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The 90th Birthday "Founders' Ball"

This was a wonderful occasion! Lots of purple and white balloons decorated Kimberley Hall together with the most beautiful flowers. The music, by the Keynotes, was excellent and the food, by the Rhodes Catering Department, delicious. **Eddie Baart (1951)** proved to be an extremely entertaining master of ceremonies and kept us all on the dance floor by ensuring that there were many Paul Jones and Snowball dances. **Eddie, Jeanine Baart (Emmett 1969)** and **Pat Terry (1963)** provided entertainment in the form of a cabaret. In fact this dance was so thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended that we've been asked to make it an annual event!

90th Anniversary Celebrations

Dr Derek Henderson, Vice-Chancellor, hosted a luncheon in the Mother Cecile Memorial Hall for VIPs from Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban as well as various members of staff. The

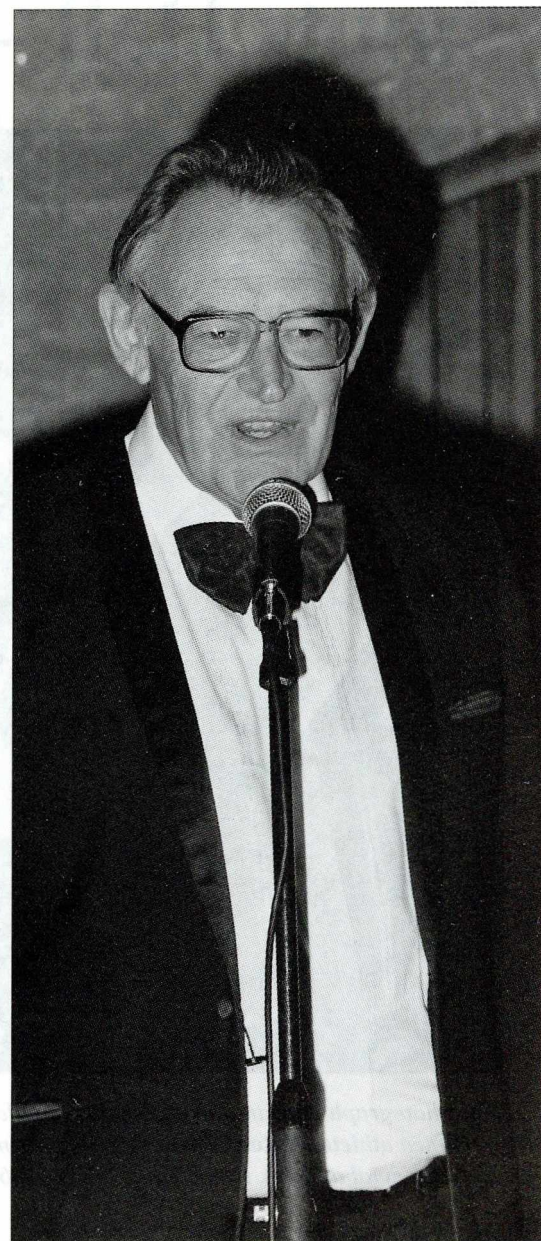
Centenary Appeal Fund was officially launched at this luncheon. Dr Henderson also announced that he would be retiring at the end of September 1995. The luncheon was followed by an interdominational service in the Rhodes Chapel where readings from the Hebrew Scriptures were given by Professor A Levin of the Department of Psychology; prayers from Hindu writings were given by Dr V M Murali of the Department of Mathematical Statistics; prayers from *Al-Quran* were read by Dr M A Motara, Dean of Students, while prayers for the University and its community were led by Professor P T Mtshu, head of the department of African Languages and Nupe Xunde, general secretary of the Students' Representative Council. The Divinity Choir sang *Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah* in Xhosa and the Rhodes Choir sang the Anthem – *Motet: Gloria* (Weelkes). The service was followed by a tea party on St Peter's lawns at which a marimba band as well as the Kingswood College Brass Band played.



Old Rhodians at the Founders' Ball



Left: Pete Andrew (1982) and his wife, Lynn and Tom (1967) and Janet Tagg (Palmer 1968) at the Founders' Ball.



Right: Eddie Baart (1951) in the role of Master of Ceremonies.

Change of name discussed by Senate

At a meeting of Senate held in September, Prof Roger Southall of the Political Science Department proposed a motion that Rhodes University change its name.

After debate it was thought advisable, prior to voting on the motion, to refer the matter to a sub-committee of Senate members. They were asked to make a detailed investigation, and to advise Senate whether the matter should be taken further.

This was done towards the end of November and, at its last meeting of the year, the Senate voted *nem con* to retain the name of the University until there is some compelling reason to reconsider the issue.

It was agreed that more support would be needed for considering a change of name before spending the University's resources on undertaking detailed polls of interested parties and running market surveys on the issue.

Reunion report-back

Bloemfontein

This reunion took place on 7 September at the home of **Roy (1960)** and **Margie Gordon** of St Andrew's School. 24 ORs attended, including **Brian (1957)** and **Penny Gold (McIntyre 1955)** who travelled all the way from Aliwal North. The video, *On the Frontier of Change*, was well received and brought back many happy nostalgic memories. Rhodes was represented by **Professor Ivan (1962)** and his wife, **Lenore Schäfer (Callaghan 1965)** who were given a very warm reception.

Durban

About 40 ORs attended this reunion which was addressed by **Professor Desmond Eve (1951)**, who was accompanied by his wife, **Jeanette (van der Riet 1952)**. There was a great deal of nostalgia ranging over the past 60 years. Among those present were **Chris Cresswell (1951)** and his wife, Evelyn; **Trevor Letcher (Staff 1980)** and his wife, Val; **Alistair Carnegie (1950)** and his wife, **Phoebe (Omer-Cooper 1954)**; **Bob Moore (1951)**; and **Kiloran Townsend (Mullin 1975)** and her husband. **Bill Scott (1934)** who attended with his wife, **Megan (Jones 1938)**, gave a most entertaining talk about Rhodes in the 'good old days' when Rhodes regularly won the rugby cup. **Mike Barker (1952)** and **Bertie Wicks (1966)** were the stalwarts who organised the reunion.

Cape Town

A cocktail party organised by **David Hart (1974)** was held at the Cape Technikon on Friday 9 September at which about 100 ORs

of all vintages celebrated Rhodes' 90th anniversary. **Professor Geoff Antrobus (1973)** together with his wife, Margie, represented the University at this function. During the course of the evening Geoff addressed the gathering on 'Rhodes 1904 to 1994', giving a brief history of the University from its early beginnings but concentrating on the events of the recent past including the summit, recent activities and physical changes on the campus. He concluded with an overview of some of the challenges ahead and how Rhodes was planning to meet them. The following evening Geoff and Margie were invited to a braai at the Hout Bay home of **Frank Muggleston (1966)**.

Johannesburg

The 'Kaif Krawl' was held on Friday 9 September at the Wanderers Club. **Professor Malcolm Sainsbury (Staff 1981)** and his wife, **Denyse (1982)** represented the University at this very pleasant occasion which was attended by over 400 ORs. The Johannesburg ORs demonstrated once again that they had not forgotten how to party! The Old Rhodian Golfing Committee under the able leadership of **Terry Sutherland (1967)** organized this great party.

Kimberley

Professor Ivan Schäfer (1962) together with his wife, **Lenore (Callaghan 1965)** attended this function which was held in the Rhodes Room at the Kimberley Club. A mixture of young and old attended with **Mr L Shuttleworth**

(1933) representing the 'oldies' and **Mark (1983)** and **Allison Fletcher (Moss 1983)** being the youngest ORs present. The Rhodes video, *On the Frontier of Change*, which was shown, was enjoyed by all.

Port Elizabeth

Dr David McKellar, acting Dean of Education, attended this reunion which was held on Thursday 8 September at the Walmer Country Club. The reunion, which was convened by **Neale Emslie (1978)**, was held after a break of three years. Despite the small number of ORs who turned out for the function Neale has been urged to continue arranging Reunions. The Rhodes video, *On the Frontier of Change*, was shown. The group was particularly interested in the senior security officer, James Kulati, who noted how students in the '60s tended to imbibe a little too often or too much, and caused him problems in monitoring 'raids' on women's residences. He commented on how much more sober the current students appear to be and that visiting arrangements in the '90s have solved many of his problems.

United Kingdom

The 1994 reunion/braaivleis took place on a sunshine and showers Saturday in September at the home of Bob and **Maggie Wade (Gordon-Brown 1959)** in Crowthorne, Berkshire. Despite the early rain those present were able to stay in the garden for the braai, before converging inside to see the new Rhodes video, *On the Frontier of Change*, presented by the guest speaker, Dr Michael Smout, Vice-Principal of Rhodes.

Memories came flooding back – despite the great changes to the campus. Many present were graduates and they all enjoyed seeing the present-day Rhodes and hearing of plans for the University in the future.

The reunion marked the official retirement of **Murray Graham (1943)**, who has been the contact persons for ORs in the UK for over 11 years. His successor is **Fred Castle (1973)**. Please make a note of Fred's address and contact him to be included in the mailing list for the 1995 reunion :

Fred Castle (1973)

199 Surrenden Road
Brighton
West Sussex
BN1 6NN
England
Tel. 01273 501770

(Please remember to include a SAE) Old Rhodians continue to give generously to the UK Bursary Fund. Please send donations to Fred Castle, making cheques payable to the treasurer, **Donald Pearce-Crump (1979) (ORU)**.

Zimbabwe

Professor Robert Brooks (1961) and his wife, **Jenny (Crooks 1962)** attended the reunions at Bulawayo, Harare and Mutare.

Bulawayo

About 45 ORs attended this reunion organised by **Ray Louw (1974)** and his wife, Cynthia. Robert had planned to give a visual presentation on *Rhodes and Grahamstown* but found to his consternation that the slide projector was unusable due to the slide tray having been 'lifted'

earlier. He then used a white board and drew Grahamstown as a goldfish bowl with a cracked monument for a lid. Lots of laughter and talk characterised the gathering.

Harare

Kim Wadman (1989) organised the Harare gathering which boasted the largest number of ORs at a Zimbabwe reunion – over 330 enjoyed Robert's address while quaffing free wine, champagne and beer. A long queue formed afterwards for individual discussions and questions. A few days after this reunion Professor Brooks held a workshop evening for previous Fine Art students.

Mutare

Over 40 ORs enjoyed the visual presentation at this gathering which was organised by **Jean-Ann Carroll (Palmer 1951)** and her husband, Trevor. Robert and Jenny found that their return flight out of Harare was cancelled because of an engineers' strike. The airport was a paradigm of chaos theory and they had to spend many dollars in 'phone calls to book their journey back through Port Elizabeth. Their hosts, **Tim (1968)** and **Trish Broderick (Wood 1961)** calmed them down and took them out for a day in the country with **Steve (1967)** and **Avril Pratt (Osborn 1968)** and **Jan (1967)** and **Kate Raath (Harvey 1968)**. Eventually they left on Monday and arrived in Port Elizabeth 19 hours later.

Smuts Hall – winners way back when!



This photograph appeared in the Rhodexo on March 30, 1972. Those were the good old days . . . (left to right): **Bob Tait (1968)** (1972 Rhodes Scholar, Protea athlete), **Peter Glover (1968)**, **Graeme Pollock (1968)** (Border Athlete), **Foxy de Jager (1968)** (Protea athlete), and **Rob Cowling (1968)** (provincial athlete). (Needless to say, in 1968 Smuts Hall won the Inter-Hall athletics very convincingly – in fact, they won all the track events.)

