the first ten minutes. After being narrowly beaten by Police, Rhodes proved victorious in the next four games, beating Cambridge by 25-19 in a thrilling match played on the Great Field. Continuing in this winning streak, Rhodes caned Albany in the Birch Cup, scoring 20 of their points in the second half. In this game Barter shone in the forwards, with Loanes and Beeby wreaking havoc in the defence, while Hattingh was prominent in getting to the ball and setting up moves, resulting in a 33-9 win for Rhodes.

It was thus a triumphant Rhodes that went on to defeat Old Selbornians, then the Border Cup holders. Followed by a decisive victory over Hamiltons, Rhodes managed to stay in the chase for the League.

The lead changed five times before Rhodes was narrowly beaten by Swifts, in a game in which we were unlucky to lose - playing most of the game with only 14 players, the team lost lock P. Clarke in the eighth minute. This marginal defeat did not prove a set-back as Rhodes went on to beat Hamiltons 16-6, fighting well into the second half to establish their lead. This was followed by an 18-3 win over Buffaloes leaving Rhodes with only two defeats and eight wins, in a strong position for the Border Cup.

The Rhodes tour of the Peninsula consisting of three friendly matches against False Bay, Gardens and Hamiltons proved unsuccessful. Rhodes lost to False Bay, Hamiltons and an unfortunate loss to Gardens - they were pipped at the post five minutes before the end.

On returning Rhodes managed to hold its own against Cambridge, in a tight hard rough match resulting in a draw. Buffaloes fell out of contention for the cup as Rhodes romped to a glorious 39-12 win, being six up after only six minutes of play. After beating Buffaloes



Last year's team which for the first time won the Border Grand Challenge Cup, is pictured in action against Police. The Rhodes' players visible are (from left) 'Swannie' Swanepoel (background), Derek Barter, Dave Hardy, Colin Kriel (going for the ball), Graham Bell (partially obscured) and Jan Fourie behind. At the time of going to press, the Rhodes' team had won two games and lost one this season.

victory followed for Rhodes as we went on to win a decisive match against Old Selbornians, so managing to shake off Cambridge their opposing log leader in the Border Cup.

Hopes rose when Swifts, fellow leaders for the cup, bowed to Rhodes after a gigantic tussle in which Rhodes thoroughly deserved their narrow 4-0 win, the try being scored by Hattingh. Mist settled in early in the second half of the game, yet this did not deter the rampant Rhodes attack as they hung on tenaciously to the end.

Tension mounted when Rhodes established themselves as joint contenders with Cambridge in the Cup finals, after having beaten Police and Albany. The two teams had previously drawn in July - the match was anticipated with baited breath. It was only the second time Rhodes had reached the finals in her eight years participation for the Border Grand Challenge Cup.

With Cambridge in a 3-0 lead at half time, Rhodes really put the pressure on in the second half and was adequately rewarded with their first try soon after the kick off. Hattingh's try was closely followed by another by Craig Andrew, which was converted by Rich Liddle. This left Rhodes in a 10-3 lead in the first 20 minutes of the second half with Cambridge unable to equalise, leaving Rhodes the holders of the Border Cup. The triumphant players deserved a hearty praise, particularly Hattingh for his cover defence, Barter for his line out work, Andrew for an excellent try and Gallow for some strong runs down the wing.

In the annual intervarsity clash played before a festive, capacity crowd, Rhodes lost 21-4 to U.P.E., their first victory in 3

years. U.P.E., who enjoyed a territorial advantage and led 3-0 at half time, forced Rhodes to maintain a defensive stance throughout the game. Rhodes' brilliant try was scored by Hattingh who collected a loose ball just inside the U.P.E. 22 metre line.

To make special mention of those players who played Border, we would like to congratulate the following: Derek Barter, who captained the Border side (as well as being a S.A. Country Districts trialist), Don Gallow, Pete Beeby, Rich Liddle, Tim Brukman, Graham Bell and Charl Hattingh.

- Theo Swanepoel

Photos wanted

THE Rhodes University Rugby Club is wanting to build up a complete collection of all past team photographs and has appealed to anyone who has any to either donate or lend them to the club which will have them copied and the originals returned.

Anyone sending photographs is requested to pack them carefully and register the package.

The club has a room at its disposal where meetings are held and all records are kept. The club is hoping to collect the photographs and hang them on the walls. Mounted photographs with names in particular, are being sought.

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