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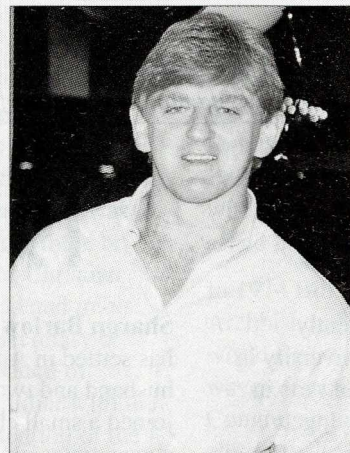
First funds received by Centenary Fund

A copy of the brochure produced to launch the Centenary Fund is being distributed with this edition of the *Rhodes Newsletter*. The Fund is endeavouring to raise some R 25 million which will be used to erect a new library and conference hall complex on the Eden Grove site recently purchased by the University from the provincial Administration. It should be noted that donations to Universities qualify for tax relief in terms of Section 18A of the

Income Tax Act. Individuals can obtain tax relief on donations of up to 2% of their taxable income, or R 500, whichever is the greater. In the case of companies, these can obtain tax relief on donations of up to 5% of their taxable income. Different regulations apply in other countries. Fund-raising has commenced and in excess of R 20 000,00 has been received to date. Over R 3 000,00 came from Rhodes Alumni in the United States, through the Rhodes Charitable Trust.

Centenary Fund Challenge to all OR Businessmen

Ernie Alexander (1979) (right), Marketing Director of Profile Media, in Johannesburg and a committee member of the Old Rhodian Golf Club, has sent the University a cheque for R 100,00 for the Centenary Fund.



He has challenged all Old Rhodians in business today – and especially those who remember Ali Weakley – to equal or better this amount.

Come on all you ORs out there – take up the challenge!

OLD RHODIAN UNION

President's Annual Report, 1994

1994 has been a year of challenges and changes in South Africa and it has been a busy year for the Old Rhodian Union. In February the ORU suffered a serious loss with the untimely death of last year's President, and then Vice-President, Professor Chris Hummel. During his time as President he had done much to revitalise the ORU, being responsible for some very successful reunions and for the raising of much-needed increased income for the ORU Bursaries Fund, through donations and particularly through the "150 Club", which was introduced under his leadership. We had hoped that he would be elected to the position of President again for 1995. We mourn the loss, too, of The Honourable Mr Justice Dante Cloete, an Honorary Vice-President, who died in January. He served the ORU for many years as President and Vice-President. Another sad loss to the ORU was the death, in July, of our Honorary President, Professor Jack Rennie, who was a faithful supporter of ORU and all its activities.

Rhodes University Summit

Shortly after last year's AGM the Rhodes University Summit, an open meeting for all concerned about the future of Rhodes University, was held at the 1820 Settlers National Monument. Members of the ORU committee attended that meeting and undertook to brief Old Rhodians on its outcome. The full outcome of that meeting has still to be realised, although an interim report-back meeting has been held. It is important that Old Rhodians be kept informed about proposed changes to our University so that they can give meaningful support to its future role in South Africa.

Constitutional Matters

A Special General Meeting of the ORU to ratify a changed constitution necessitated by the

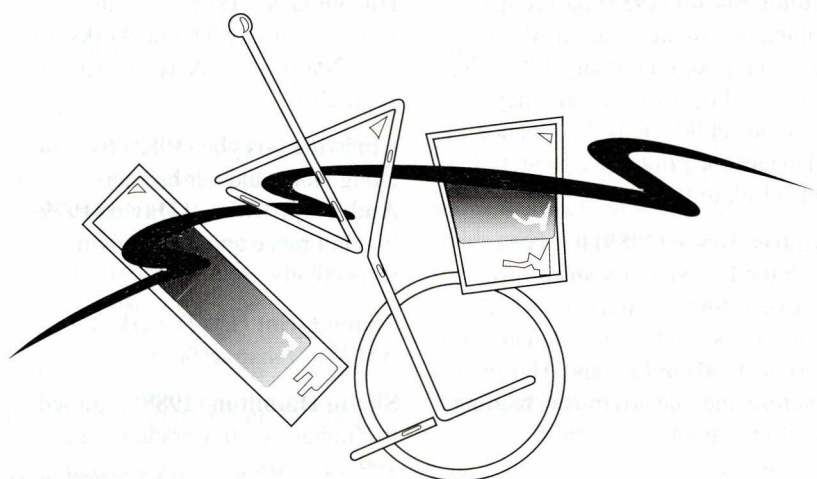
special alliance of Convocation and ORU was held on 24th February. A quorum was just achieved for this meeting, but unfortunately it was later discovered that an inadvertent omission had been made, from clause 6, of the President of Convocation as ex-officio member of the committee. This necessitated the calling of a further Special General Meeting to follow this year's AGM. Meanwhile The Honourable Mr Justice TM Mullins has attended committee meetings as a co-opted member.

Fund Raising – "150 Club"

Our bursary funds have continued to grow through donations and particularly through the "150 Club", which has grown from the 161 members reported at the last AGM, to more than 250. Draws for prizes were held at Rhodes in December, April and August and in Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban in September at reunions. The UK branch of the ORU once again made a contribution of £500, for which we are most grateful.

Award of Bursaries

The Committee considered 52 applicants for OR bursaries in 1994 and 23 bursaries were awarded. The number of awards was the same as last year, but the total amount of money involved was R30 600 compared with R 22 850 last year. This reflects the fact that most of the bursaries were substantially increased. Inflation makes it necessary to increase the Rand value of bursaries each year to keep them at a worthwhile level. With growing support for the fund it is hoped that some R 40 000 will be available for bursaries next year. We are very grateful to Mrs Maureen van Hille, Bursaries Administrator, who gave unstintingly of her time to assist with the award of our bursaries.



Reunions

A number of successful reunions was held at centres all over the world last year. The organisation of these events depends very much on the efforts of the local Old Rhodians and the co-ordination work of Mrs Jenny Purdon of Public Relations and Development. We are grateful, too, to those who attend the reunions as Rhodes representatives, providing the link with the University. Unfortunately the number of Old Rhodians who applied to attend the "Late Seventies" Reunion, which was to have been held at Rhodes at the end of June this year was very small and the event had to be cancelled. The committee will be giving consideration to the next reunion to be held at Rhodes in 1995.

Correspondence

I have not managed to keep up the level of correspondence which my predecessor maintained, but it has been a pleasure to receive many letters from Old Rhodians. At the suggestion of Mrs Jenny Purdon it has become the practice to send birthday cards to some of our more senior Old Rhodians. This has provided a happy means of contact with ORs who were at Rhodes before the Second World War.

Committee

We have had a very good working committee this year and absences from the meetings have been very few. The Honourable Mr Justice Mullins (from Port Elizabeth) and Professor Cooper (from Port Alfred) have come a considerable distance to attend meetings. It has been particularly useful to have the regular wise council of Professor Butler, Council representative, and Professor Rivett, Honorary Vice-President. Mrs Annette Clifford-Vaughan, Director of Public Relations and Development, has attended on invitation and Mrs Jenny Purdon has continued to attend meetings as the member of the Public Relations and Development Division with a particular responsibility for Old Rhodian affairs.

Thanks

Thanks are due to all those mentioned under various headings above for giving time and effort to make the work of ORU successful, but I should like to make special mention of some, without whose help the contribution which the ORU has made to the alumni family of Rhodes University would not have been possible. I thank Mrs Annette Clifford-Vaughan, Director of the Public Relations and Development Division for her support and the support of all her staff, among whom a very special thank you must be said to Mrs Jenny Purdon,

on whose cheerful work and dedication we rely for the organisation of our functions, for publication of our news and for liaison with Old Rhodians all over the world.

On the Committee special mention must be made of Mr Michel Beauvais, who has been honorary treasurer for several years and has given much time to the "150 Club". Particular thanks are also due to Mr Arthur Lanham who became Honorary Secretary in 1991 and has served in that capacity since then. He has been a most reliable and dependable member of the ORU executive. Unfortunately he is going to retire (for the second time) from Rhodes' staff at the end of this year and is planning to be away from Grahamstown a good deal. He will therefore not stand for re-election.

Finally I should like to thank all those Old Rhodians and friends of Rhodes University who have given support to The Old Rhodian Union, to its committee and to me during the past year.

Desmond Eve

Annual Meeting of Convocation

In terms of the Rhodes University Statute notice of any motion or matter for discussion at the above-mentioned meeting must be given by a member of Convocation to the Secretary of Convocation (i.e. the Registrar) in writing by 12 July 1995.

(Dr) K S Hunt

Registrar

12 October 1994

OLD RHODIAN NEWS

Since we had a surplus of news for the July edition and had to cut most of the 1980s and all of the 1990s we decided that the omitted items would now have pride of place. We will start this edition with 1990 and work backwards!

1990s

Hugh Bartis (1990) recently graduated from Ohio University in America with a Master of Arts in Geography. Before studying at Ohio University, he taught at David Livingstone Secondary School in Port Elizabeth. He is in Portland, Oregon, on the west coast of the USA, where he is completing a six-month internship with Pacific Geographic Information Systems (GIS). He hopes to return to Grahamstown towards the end of the year.

Spencer Carr (1992) is completing his psychology internship at Tara hospital.

Carol Craig (1990) works in the IS dept at First National Bank, as a System Analyst.

Jacqueline Mdekazi (1991) left the teaching profession in June 1993 and has joined the HSRC as Senior Researcher for IsiXhosa.

Darryl Nel (1991) has moved to Cape Town to seek fame and fortune. He has been a guest star of the 1991 television series, *Debuut '91*, as well as winner of last year's *Shell Road to Fame* competition; a Grahamstown Festival performer – he participated in five shows at last year's festival – and director of his own children's theatre company. He is also enthusiastic about using drama in schools and says that his next natural step in this area would be to write educational programmes for television. He is studying part-time through Unisa for his HDE and also working on a musical biography about Sax 'O Wills, an East London saxophonist who was at the height of his fame in the 1960s.

Dicksy Ngqula (1991) is the new Disc Jockey on Capital Radio. He says that the station is going to be the best in the country.

Kerry-Ann Parker (1991) completed an HDE at UPE in 1993 and gained distinctions in all three of her method subjects. In January 1994 she moved to Cape Town as the Guidance Counsellor and English Teacher at Windsor High School in Rondebosch East.

David Rhys (1990) was appointed Minister of Oswestry Methodist Church in England from the beginning of September. He has been a Methodist Minister in Jeffrey's Bay for the last three years. He worked as a History Teacher and a Museum Curator before entering the ministry.

Michael (1991) and **Carol Stonier (Hall 1988)** were married in April 1994. Michael teaches at Selborne College and plays cricket for Border.

1980s

Sharon Barlow (Jackson 1981) has settled in America with her husband and two children. She has joined a small chamber choir which concentrates on music of the Renaissance and gives regular concerts. She would like to hear from former choir members and students – her address is 6282 Oakhurst Street, Holland, Michigan, 49423, USA.

John Biggs (1989) is teaching at Bedfordview Primary in Johannesburg.

Andrew Bolton (1986) is Newsreader and Writer for Radio 702.

Conor Bolton (1985) passed his Zimbabwe Board Exam in 1990 and qualified in February 1993. He is married to Adrienne and they have one child. He is the Finance Manager for Zimbabwe Hosiery Co (Pty) Ltd, in Bulawayo.

Andrea Bryce (1989) has been with the Kei Mercury since July last year. She previously worked at a playschool in East London and in various fields in England. Her main interests include art, music, reading, writing, running, tennis and socialising.

Anton Bunting (1986) completed his articles with Coopers & Lybrand in Cape Town at the end of 1993 and moved to their offices in Windhoek at the beginning of 1994.

Elizabeth Casey (1985) became engaged to Scott Wilson on the 27 August. In October they moved to Hastings, New Zealand, where Scott is involved in the management side of the horticultural world of apples and stone fruit. They plan to marry mid-1995.

Embeth Davidtz (1984) decided to take the big step in 1992 and went to Hollywood after a successful beginning in South Africa. She took the leading female role in the Oscar-winning movie *Schindler's List*. She hails from Potchefstroom where her family farm.

Pierre de Villiers (1987) is married to **Natalie (Stretton 1986)**. Since 1992 Pierre has been responsible for production and research at the Fish Station on the Orange River, below the Hendrik Verwoerd Dam. Production has been pushed up as new techniques have been established and he now plans to concentrate on research and development.

Sharon Fendt (Boniface 1985) is married with two boys, Florian (4) and Patrick (2) and lives in Germany. Sharon and her husband run their own advertising company.

Jonathan Fleet (1981) is the Marketing Manager for IBM's EDI service for Europe, the Middle East

and Africa. Jonathan is based in Warwick, England. He has bought a house just outside Stratford-upon-Avon, and is having a fine time!

Cindy Gary (1986) is the Editor of *IT*, the Computer Journal of Information Technology.

Patrick Gee (1981) decided not to be deterred by the fearsome injuries incurred when he was attacked by a great white shark in 1985 but rather to get on with life. He is now a partner in a rapidly growing computer company in East London. He plays league tennis and even played first league hockey after the attack.

Harold Gess (1985) lives in Johannesburg, where he works for First National Bank as a Corporate Journalist.

Christine Greybe (1983) lives in Hong Kong and her brothers **Andrew (1978)** and **David (1979)** live in France and Cape Town respectively.

Simon Grint (1987) works for BMW in Johannesburg.

Shaun Hamilton (1988) returned to Zimbabwe after graduating in 1992. He works for a Canadian NGO in the AIDS field. He married Tereza in April '94 and they live in Harare. He is looking forward to receiving his Master's Degree in the near future. He sends his regards to the Social Work Department and the class of '92!

Martin (1985) and **Saskia Harris (Hobson 1984)** live in London. Martin went to Britain four years ago to study international law and practices with a firm in London. Saskia plans to do research at Kew Gardens.

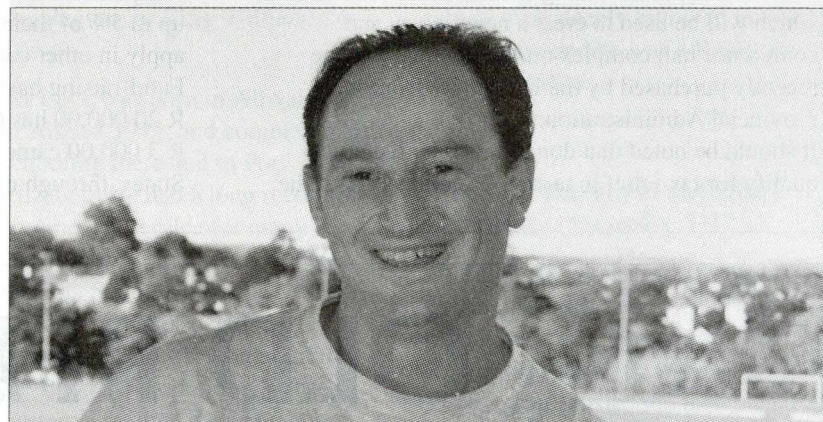
Alan Hartman (1987) married **Nancy (Jennings 1987)** in December 1992. He is completing his legal articles in Johannesburg and she works for Murray & Roberts.

Jeremy Havard (1981) was a TV News and Actuality Editor in London from 1988 to March 1994. He then spent six weeks in South Africa to cover the elections as an Editor with Sky TV News. In May he and his girlfriend, Gabrielle, went on a four-month odyssey around Scandinavia, Russia, Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, Poland, Hungary, Czech and Slovak Republics, Austria and Germany in a motor camper. He is now in Australia on a one-year work permit.

Ashley Hayden (1984) moved to Johannesburg after graduation. She has featured in six movies and is a popular M-Net presenter.

Nola Herrmann (McBean 1986) married Dean in 1993. They live in Harare where Nola manages a small suburban retail pharmacy.

Rhodes graduate is international sports presenter



Graeme Joffe (1989) who graduated with a Journalism degree was the guest speaker at the Sports Administration's annual awards dinner recently. Graeme is one of two senior sports anchormen on the CNN International television network.

He admits to a bit of luck; being in the "right place at the right time" assisted in his obtaining one of international television's most sought after positions. He says that having a Rhodes degree helped significantly. After graduation, he visited the United States primarily to attend the wedding of his sister in Chicago. While there on a six-month entry permit he thought that he would test the waters in terms of professional opportunities. His sister is friendly with former S A tennis player, Ilana Kloss, and she works for an organisation called *Teen Tennis*. He took up a position there as a Public Relations Practitioner. While there he sent resumes to 100 television and radio stations - one of which was CNN – who responded and he flew to their headquarters in Atlanta for an interview.

"I think that what caught their eye was probably the fact that I knew a bit about rugby, soccer and cricket", says Graeme. "The luck was that CNN were at that time expanding their international sports broadcasts, especially to Asia, and there really are not that many Americans who know too much about those sports". Graeme had played both cricket and soccer while at Rhodes. Graeme found the first year extremely stressful, writing and rewriting material for broadcast and, on occasion, fronting before the cameras.

Six weeks later he was appointed to the full time team of sports anchors. CNN International broadcasts outside the United States (there are two other CNN channels available, on cable and locally).

While here he was flown to Cape Town as a guest of the committee preparing the city's bid to host the Olympic Games in 2004 and shown all the facilities, planned and existing. He was also in Johannesburg and flew straight back to Atlanta after his visit to Grahamstown.

Len Hillary (1985) works in the Eastern Canadian Arctic on Baffin Island, in a town called Igloolik. He is Director of Pharmacy in the local hospital providing services to the Eastern Arctic (Eskimo) population. The sea is frozen all year round except for three months. The local people still practise many of their traditional ways, and it is not uncommon to see igloos with polar bear skins hanging outside to dry.

Michael Holm (1987) is back in Port Elizabeth after having spent three months in an Indian town teaching English to Buddhist monks who spoke only Russian.

Richard Holmes (1986) runs hunting safaris in the Eastern Cape as well as farming in Cradock. His clients include many foreigners, mainly Americans, for whom the Eastern Cape wildlife is a great attraction.

Ant Hudson (1987) is engaged to a Cape Town girl and will be getting married in February 1995. He is the Area Manager for Foschini in Port Elizabeth.

Glynis Hugo (Atkinson 1980) married in 1991 and lives in Durbanville. She has one daughter, Siobhan, and is a "stay-at-home mum".

Nigel (1988) and **Angela Humphrey (Hulley 1988)** married in August 1993 and live in Harare.

Carn Iverson (1982) is the Software Engineering Manager of Paradigm Systems Technology, based in Pretoria. His position in this international company involves him in much international travel. He recently married **Joanna (Bunny) (Botha 1986)** and they have settled in Pretoria.

Clive Jackson-Moss (1982) graduated with a PhD in 1991 and then spent 18 months with the CSIR in Pretoria. After a further 18 months lecturing at UPE he moved to Grahamstown where he is the Deputy Director of LIRI Technologies.

Celia John (1988) spent two years teaching English Second-Language at Mmabatho High School in Bophuthatswana after graduation. She is Assistant Editor at the *Christian Living Today* magazine in Cape Town.

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Phiona Johnson (1987) is studying towards a BAdmin (Honours) degree majoring in Industrial Psychology. She would love to hear from old friends and her address is: 11 Albert Street, Wellington, 7655.

Rachel Judd (1986) graduated in 1990, worked in Cape Town for two years, then moved to East London in 1992 to start an MSc in Botany. She is now back at Rhodes and has converted her MSc to a PhD on Coastal Grasslands.

Cindy Kent (1987) is living and working in Cape Town, as are **Vanessa Limbrick (1986)**, **Sharon Gosling (1986)** and **Bridget Collins (1987)**.

Jenny Kent (1987) is engaged to Brendon Halot and teaches in Durban. They plan to marry at the end of the year and want to go abroad next year.

David (1986) and **Philippa Knight (Martin 1986)** were married in March this year and live in Rondebosch.

Susan-Jayne Labuschagne (van Zyl 1985) married her 'varsity sweetheart', Neal, in January 1993. They had a long-distance relationship as he was studying at Cedara just outside Pietermaritzburg while she was at Rhodes.

Zodwa Lallie (1985) joined the *Sowetan's* executive team in September last year as the National Sales Manager. After leaving university in 1988, she joined Volkswagen in Uitenhage. She resigned to join National Sorghum Breweries where she was Communications Officer.

Alison Langley (Grenville 1988) worked at Becketts in East London for four years and then moved to Durban in February 1993 where she married Haydn in May 1993. They still live in Durban, but are dying to move to Cape Town asap! She misses Grahamstown and its people.

Mark (1986) and **Carol Loubser (Plenderleith 1987)** moved to Cape Town in August 1993 after spending 2½ years in Welkom. Mark is a Human Resources Officer for Supervision Food Services in Claremont and Carol does Personal Fitness Training.

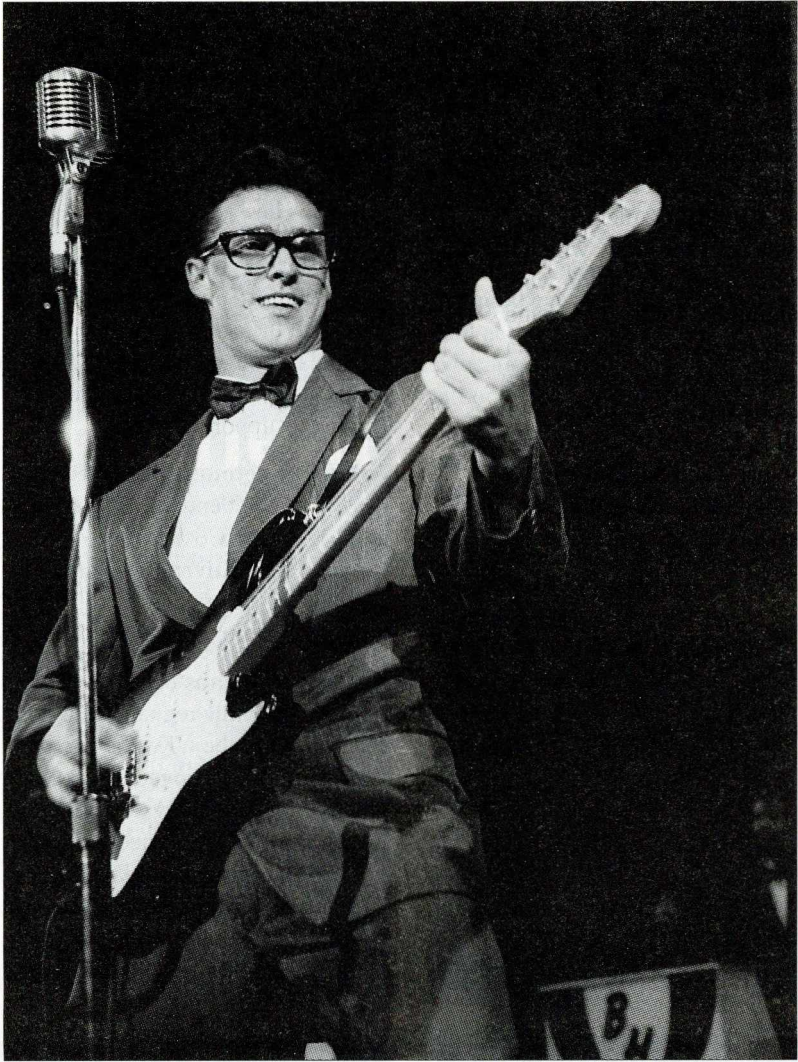
Brian Love (1982) is married and has one son, born on 15 December 1993.

Arnold (1983) and **Claire Mabbett (Miller-Cranko 1983)** were married in August 1991 and live in Randburg. Arnold has been with Glaxo in various capacities for seven years and Claire is an Analyst with ABSA Bank.

Heather Mackay (1981) recently completed a PhD in Oceanography and is now working at the CSIR (Water Technology) in water pollution and water resources management.

Gordon Macmillan (1987) married **Irene (Biggs 1986)** in February this year. He is completing his articles with Deloitte & Touche and Irene works at the Industrial Development Corporation in international finance.

Sandile Madolo (1983) was 31 years old when he decided to go back to school on a full-time basis to study for matric. He received a bursary to study Journalism at Rhodes. He was awarded a scholarship to do his Master's degree overseas and enrolled at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, USA. He has worked for a number of newspapers and has lectured in Public Relations at the University of Zululand. He is the Divisional Manager, (Regional



*Craig Urbani playing the title role in **The Buddy Holly Story**.
See page 6.*

David (1981) and **Alison McAlpin (Sellick 1981)** have a one-year-old son and live in Johannesburg. She works part-time for Foschini, running their training courses, and David is Commercial Director of the Makro Group.

Lea McCormick (1987) married **Jarrel Whisken (1987)** on 3 September.

Diana McGivern (1983) is the Principal of Alexander College – a business school in Perth. She is

Kathryn Munday (Laing 1984) has returned to Oxford to complete her DPhil after teaching in the English Department at Wits for four years.

Mark Muuren (1986) married Marlize in February 1991 in Bloemfontein. He has been working for Kemco Pharmaceutical Wholesalers since December 1988; firstly in Bloemfontein, then Vereeniging and now Pretoria, where he is Manager of the Computer Department.

Richard McQuade (1984) is in his second year of PhD studies in Clinical Pharmacology at Oxford University.

Jacques (1989) and **Kim Nel (Southgate 1991)** were married in December 1993 and have made their home in Grahamstown. Kim is a secretary at St Andrew's College and Jacques is an assistant accountant at Rhodes.

Hlonelwa Ngqangweni (Nxasana 1988) married in July 1991, has a daughter born in December 1992 and lives in East London.

Ncedo Ntamnani (1983) works for Telkom SA in Cape Town as a Communication Practitioner and is also studying for a postgraduate degree through UNISA.

Chantelle Oosthuizen (1988) has recently been appointed Assistant Motoring Editor of *The Star*.

Penny Parker (Shaw 1985) is still living in the UK, although she yearns for Africa! She is married to Stephen and after a few years working on local newspapers, is now a freelance writer. They live near ORs **Murray (1982)** and **Genevieve Spalding (White 1983)**, **Marc Falconer (1987)** and **Jeremy Hughes (1984)**. Penny says that she always finds ORs to be the *best* people, wherever she goes!

Podge (1980) and **Jenny Parsons (Woods-Davis 1982)** live in Somerset-West with their two daughters. He continues to work in the groundwater field and specialises in groundwater contamination issues. Jenny has established a thriving home industry making Plonky Donkeys, a versatile pillow for babies.

Graham Pearce (1982) lives in North London and works for a firm of city accountants.

Gavin (1985) and **Jennifer Pike (Gough 1984)** were married in 1991 and then lived in England for two years while Gavin taught. They have a son, Simon Kai, born in April 1994. Gavin works as a representative for Noristan in Cape Town.

Jessica Pitchford (1983) was awarded an Artes Award for the Best News Reportage in South Africa. After graduating she worked as a reporter for the *Coastal News* in Port Alfred for some months before joining the SABC where she worked in radio broadcasting. She travelled abroad for 18 months, working on a kibbutz in Israel and in various odd jobs in and around London. On her return to South Africa she joined SABC television.

Susan Fleming (1981) has been living in Europe for five years. She worked for the London *Times* and BBC (Africa Service) before

joining Reuters four years ago. She is based in Brussels where she is the Foreign Correspondent for Belgium and Luxembourg. She spent six weeks on an assignment in Somalia last year and has been in Ruwanda and Burundi twice this year. She went to Brazil at the end of August for a three-week holiday and expects to be in SA at the end of the year for a short holiday.

Cath Plumbley (1985) taught in Bulawayo for two years before returning to Rhodes to complete a BED. She is the Director of the Progress Centre at Ruzawi Prep School in Marondera, Zimbabwe.

Donwald Pressly (1981) has been appointed *The Natal Mercury's* Political Correspondent. He joined the *Mercury's* political team in April last year with responsibility for national politics. He previously worked as a Senior Sub-Editor on the *Mercury* and the *Daily Dispatch* in East London.

Derek Puttergill (1980) is a Service Administrator for Siemens-Nixdorf Information Systems in Johannesburg.

Vanessa Rashbrook (1986) is still married to her Yankee husband – Hall Cushman. She works at Stanford University in the USA.

Kim Rennie (Wallbridge 1984) and her husband Nigel recently spent two years in London and were looking forward to returning home to Zimbabwe in April 1994.

Marc Ries (1984) is working for BMW SA as Product Manager for Aftermarket Accessories. He married Ivana in October 1991 and they have built a house in Fourways/Witkoppen. Ivana works for DMB & B (an ad agency) and Marc says "Hi" to all ex-College House guys!

Susan Robertson (Wood 1984) married in February 1994 and is working as a Human Resources Manager for Deloitte & Touche in Durban.

Stafford Rorke (1981) has emigrated to Canada with his wife and two daughters, Coral (16) and Clair (14). He is the Coordinator for the Dr Paul Schwann Applied Health and Research Centre, Faculty of Physical Activity Studies, University of Regina, where he has an administrative, teaching and research function. They wish all their old friends and acquaintances everything of the best.

Nick (1988) and **Terry Rudston (Papenfus 1989)** were married in December 1993. They live in Johannesburg where Terry teaches at Woodmead Preparatory School and Nick is an accountant.

Peter Sansom (1981) lives in East London and has his own photography / screenprinting studio in the Lock Street Old Gaol building.

Elliot Schwarz (1985) married Shelley in 1991 and lives in Cape Town. He graduated with a BCom from UCT in 1988 and followed this with a post-grad diploma in Accountancy in 1991. He did his articles with Deloitte & Touche from 1989-92.

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Mark Shanahan (1984) has been living in the UK since September 1992 and works as a Financial Controller for FTC Limited, a London-based financial securities brokerage.

Linda Shields (Pringle 1982) is happily married and works for her husband in an insurance brokerage/tax consultancy.

Salathiso Sidali (1986) joined Unilever in Durban in 1993 as a Sales Representative and was transferred to the Trade Marketing Section as Marketing Assistant for a new Unilever Company called Unifoods in 1994.

Malcolm Simpson (1984) is doing a Masters degree in Clinical Psychology at Rhodes.

Deborah Sole (1982) is working towards an MBA at UCT and has spent the last eight years working for Du Pont in Switzerland and France as a Systems Specialist and Polymer Technical Representative. She shares a flat with **Will Hayes (1982)** in Cape Town.

Ross Southern (1985) married Lisa in April 1992. They live in Plumstead where Ross is Associate Minister at the Methodist Church.

Murray (1982) and **Genevieve Spalding (White 1983)** have been living in Hampshire, UK, for the last four and a half years. They recently had a daughter, Courtney. Murray is in the hygiene chemical industry and is still very involved with rugby, having been selected to play for Hampshire last season. Genevieve runs her own office design and project management business from home.

John (1988) and **Cathy Stapleton (Fincham 1988)** were married in March 1994 and live in Johannesburg.

Alan (1980) and **Sandy Stephenson (Dowdle 1982)** married in 1985 and settled in Grahamstown where Alan is a keen falconer and a Senior Nature Conservator with the Algoa Regional Services Council. Sandy spent seven years in the Personnel Division at Rhodes and is now Secretary to the Vice-Principal. They have three sons and are expecting a baby girl in March next year. This last addition to the Stephenson family will definitely complete it.

Justin Stirk (1987) married Karen Armstrong of Cathcart. The couple have settled on a farm outside Port Alfred where Justin farms with his father.

Paula Stockton (1988) works as an Industrial Relations Consultant in Johannesburg.

Jeanne Stott (1984) lives in Johannesburg. She does freelance work in TV and film and is still in contact with most of her Rhodes and Schreiner friends. She travelled for four months last year and is working towards another trip.

Trevor Strong (1988) lives in London where he works for CK Video Intl as a Sales Analyst in their financial planning dept.

Colleen Sturrock (Large 1981) lives in Cape Town and has two children aged 3 years and 8 months. She stopped teaching to be at home with them and says that it is much harder work!

Dick (1981) and **Christine Swan (Snelling 1982)** have been married for six years and their first child was due in March this year. Dick joined the family business in Johannesburg.

Celia Tabb (1986) spent three years working in Pietersburg and became very involved with youth work in the church which led her to go to Bible College at the Trinity Academy in Pietermaritzburg. She is loving it and may spend a further two years there.

Bruce Tashe (1981) is the Manager of Diversity, the Post Office's affirmative action programme that has, in the last 12 months, been instrumental in promoting 24 staff members from disadvantaged communities into the management structure. He came to Diversity in late 1993 and the programme began in June 1993. Perhaps the most notable achievement has been the creation of a national negotiating council. A lot of training is

Jane Thompson (1980) lives in the UK where she works in Research and Development for the Wellcome Foundation as a Project Planner / Coordinator.

Anne Townsend (1984) married John Waterson in March in Botha's Hill. They live on a farm outside East London.

Craig Urbani (1989) recently received the *Samro Award* for Best Performance in a foreign musical or operetta for his playing of the title role in *The Buddy Holly Story*. By the end of October more than 170 000 South Africans had seen the show which certainly did positive things for 23-year-old Craig. It has afforded him a significant career break; the chance to play *Buddy* in London's West End. Paul Elliot, the original producer of the show which has run for five years in London, was scouting for a new *Buddy* and discovered Craig at a Pretoria performance. Is there life after *Buddy*? Craig says that if all goes well in London he'll stay on, learn new parts and hopefully grow through them. He would happily do musicals for the rest of his life.



*This photograph was sent to us by **Gerrit Fourie (Staff 1964 - 1983)** who, together with his wife, retired to Betty's Bay.*

*During the last festive season, two Old Rhodians, **Patrick (1974)** and **Judy Hofmeyr (Barring-Gould 1973)** delighted the people of Somerset West with a magnificent display in the triple shop window of their pharmacy, Parel Vallei Apteek. The picture-book Christmas scene depicted life-size figures against a background of trees and buildings festooned with gifts and ornaments, and was acclaimed for artistic excellence in its own right, apart from its merits as a beautiful gesture to the town. As an Old Rhodian of earlier vintage was heard to remark "Yes, one leaves Rhodes with not only a mind but also a soul".*

undertaken and staff members who are identified as management material are sent on accelerated training programmes to bring them to the required level.

Andrew Teeton (1989) is a Medical Staffing Officer at The Royal Ear, Nose & Throat Hospital in London and is a keen member of the London Philharmonic Choir.

Elizabeth van Niekerk (1987) is studying at Oxford. She married an Irishman, **Donal Lowry, (1983)** on Saturday 20 August.

Simon (1985) and **Claire van Noort (Isted 1985)** have a daughter, Lauren, born in July 1992. In May 1992 they moved to Cape Town where Claire works mornings only for an attorney in Claremont.

Attie Visser (1984) taught in Riversdale for many years and has become a well known painter.

Andrew (1986) and **Helen Weldrick (Robertson 1987)** have a son, Arthur Keane, born in June this year in Pretoria.

Lise Westaway (Schroeder 1988) married **Ashley (1986)** in December 1993. They live in Stellenbosch where Lise teaches at Rhenish Primary School.

Ailsa Whibley (1985) works in the Social Science Faculty Office at UCT. Her husband, Roderick, who was a Rhodes staff member from 1983-1988, died on 27 November 1993.

Derek (1985) and **Fiona Whitfield (Taylor 1987)** were married on 30 October 1993.

Debra Widdicombe (Bailey 1984) married Philip on 27 November 1993 and they live in Florida Lake. Debra is a consultant working for Transnet and Philip is involved in technical support at Nestle.

Jo Worthington-Smith (1985) moved to Swellendam in 1992 and is the Catering Coordinator for Breede River Adventures, an outdoor adventure company. She is enjoying country life to the full!

Andrew Yeomans (1984) met his wife Annie while registering as a Pharmacist in the UK. She is Danish and they moved to Denmark where their first child was born on 23 April 1993. He started working for Leo Pharmaceutical Products A/S and is studying for his MBA at the moment. Andrew is learning Danish and still goes windsurfing regularly.

1970s

Graeme Addison (1974) has been appointed Head of the Department of Communication at Unibo. He previously ran the Natal-Kwazulu Media Service. In 1977 he joined Rhodes' Department of Journalism as a lecturer. After five years he left Rhodes and worked as a freelance photo-journalist. In 1990 he joined the Natal Technikon School of Journalism and Public Relations where he became the Head until his departure at the end of 1993.

Jeremy Aldworth (1978) is doing a PhD at Iowa State University under Professor Noel Cressie, one of the leading specialists in Spatial Statistics. His e-mail address is ALDWORTH@IASTATE.EDU if any of his old friends want to get in touch with him.

Aristides Alexandrou (1976) is self employed and lives in Johannesburg.

Patricia Barber (Cheney 1978) lives in Maryland where she works as a freelance writer. She is married to the columnist Simon Barber and has two children.

Andrew (1972) and **Margaret Butler (James 1972)** are living in Australia with their three children. He is a G P and she a practise manager who does some singing where she can! They would love to hear from any Old Rhodians – their address is: P O Box 578, Armidale, NSW 2350.

Jon Calderwood (1976) has been appointed Headmaster of Peterhouse Girls School in Marondera, Zimbabwe.

Robert Clarence (1973) has been appointed Headmaster of St John's College, Johannesburg from January 1994. He has been the Headmaster of Highbury Preparatory School in Natal since 1986. After graduating with a BA (Hons) degree with distinction from Rhodes he went to Oxford as a Rhodes scholar and obtained his MLitt degree. He excelled on the sports field while at Oxford. He obtained his Higher Education Diploma with distinction from UNISA in 1984, and taught at St Alban's College in Pretoria from 1982 to 1986. He is married to **Susan (Kirk-Cohen 1975)**, daughter of **The Honourable Mr Justice F C Kirk-Cohen (1944)**. Robert and Susan have two children.

Solana Da Silva (1979) married **Allan Leibowitz (1980)**. Allan was the Deputy News Editor of Radio 702 and Solana was a Senior Training Officer at Rand Mines. They moved to Portugal and have since settled in Brisbane, Australia. Solana divides her time between their small daughter and part-time ESL teaching at the University of Queensland's TESOL unit. Allan is Production Editor of *Business Queensland*, Australia's first regional business newspaper.

Mick Davis (1976) is Executive Director of Gencor as well as Chairman of the Board of the Trans-Natal Group. In 1993 he was named one of the 200 Global Leaders of Tomorrow by the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. He was nominated as one of the Jewish Businessmen of the Year in SA in 1993. He has also been a part-time lecturer at various universities and is an external examiner. He is a member of the Accounting Practices Committee of the SA Institute of Chartered Accountants.

Mike Gahagan (1972) has been appointed Group Managing Director of HLH Timber Holdings Limited. Mike was instrumental in leading AIESEC Rhodes to new heights when Rhodes became arguably the leading South African university in this field.

Trevor Jennings (1976) decided to go into commerce after following a teaching career. He joined the EP Building Society in Grahamstown and was transferred to Johannesburg as Branch Manager, becoming Regional Manager for all the branches in Natal, Transvaal and Free State. He returned to head office as Assistant General Manager (Planning). He was appointed Deputy MD a few years later, and then became MD in 1988. After the merger with Fidelity Bank he became the Group Services MD. He is married to Anita and they have two children.

Andrew Knight (1976) has taken up the position of Senior Exploration Geologist with Macraes Mining Company Ltd, one of the largest gold producers in New Zealand. He and his family live in the small town of Reefton, which has about 1000 inhabitants. The nearest shops of any real size are about an hour's drive away.

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Five Honorary Graduands for 1995

Rhodes University will award five honorary degrees at its graduation ceremonies in Grahamstown and East London in April and May next year.

In Grahamstown on April 21 and 22, the Revd Dr Simon Gqubule will receive the degree of Doctor of Divinity (DD) *honoris causa*; Professor Emeritus Alastair Kerr will receive the degree of Doctor of Laws (LLD) *honoris causa*; Mr Omar H S Ebrahim will receive the degree of Doctor of Social Science (DSocSc) *honoris causa*; Mr Alexander McGregor will receive the degree of Doctor of Laws (LLD) *honoris causa*. Mr Allan Gray will receive the degree of Doctor of Laws (LLD) *honoris causa* in East London during the graduation ceremony there on May 13.

Devastating Fire at the 1820 Settlers Monument

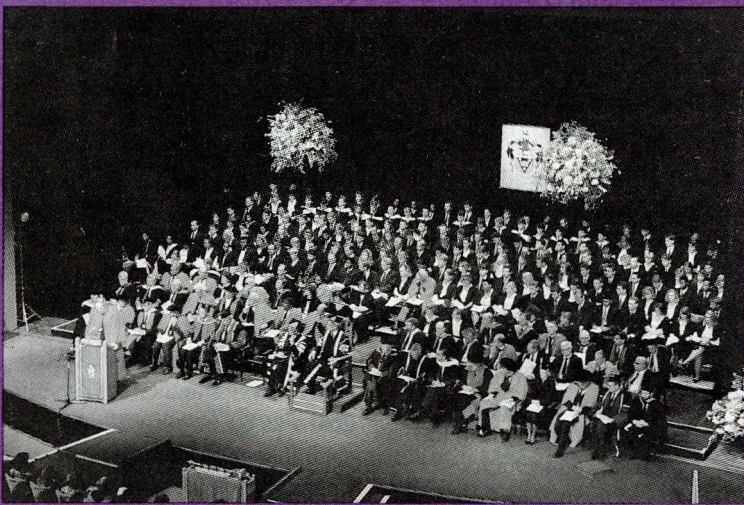
As a result of the devastating fire which has ravaged the 1820 Settlers Monument Rhodes will not be able to hold the 1995 graduation ceremonies there next year.

Graduation ceremonies have been held at the Monument Theatre since 1977. The University will hold all next year's graduation ceremonies in the Great Hall.

The *Phoenix Fund* has been launched to raise money for the restoration of the Monument. Should you wish to contribute you should forward your donation to The Phoenix Fund, Grahamstown Foundation, P O Box 304, Grahamstown, 6140.

Alternatively, deposits may be made into the Phoenix Fund Account number 08 198 6009 at the Standard Bank in Grahamstown.

Before the fire



The main auditorium of the Monument – venue for all Rhodes' Graduation ceremonies since 1977

After



The main auditorium photographed shortly after the fire.

Mr Omar Ebrahim, JP

Mr Ebrahim is a director of numerous companies and trustee of several trusts which sponsor and contribute towards the upliftment of the community. Over the years, ninety-seven students have been assisted to qualify in the medical field and many others have been assisted to qualify in other disciplines.

Many projects which have been instituted directly as a result of Mr Ebrahim's involvement include the HS Ebrahim Training Centre for the Mentally Handicapped in Pietermaritzburg, the HS Ebrahim Training Centre for those with impaired eyesight, the HS Ebrahim Hall at the Transvaal College of Education in Laudium, the donation of books to educational institutions, sponsorship of religious publications, the donation of a fully-equipped science classroom to the Horizon School for the Blind, as well as the annual awards of medals at the Universities of the Witwatersrand and Cape Town. Mr Ebrahim is a trustee of the ML Sultan Technikon Foundation, a member of the HF Verwoerd Hospital Board and the first treasurer of the South African MEMON Foundation.

He was appointed a Justice of the Peace in 1982 and has received numerous awards, including the Paul Harris Award in 1992. He is a past president of the Pretoria Muslim Trust, a Director of the SA Legal Rights Foundation, a life member of the Yateem Khanna Orphanage, a Patron of the United Kingdom MEMON Association and a Life Patron of the MEMON ALAM.

Dr Theocritus Simon Ndziweni Gqubule

Dr Gqubule completed a Senior Certificate and a teaching qualification at the Healdtown Missionary Institution in 1949. His first teaching post was in Grahamstown, from whence he was sent as a candidate for the ministry in 1951.

He went to Wesley House, Fort Hare and graduated with the BA degree of Rhodes University. He was ordained to the Methodist ministry in 1957. After eighteen months as Chaplain at Indaleni Institution, he spent a period at the Ecumenical Institute at Bossey, near Geneva, Switzerland, and at Handsworth College, Birmingham, where he wrote Part I of the London BD. He later completed this degree by external study. In 1960 Dr Gqubule was appointed to the staff of the Lovedale United Theological School, which later became the Federal Theological Seminary. In 1974 he became Principal of John Wesley College, a constituent college of the Seminary, and was Seminary President from 1976 to 1979, during which time the Seminary moved from Alice to Umtata and then Pietermaritzburg. He has been President of the

Methodist Church of Southern Africa, Vice-President of the South African Council of Churches and Vice-President of the SA Institute of Race Relations.

Dr Gqubule also holds a Master of Theology degree from Edinburgh University and a PhD degree awarded by Rhodes University. In 1992 he became Superintendent of the Mount Coke Circuit of the Methodist Church and since 1993 he has been Methodist Bishop of the Queenstown District.

Mr Allan Gray

Mr Gray was born in East London, where he attended Selborne College. He completed a Bachelor of Commerce degree at Rhodes University, with distinctions in Economics and Mercantile Law. He qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1960, going on to complete a Master of Business Administration degree with distinction at Harvard University. Mr Gray is also a Chartered Financial Analyst. He founded the Allan Gray Investment Counsel in 1974, and conducts international investment research as a director of PosAlpha Investment Advisory Limited in London. Mr Gray is a member of the Rhodes University Board of Governors.

Professor Emeritus Alastair Kerr

Professor Kerr was born in Scotland and brought up at Fort Hare, the second son of Dr Alexander Kerr, the Principal of the South African Native College (later the University of Fort Hare), who received an LLD degree (*honoris causa*) from Rhodes University in 1961.

Professor Kerr matriculated from Grey High School, Port Elizabeth in 1938 before reading for a BA degree at Rhodes. During World War II he served in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve (SA) in the Indian Ocean and Mediterranean and ashore at Simonstown, Walvis Bay, Ceylon and India. After the war, Professor Kerr read for the LLB degree at the University of the Witwatersrand. From 1949 to 1954 he worked in the then Department of Native Affairs, where he was native commissioner and magistrate. In 1953 he was admitted as an advocate and published *The Native Common Law of Immovable Property*.

In 1955 he was appointed as a lecturer in law at Rhodes University and became warden of Graham House, a position he held for 15 years. He was promoted to senior lecturer in 1958 and was awarded the LLM degree by the University of Natal in 1960. In 1972 Professor Kerr was awarded the PhD by the University of Natal for his thesis *The Law of Agency*. During his 35 years on the staff of the University, Professor Kerr has served as Dean of the Faculty of Law, Head of the Department of

Law and as Acting Principal of the University. Since his retirement in 1990, he has been an Honorary Research Associate in the Faculty of Law.

In 1993 Professor Kerr was appointed Senior Counsel by the State President in recognition of his outstanding contribution to legal research, an extremely rare honour for an academic.

Professor Kerr's books include *Law and Justice: a Christian Exposition*, *The Principles of the Law of Contract*, *the Law of Lease* and *The Law of Sale and Lease*. He has also published numerous articles in leading law journals.

Mr Alexander McGregor

Mr McGregor was born in Cape Town, where he attended the Diocesan College in Rondebosch, later continuing his studies at Magdalen College, Oxford.

He is past chairman of the Molteno Brothers Trust, past president of the Cape Society of Accountants and Auditors, and past chairman of the Joint Council of Societies of Chartered Accountants in SA and the Public Accountants' and Auditors' Board.

The Molteno Project at Rhodes University is soon to become a Section 21 Company, thus leaving the governance of the University. The Project promises to continue to make a major contribution to education renewal in the primary school system. Mr McGregor has made an important contribution to educational development and to Rhodes University in particular, as past chairman of the Molteno Brothers Trust, which has consistently and generously supported the Molteno Project since its inception in 1974.

In the early 1970s there was growing concern about the disastrous consequences of the failure of English language teaching in 'Bantu education' schools. At a time when little was being done about this, the Molteno Brothers Trust took the initiative. A major grant was offered to a university which would investigate the problem and its causes and seek the means of remedying the situation. This was awarded to the Institute for the Study of English in Africa (ISEA) at Rhodes University. The successful conduct of the research led to the establishment of the Molteno Project, offering state-of-the-art English Programmes to primary schools, as well as mother-tongue literacy courses.

The success of these programmes has led to their introduction in many southern African states including, recently, Namibia. The Molteno Brothers Trust has supported the Project continuously with generous funding and personal contact. In 1982 Mr McGregor made a tour of inspection of Molteno schools, spending time in many classrooms in the Cape and Transvaal.

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Bill Malkin (1970), his wife, Lyn, and their three sons live in Chester in England.

Howard Nock (1972) and his wife **Jill (Sadler 1970)** live in Port Elizabeth. Howard gives guitar lessons and Jill still does a fair amount of singing.

Graham Norris (1978) works at *The Argus* in Cape Town. There are a few other ORs working with him – **Craig Tyson (1978)** is the Deputy Chief Sub of the *Weekend Argus* and **Gille Weintroub (1977)**.

David Sewry (1979) obtained his PhD in Computer Science this year. He lectures in the Department of Computer Science at Rhodes. His wife, **Joyce (Minnaar 1981)** is an ADP Specialist Lecturer in the Chemistry Department. They have a son, Christopher (5) and a daughter, Nicola (3).

Dan Smit (1971) was awarded the 1993 SA Housing Person of the Year award by the Institute for Housing of Southern Africa. He is a member of the Regional Housing Board of Natal.

Janet Stead (Yates 1976) lives in Perth, Australia with her husband, Rod and their two children, Katherine (6) and Andrew (4). She works as a Professional Assistant at Wray & Associates Patent Attorneys and is studying for the patent attorney’s board exams. Rod has his own ceramics company and manufactures industrial ceramics for distribution world-wide.

Ray Suttner (1972) lives in Pretoria, where he is the Corporate Planning Manager for Mercedes Benz. After spending most of their lives in the Eastern Cape the family is settling down and well on the way to becoming ‘Vaalies’. Ray’s wife, Carol, is involved in the rag trade, buying and selling clothing but may possibly return to teaching in the future.

Mark Thorpe (1976) and his family have gone to Tauranga, New Zealand, for three years.

Mike Walwyn (1970) has been appointed General Manager of Grindrod Seafreight. His career started with five years as a public relations officer with AECI. In 1987 he joined Irving Shipping and JFM Sturrock. He then joined King & Sons in 1987, where he was General Manager before his transfer to the Grindrod Group company of Africalink.

David Wilson (1976) is Director of Computing Services at Rhodes. He is married to **Karen (Juil 1976)** and they have two daughters. Karen is completing an MA in Anthropology at Rhodes.

1960s

Cecil Abramson (1960) has been elected President of the Pharmaceutical Society of South Africa. He is the Managing / Operations Director of Scherag (Pty) Ltd, having been there for the past 16 years.

Michael Bands (1961) has been

appointed Dean of Bloemfontein. He is married to **Louise (Boardman 1978)**

Martin Barker (1968) former Principal of George Randell High has been appointed Headmaster of Cambridge High School from October. He is the son of former Selborne College headmaster, Mr Alan Barker.

Susan Buckland (Eells 1966) has been the Senior Mistress at Peterhouse Girls School in Marondera, Zimbabwe, for the past five years. **Avril Pratt (Osborn 1968)** is also on the staff.

Annetjie Joubert (Conradie 1961) is still an active singer and lives in Riversdale.

Brian Findlay (1965) was appointed General Manager of the NBS in 1990. After graduating he taught for 4½ years and then joined the Standard Bank’s factoring division in 1977 in Johannesburg. He joined Thomas Cook Bankers 18 months later. In 1981 he was appointed the Avis Group’s National Marketing Manager. He joined Marplan Business Expansions in 1982 and in June 1984, joined Stannic as Manager in the motor dealer development section. He left for Durban in July 1986, having accepted a job as National Sales Manager at the NBS. In 1988 he was promoted to Assistant General Manager (Sales) and in 1992 to his present position. He has kept up his sporting interests, playing veteran hockey, squash and golf. Brian has completed two Comrades and a Two Oceans Marathon.

Edward Higgins (1963), former Head of the department of Sociology at Rhodes, is based in Port Elizabeth as a temporary lecturer in Sociology at UPE this year. Eddie says it is great fun being back on a university campus and challenging to be preparing and giving lectures. He says the best part of his job is that he has no administrative chores and doesn’t have to attend any meetings at all! Two of his former students are working in the same building – **Diana Ayliff (1970)** and **Cathy Clark (1985)** and they often get together and reminisce about Rhodes and Grahamstown over lunch.

Bill Holderness (1967) has been inaugurated as the new President for Rotary Club, Mafikeng. Since October 1981 Bill has been involved in assisting the Department of Education with its Primary Education Upgrading Programme (PEUP). As head of the Projects Division he has been involved in initiating, implementing and monitoring several projects and has helped to mount an Inter-University course to train project evaluators. He is the Education Consultant to the READ Organisation and has published several articles and a book as well as an English sentence dictionary with five accompanying workbooks. Bill and his wife, Rosalind have three children and are staunch members of the Anglican Church.

Jason Londt (1965) was appointed Director of the Natal Museum on 1 April after having been Assistant Director for the past 17 years.

Beverley MacDonald (1969), previously the Senior Deputy Principal at Boksburg High School was appointed Principal of Nigel High School on 25 July. Earlier this year she was honoured with the TED Cultural Award for major contributions in the East Rand region.

Glen Merryweather (1964) is the Marketing Director for Link Pharmacies and is also on the managing committee of Professional Pharmacy Awareness Campaign (PPAC).

Martin Prozesky (1963) is Dean of Arts and Acting Dean of Education at the University of Natal in Pietermaritzburg.

Philip Read (1966) and his family have moved to Stafford where he has been appointed Deputy Pensions Manager at the General Electric Company.

Bryan Roston (1967) returned to South Africa for a month with his Californian wife, Sunny, after an absence of 25 years. He is a freelance journalist, actor, and author and has a few film credits to his name. He was born in Johannesburg and after graduating moved to London. He then moved to France where he sold magazines. This was followed by a stint of teaching English in Verona - which is where he appeared as an extra in his first opera. He also appeared in an Italian television series. It was during the four years he spent in Rome that he took up journalism again and acted in two films. This led to a year in New York and various freelance assignments.

Shirley Turner (van der Poel 1966) broke the world record for 100 metres breast stroke (45 yr age group) at the International Master Swimmers Gala held in Montreal in July this year. She missed the record for 200 metres by one fifth of a second!

Rachelle van Rooyen (Schimper 1964) is married with two children and lives in East London. Her son is studying at the Rhodes University East London Division and her daughter is in the travel industry.

Malcolm Venter (1966) is the founder and Headmaster of a high school in Cape Town which celebrates its 10th year in 1995.

In that time the school has grown from 71 to 900 pupils. Malcolm says that when he entered the teaching profession he did not dream that he would end up being a managing director, financial manager, personnel officer and academic head all in one – which is exactly what being head of a state-aided (Model C) school entails! He serves on the executive of the South African Teachers’ Association and the executive of the Teachers’ Federal Council. As founder and National Co-ordinator of the English Olympiad, and also involved in the Schools’ English Festival, he has visited Grahamstown and Rhodes every year since 1969, and considers it his ‘second home’. He is married to **Morag (Gilfillan 1976)**, an old Matie whom he converted to an Old Rhodian by persuading her to do her BEd with him in 1976-77. In those two years they produced two babies and two BEDs!

1950s

Ron Attwell (1959) is moving to the Gordon United Church in Victoria, British Columbia, having spent the past nine years as the Pastor in the James Bay United Church in Victoria, Canada.

Edwin Beveridge (1956) is the Minister of a church in Scotland. He is also a part-time chaplain to the Army Cadet Force.

Jan Breitenbach (1952), the Executive Director of the Grahamstown Foundation, retired at the end of October. He headed the Foundation from 1983 and many projects have been administered by the Foundation since then. He was Headmaster of St John’s College, Johannesburg from 1971 to 1983. He was Head of the History Department at St Andrew’s College, Grahamstown, from 1958 to 1970.

Alan Dashwood (1959) has been elected to Cambridge’s new Chair of European Law from 1 October 1994. After a period at the European Court of Justice as Legal Secretary he was Professor of European Law at the University of Leicester from 1980-1987 (and Head of the Law Faculty there from 1984-1987). Since then, he has been a Director in the Legal Service of the Council of the European Union (EU).

Willi Kreiner (1957) lives in Germany and teaches German, English and Music. He is married and has three children.

John Lee (1959) is President of Indicator Explorations Ltd and lives in Canada.

Sylvia Neame-Jahn (1956) was mentioned in our last *Newsletter*. Unfortunately, her surname was incorrectly spelt as Neame-John. We apologise for the error.

Len Victor (1958) is Head of Science at Kingswood College, Grahamstown and has been at the school for the past 30 years. One of his special interests is the syllabus. Over the years he became increasingly concerned at what he calls ‘the flight from the sciences’ in education. According to him too many pupils were regurgitating facts for tests, only to forget all they had learnt within a few days. He realised that if this was to be put right, he would have to do it himself. He took three years to design an entirely new curriculum.

Alan Wilson (1957), Chairman and Managing Director of Masonite (Africa) was recently elected President of the Durban Regional Chamber of Business. His work experience began at Usutu Pulp Company in Swaziland, where he was appointed Technical Superintendent from 1966 to 1969. He joined Masonite (Africa) in 1969 as Production Manager and then as Works Manager of Timberite Woodboard after its acquisition by Masonite. He was appointed Marketing Manager in 1976 before becoming Deputy Managing Director in 1984. Alan is a keen sportsman, playing golf and tennis as well as cycling. His other interests include game trails and bird-watching. He is married to Avril and they have three children.

1940s

Roy (1947) and Audrey Briggs (Crawford 1949) are retiring to Pietermaritzburg after serving the Leyds Street Congregational Church in Pretoria for 32½ years. Audrey worked in the air pollution section of the Ematek Division of the CSIR for 24 years before retiring three years ago. Roy will continue as a member of the United Congregational Church’s Theological Commission and its Training for the Ministry Committee.

Sheilah Cangle (Morris 1946) and her husband, Paddy, set off at the end of July to travel via Dublin, Boston, Seattle, Vancouver, Honolulu and Sydney before reaching Melbourne. They have joined their eldest daughter in Australia and hope to find their own accommodation there soon.

David Curtis (1976) returned to Johannesburg at the end of September after a year’s study leave in the UK. He looked at the use of computers in Economics and Business education. He is at the Commerce Academic Development Unit (CADU) at Wits University.

Tony Eagle (1946) is a retired physicist and lecturer who now lives at Belvidere in Knysna. After the war he resumed his studies for a BSc at Rhodes, where he was awarded the prestigious Elsie Ballott Scholarship which enabled him to further his studies at Cambridge. He returned to South Africa to take up a lecturing post at Wits University in 1951, moving to Natal University in Pietermaritzburg in 1962. He has also participated in research at the College of Aeronautics at Cranfield, in Britain, and on infra red spectroscopy at the National Physical Laboratory at Teddington. He was also at one time a presenter of programmes at the Johannesburg Planetarium.

Tom Knowles (1948) had one dream in life, and that was to fly. Although he came to Rhodes to study Physics and Chemistry, his goal was the skies. With the little capital he had, he sailed for England and presented himself at RAF Hornchurch. They sent him to Rhodesia where he got his wings in 1951. Tom became a paraplegic after an horrific ‘plane accident. Through making himself independent, running his own travel business, playing his part in the community and starting a game reserve – he’s been an inspiration to many paraplegics. He finally retired in 1990 after running travel agencies in Grahamstown and Port Alfred. He was determined to bring paraplegic athletes to South Africa to show what guts and determination could do. The SA Paraplegic Sports Association grew from this interest. He has been elected Honorary Life Vice-President.

Cathie Minnaar (Keevy 1948) retired from teaching at Central High School, Beaufort West in 1990, where she taught English for about 35 years. She and her husband, Noel, live in Beaufort West. Their son, Gerald, has taken over the farm and their daughter, **Joyce Sewry (Minnaar 1981)** lives in Grahamstown.

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Mrs M Annand (Croft 1925)

Mrs Annand died earlier this year at the age of 87.

David Blake (1959)

David died in Port Elizabeth on 28 May at the age of 52. He was Headmaster of Victoria Park High for nearly 12 years and Deputy Principal of Milnerton High from 1975 to 1982. During his time at VP the school doubled in size. He believed fervently in the education of the whole child – spiritual, physical and intellectual. He was a Rotarian and former captain of the Eastern Province hockey team. He leaves his wife, Penny, and four children.

Owen Francis de Villiers Booyesen (1944)

“Ouboot”, as he was known at Rhodes, died in Johannesburg on Saturday 6 August. He was born in Graaff-Reinet in 1921 and completed his schooling at Kingswood College in 1938. While on military service in Egypt in 1942 he was seriously wounded. After intensive medical treatment he was discharged from the army and registered at Rhodes for the BA(Law) degree which he completed in 1947. In his final year he was President of the SRC. After graduation he joined the South

African Department of Foreign Affairs. His long and distinguished career as a diplomat started with his appointment as Second Secretary in the SA Embassy in Washington DC, included assignments in Rome and New York, and ended with two successive appointments as South African Ambassador, first to the Netherlands, and then to Belgium and Luxembourg. He is survived by his wife, Bunty, two daughters, Jane and Mitzi, and their children, Owen and Antonio.

PdeVB

Lynne Bryer (Coetzee 1964)

Lynne Bryer has died, at the age of 47, after a long illness. She was head of the small publishing house Chameleon Press and was respected in the literary world, as a writer and poet. She was awarded the AA Life Vita/ Arthur Nortje Poetry award jointly with John Eppel in 1991. She leaves her parents Nova and George Coetzee, and her children Joshua and Georgia.

Bill Bendyshe Burnett (1938)

Bill Burnett died on 23 August in Grahamstown. He was a man of surprises – surprised by God, surprised at himself and sprung as a godly surprise upon the Anglican

church in 1974 as its first native-born Archbishop. He was sent first to school at Bishops by a maiden aunt who was horrified by his ‘plat’ Free State English. From there he went on to Michaelhouse in Natal. Bill had no church background, but as a small boy at Bishops he found his heart strangely warmed by the sound of choir-singing in the school chapel. At the age of 17 he came to personal faith in Jesus Christ – suddenly and surprisingly while reading a book by Leslie Weatherhead. From school in Natal he went on to Rhodes where he rubbed minds with men like Guy Butler. It was at Rhodes that he met Sheila Trollip, whom he married – on God’s instructions! – after the war.

He served in the South African armed forces in North Africa until June 1942 when he became a prisoner-of-war in Italy. Bill Burnett was not content to await liberation by the advancing Americans and risk recapture by the German forces, so he and others headed out. They spent the next nine months hiding in the mountains north-east of Rome, being fed by Italian peasants who not only risked their lives to feed them but also turned their backs on generous bounty payments offered by the Germans for their recapture.

In 1945 he found himself one of only two students at St Paul’s Theological College in Grahamstown. He married, and

began his ministry in the Diocese of Natal. As Bishop of Bloemfontein he was the first South African to reach the bench of bishops, and at 40 years old, was also the youngest. From there he moved to the centre of Christian opposition to apartheid and in his capacity as General Secretary of the South African Council of Churches, became familiar with the close and constant attention of the Security Police at home and abroad. He was next elected Bishop of Grahamstown, and returned to the City of Saints still fired with the desire to topple the evil apartheid regime by whatever means.

But it was not to be, for God then hit Bill Burnett with the biggest surprise of his life. On 13th March 1972 the Bishop felt a sudden urge to go and sit by himself in his chapel. There, without warning, he felt a strange quickening of his heart and the rising of an irrepressible desire to burst forth in praise of God. He found himself prostrate before God on the carpet. He did not know what was happening to him. He had nothing in his theology, in his intellect, or in his experience by which to measure it. But he felt within him a sense of release, a realisation of the peace that passes all understanding. Bill Burnett’s world had been turned upside down in a matter of minutes that day. The Holy Spirit had gone public in a mighty way – and the charismatic renewal

claimed its first South African bishop. Speaking of his own baptism in the Spirit, his personal Pentecost, Bill said: “God did it without my permission. I never asked him to do it”.

In 1974 Bill Burnett became Archbishop of Cape Town and a world figure in the international wave of spiritual renewal. Congregations began to come alive, levels of giving increased dramatically, as did vocations to the ordained ministry. St Paul’s Theological College had to expand its capacity to cope with the new intake of men called to the ordained ministry. There was an upsurge of ministry among lay people.

Equally significant was the change in the person of Bill Burnett. His clergy found him more relaxed, more approachable. However, the ever-increasing demands upon him for international ministry began to take their toll. There were those who were not too happy about the way the church was going. Stresses between charismatic and non-charismatic began to appear. There was a feeling too that the Anglican Church was slipping from the forefront in the liberation struggle. In 1981, well before he reached statutory retirement age, the Bishops allowed him to retire as Metropolitan.

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Old Rhodian news

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Brian Stuckenberg (1948) retired as Director of the Natal Museum on 31 March this year after having served the institution for just over 40 years. He has been appointed an Honorary Keeper of Entomology and Emeritus Director.

Rhoda van der Byl (James 1943) met **Marge Noel (Biggs 1943)** in Bloemfontein earlier this year when she spent a weekend with **Jimmy Mahaffey (1938)** and his wife **Marge (Farquhar 1943)**.

During the same weekend she spoke to **Inez Slatem (Bennett 1943)** who lives with her husband Tim in Port Elizabeth. Another old friend, **Janet Sleed (le Grice 1943)** spent a lovely afternoon with her in Pietermaritzburg about four years ago. Rhoda retired from a 23-year stint as a Social Worker with the local Child Welfare Society in 1986 and three years with the then Marriage Guidance Society, at the age of 62.

She also did a course with the British NSPCC in the management of abusing families. Rhoda used to

run seminars for social workers under the auspices of the National Council for Child and Family Welfare, but remaining in the service of the local society.

Rhoda is 70 years old now and has fully retired but teaches two sewing classes for domestic workers and assistant nurses in a local old age home two afternoons a week to keep ‘her hand in’ and use up surplus energy.

Alan Walter (1947) has been awarded the Pharmaceutical Society of South Africa’s William Paterson Memorial Medal. In 1993 he was awarded the Peter Donnelly Prize in recognition of service to the pharmaceutical profession.

Hilstan Watts (1946) retired from the Sociology Department of the University of Natal at the end of 1990. As an Emeritus Professor, he is now enjoying doing things he didn’t find time for while still working.

Lorraine Ziskovsky (1944) works for the Grahamstown Foundation and is involved in its INSET (In-service Training for Black Teachers) programme. Her speciality is teaching English as a second language.

1930s



This photograph of the 2nd XV of 1936, was sent to us by Stephen Finnemore (1967) of Stellenbosch. The team won both the Stirk and Wienand Cups. The players are AB Dewar, WH Newham, N Plint, RA Jennings, A Norman, WH McRobert, FH Roulston, DW Lake, RR Klette, GS Laurie, HR Finnemore, GH Titterton (Capt), C Barry, AP Chubb, JJ Cadle, LH Bosman and JJ Adendorff

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She looks forward to hearing news of reunions and other contacts with Old Rhodians, as well as, notifications of any address changes.

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This enabled him to devote his energies to the role he felt God had opened for him – that of encouraging the mainline churches to appropriate and move in the full power of the Holy Spirit. For the next seven years he gave himself unstintingly to a travelling ministry under the Anglican Church. Those who worked with him gave testimony to his tirelessness – or rather his refusal to give anything less than his all to everyone. There was a time when, having just returned from addressing some 60 000 people at a conference in Kansas City, he travelled 800 miles to speak in a far-flung parish, where six old ladies turned out to hear him.

He gave them every bit as much as he had given those who packed the Kansas Stadium. Rhodes University conferred an honorary doctorate on Bill in 1980.

NK

Rosemary Campbell (Somerset 1945)

Died on Sunday, 5 June in Port Alfred. She was born in Que Que on 25 May 1925. She nursed in Rhodesia during the war and studied Art at Rhodes after the war, when she was reunited with Derrick Campbell whom she had first met at Morgan Bay in 1939. They were married in 1946. They have four children and seven grandchildren. After moving to the Transvaal in 1959, she taught Art and designed and painted several unique sets and backdrops for a variety of successful plays and operettas. She worked for the South African National War Museum in Johannesburg as an historian and a display artist. She handpainted a complete reproduction of the Bayeaux Tapestry and produced a comprehensive hand-illustrated catalogue of historical swords, including the Wilkinson collection. Later Rosemary worked as a manageress and a buyer for Garlicks, where she earned a name for herself in the retail world. Other interests included gardening, history, painting, pottery, carpet making, Greek and Roman archaeology and genealogy. A perfectionist with extraordinary creative talent, she inspired happiness in others. After her move to Port Alfred, she took a keen interest in the local Moth Battleaxe Shellhole, Derrick’s “home base”, and from 1986 dedicated herself to activities such as record-keeping for the Shellhole. She has a number of paintings on display in the First Gallery in Johannesburg.

Shane Michael Garth Dollar (1985)

Shane died in Johannesburg on Thursday 14 July. Shane was born on 28 March 1967 in what was then Gwelo, Rhodesia. He attended

primary school in Que Que and Triangle and at an early age showed the academic prowess that was to remain with him all his life. He received many prizes for academic achievement at school. Although he was born with a club foot and had many operations to correct this, he never asked for special treatment in physical activities. He played first team rugby at primary school and one of his greatest moments was being selected for a rugby tour to Marendellas. He loved sport, especially cricket, which he followed to the end.

He started high school at Chaplin in Gwelo, a school his parents and grand-parents had attended. His stay there was short-lived, as the family moved to Kimberley. There he attended Kimberley Boys High. Again he achieved academically, both in the scientific and arts subjects. In his matric year he achieved what must still be a record and obtained 398 out of 400 for biology in matric prelims. He had a great mathematical brain. His brother, Evan, remembers as a teenager, sitting with a calculator, giving him a large sum to multiply or divide, and then seeing if he could calculate it faster than the calculator. He always won. The school entered him and another Old Rhodian **Peter Klem (1986)** in the Perm Schools general knowledge quiz in 1984. They won the regional finals and finished second nationally.

Shane entered Rhodes University in 1985. Again he achieved academically, but Rhodes was to change his life. In the mid-eighties, most students were vigorously protesting against apartheid. He joined this struggle in his own right. Shane and Evan would often go to protest marches together. At one particular march, the police went in with sjamboks and dogs and Evan asked Shane to leave. He wouldn’t; it was a matter of principle, he said. He always believed in standing up for what was right, true and just. This often landed him in difficult positions, but he refused to shirk his responsibilities. He was a man of principle.

Although brought up in a Methodist home, Shane converted to Roman Catholicism in his third year at Rhodes. He remained a staunch Catholic and Christian all his life. His world view was directed by his Christian beliefs. He was a great reader of philosophy, and believed that one could reach an acceptable understanding of God through intellect. He was a supporter of the papacy and would say of himself, somewhat jocularly, “I’m the Pope’s man.”

Shane completed his degree in English and History at Rhodes, and enrolled for History Honours. He passed with distinction and received academic colours. He started his Master’s degree under Professor Rodney Davenport. In the second year of his masters he was appointed temporary junior lecturer, a position he filled for nearly two years. During that time he won the Milner Memorial Prize,

a competition he entered as he was running short of money at that time. A series of incidents prevented Shane from completing his Master’s, one of them, a desire to upgrade it to a doctorate.

Feeling the need for a change, he obtained a lectureship at VISTA University at Daveyton on the East Rand. During his free time he worked on his Doctoral studies at Wits. His last visit to Grahamstown was in April this year, to attend his sister’s graduation. Here, he met Prof Davenport who was being awarded an honorary doctorate. After this meeting he said that it was always good to see Rodney, as he inspired him with fresh hope. Shane had many dreams which will never be fulfilled. However, he left an example for all of us. He believed and lived in dignity, fairness and justice. He died tragically in his flat in Yeoville on 14 July 1994.

Psalm 116.

ED

Stephen “Cocky” Farrer (1925)

Stephen Farrer died in August, at the age of 86, in King William’s Town. He was the head of a prominent Border sporting family and a retired attorney. His father was the double Springbok, Buster Farrer. He played first team badminton, table tennis, rugby and golf. His wife Nora, a South African junior tennis champion, died in 1985. Both his sons were also outstanding sportspeople. He played an active role in the King William’s Town community and served on the committees of both Dale College and Kaffrarian High School. Farrer’s Fields in King William’s Town were named after him. He was former president of the Albert Cricket Club, president of the Border Cricket Union for 10 years and president of the Border Lawn Tennis Association for three years.

Deryck Hall (1956)

Deryck died of a heart attack at the age of 56 in East London in June. He was an Educational Psychologist known to school children and their parents throughout the Border. After completing a Master’s degree in Learning Disabilities, Dr Hall studied for his PhD in Educational Guidance at Rhodes. He began counselling at schools in 1976. He was member of the East London Golf Club and a keen photographer. He leaves his wife, Jean, and two daughters.

Philip Jabkovitz (1916)

Philip died on 21 June in Cape Town at the age of 95. His one year at Rhodes was a springboard to Trinity College in Dublin and an illustrious career in the practice and administration of medicine and care for his fellow human beings in all strata of society. He spent many years in Port Elizabeth as a general practitioner before he and his wife moved to Cape Town in 1988.

IK

Mr Joe Seween Levy (1953 - 1994)

A former Chairman of the Rhodes University Council, Mr Levy died in Uitenhage on 29 October, at the age of 82. Mr Levy, an attorney and notary, was elected to the University Council as the representative of the Uitenhage Municipality in 1953. He was Chairman from 1982 until the end of 1992. Mr Levy was succeeded as Chairman by Mr Stewart Dorrington, of King William’s Town.

Mr Levy was born in Aliwal North in August 1912, and completed his schooling there and in Port Elizabeth. He had a long record of community service for many organisations, including Rotary, the Boy Scouts, the Cape Midlands Development Association, the Uitenhage Hebrew Congregation, the Board of Deputies and the Eastern Province Zionist Council, and a number of municipal bodies. He served as Mayor of Uitenhage for several terms between 1950 and 1974. He leaves his wife, Ethel, a son and two daughters and several grandchildren.

Isabel Lindsay (Staff 1988 - 1994)

Rhodes lost a valued staff member when Isabel died in East London on 2 August after a long illness at the age of 54. She was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, but began her education at Potchefstroom Girls’ High School before moving to East London, where she completed her schooling at Clarendon Girls’ High School.

She worked in commerce from 1959 to 1965, when she married a Methodist Minister, and moved to Johannesburg. After the death of her husband in 1977, she moved back to East London with her two sons, and joined a personnel consulting firm, later becoming a director of the company. After working as a personnel officer in industry, she joined the staff of Rhodes University in October 1988.

She was made an Honorary Life Member of Life Line in recognition of her many years of dedicated work as a fund-raiser, counsellor and trainer for that organisation. Isabel was also a founder member of the St Bernard’s Hospice Committee in East London. She was able to see the fulfilment of a dream of a hospice building, when St Bernard’s Hospice was opened in September, 1993. She was a founding member of the Womanpower committee. When Womanpower amalgamated with the Women’s Bureau in 1985, she continued to serve that organisation.

Isabel was the first woman to be elected to the highest lay office in the Methodist church, as Circuit Steward of the East London Methodist Circuit, a position she held for four years. She leaves her sons, Ross and Mickey.

John Sholto Douglas McMillan (1941)

A former teacher, he died on Saturday 18 June in Pietermaritzburg at the age of 69. He taught at Highbury Preparatory School, where he served as House-master until his father’s death in August 1954. He succeeded him as Headmaster, a post he held for 32 years. Highbury School was founded in 1903 by his grandmother, Sibella Douglas McMillan. He and his family were deeply involved in the community and he was a Rotarian for many years.

Mary Margaret (Mollie) Millar (Swanby 1935)

“Mollie” died in Bulawayo on 18 August at the age of 77, after a long illness. She graduated from Rhodes in 1938 with a degree in English and Music. She took part in musical events at Rhodes and in Bulawayo, where she settled, but did not pursue a promising singing career. In 1941 she married Sydney Millar and they had two children who inherited their mother’s musical talents. She achieved a high standard of music and choral singing at Bulawayo’s Baines School. She was a very supportive wife and her gentle and creative spirit touched many lives.

HT

Grant Alexander David Murray (1988)

Grant was the son of Chris and Robyn, and brother of Cliff, Craig and Greg. He was tragically killed in a car accident on 23 April.

Andy Norval (1968)

Born in Harare on 14 October 1950, he died in a car accident on 8 April. He completed his primary and high-school education in Zimbabwe, before coming to Rhodes. He completed the BSc degree in 1970, majoring in Zoology & Entomology, and received a BSc (Hons) degree in Entomology in 1971. He then embarked upon a PhD degree on the ecology of the bont tick, completing the degree in 1974. He returned to Zimbabwe in 1975, and started a tick research programme in the government Veterinary Research Laboratory. After independence in 1980, he initiated a series of disease and tick surveys which are regarded as landmark reference studies. Three years later, he was appointed National Director of the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization’s project on the economics of ticks and their control. In 1984, he was awarded the Gold Medal of the Zimbabwe Scientific Association for his contributions to research into ticks and tick-borne diseases, and in 1985 he was awarded a DSc degree by Rhodes. He retired from government service in 1987, having attained the rank of Chief Research Officer. He spent the next two years as Head of the Tick Unit at the International Laboratory for Research on Animal Diseases in Nairobi, Kenya.

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From there, he joined the University of Florida at Gainesville as a Professor in the Department of Infectious Diseases, College of Veterinary Medicine. His most recent research focused on the tick-borne disease, heartwater, which affects livestock throughout Africa and the Caribbean. He wrote over 150 scientific papers and recently wrote a book on the epidemiology of theileriosis in Africa. He also supervised several graduate students. In his spare time, he was an avid fisherman. He will be remembered by colleagues, friends, faculty, staff and students as a warm and kind person, and as an outstanding and dedicated scientist.

J W A Parkhurst (1926)

Mr Parkhurst died on 17 July aged 84 years. He was granted a bursary of 20 guineas a year to come to Rhodes in 1926. He lived in Botha House and remembered the tough initiation ceremonies, with no hot water to clean off the shoepolish etc, afterwards! The socials at Rhodes in those days – particularly the June Ball – were highlights. After two years in Botha House he moved to Milner House and shared a common lounge with **Squibbs Wilson (1929), Reggie Moss (1926), A G Leask (1926)** and **E Tilbrook (1928)**, and they became firm friends.

He remembered taking girls to the Kaif and paying twopence for a cup of coffee. After Rhodes he went to Northern Rhodesia and became a chartered accountant, running his own firm in Livingstone, where he eventually became mayor. At the end of 1955 the family moved to Cape Town and he became secretary of the Trust Companies. He was a laryngectomy for 30 years after an operation for cancer of the larynx. He learned to talk again and led a remarkably active life with enormous courage and willpower.

DM

Professor John Vernon Lockart Rennie (1931)

The first Vice-Principal of Rhodes University, Prof Rennie died at the age of 91, in Grahamstown in July.

Professor Rennie was born in November 1903 and received his schooling at Rondebosch Boys' High School, Cape Town, before going on to the University of Cape Town, where he completed an MA degree with distinction in Geology. He was awarded the Union Scholarship for 1925 and went to Emmanuel College, Cambridge, in 1926, where he was awarded the PhD degree in Palaeontology in 1930.

Professor Rennie lectured in Geology at the University of Cape Town, before being appointed Lecturer in Geology at Rhodes University College in 1931.

In 1937 he founded and was lecturer-in-charge of the Department of Geography at Rhodes, having spent the two previous years at the University of London engaged in post-doctoral research and the study of Geography.

He was promoted to Senior Lecturer in 1941 and, in 1944, was appointed the first Professor of the Department. In 1964, Professor Rennie was appointed as the first full-time Vice-Principal of Rhodes University. He had previously filled the position for several years both in a part-time and acting full-time capacity. He retired from the University at the end of 1970.

Professor Rennie joined the Board of Trustees of the Albany Museum as a representative of the City Council in February 1933. At his first meeting he was elected Honorary Secretary, a position he filled for sixteen years until March 1949, when he was elected Chairman. He held this position until the end of March 1973, with one brief interruption in the 1950s. He remained a member of the Board until December, 1974.

This is a remarkable record of service by a man whose distinguished career in other spheres brought great distinction to the Board of the Albany Museum. This was recognised when the Board of Trustees agreed that the North Wing of the Museum be named in his honour in March 1975.

Professor Rennie was also associated with the establishment of the 1820 Settlers National Monument, as its Vice-Chairman from its inception in 1969 until the end of 1974. He was also a member of the National Monuments Council, the Historic Monuments Council, and the Prime Minister's Scientific Advisory Council.

Rhodes conferred the degree of Doctor of Laws (honoris causa) on Professor Rennie in 1977, in recognition of his service both to the University and to the local community.

Both Professor Rennie and his wife, Bea, served the City of Grahamstown with distinction, with Mrs Rennie also serving the community as Mayor.

Professor Rennie leaves his wife and three children, John, Janet and Margaret and their families.

Dulcie Ribbink (Cory 1918)

The daughter of Sir George Cory, one of the four founding members of Rhodes University in 1904, Dulcie Ribbink died in August, in Graaff-Reinet, at the age of 94. She was a Botany teacher at Collegiate High School between 1923 and 1932. In 1932 she married Paul, a widower with four children, and moved to Cape Town. Her only child, Joan Teeton, said her mother had loved nature and God in nature. She leaves her daughter and three grandsons, Paul and Bill, both teachers in England, and Andrew, who is in northern Spain.

Hyman Schauder (1927)

Mr Schauder died in Port Elizabeth at the age of 83. He was a scientist and industrialist and was active in industry until the beginning of this year when he closed the family's factory in North End. His father, Adolf, was a former mayor and city councillor and Schauderville was named after him. He, along with his brother Raphael, was awarded life membership of the South African Chemical Institute in 1984. He served on the Council of the South African Association for the Advancement of Science, as president of the Society of Leather Trades, Chemists and Technology, and as local chairman of the Midland Regional Research Committee of the CSIR. He was also a senior member of the American Chemical Society. He was originally trained as an economist and was involved in the leather industry but his first love was chemical engineering. He leaves his wife, Effie, their son, Dr Ron Schauder, and daughter Dr Val Abratt.

Henriette Salomon (van der Bergh 1969)

Henriette died on 28 May 1993 in Johannesburg. She graduated in 1973 whereafter she studied at the Sorbonne (France) then returned to Zimbabwe. She married Brian, obtained an MA (French) and lectured at the University there. They had two children, Michael now at UCT, and Jenna at high school. They moved to Johannesburg where Brian became a successful businessman and she taught at King David, and gave private Hebrew lessons at home. Multilingual, she spoke English, Dutch, French and Hebrew. She had an incredible zest for life. She could fix anything (including car engines!), had a wonderful sense of humour and a large circle of friends. She was always concerned about others, was very active, interested in topical matters and courageously fought cancer (first diagnosed whilst she was at Rhodes) throughout her life. A wonderful friend, sadly missed by her immediate family, including her mother, Miriam.

RK

Frikkie Snijman (1937)

Mr Snijman died on 5 September in Stellenbosch at the age of 79. He was born in Rietbron in the Karoo and began his career with the *Woordeboek van die Afrikaanse Taal* (WAT) in 1948. In 1956 he became the Assistant Editor and in 1962 the Chief Editor, a position he retained until he retired in 1980. He was awarded his doctorate in 1945 in the Netherlands. He is survived by his wife, Toos, three daughters and four grandchildren.

David Teper (1988)

Injuries sustained in a motor accident caused David's death, in June. He was a candidate attorney at a Grahamstown legal firm.

A warm and friendly person, who was always willing to help. His contented chuckle, easy manner and enjoyment of life made him one's friend. His quiet advice and discretion built bridges of confidence. A patriot of his faith and belief, David's attitude instilled a sense of belonging; loyal always to his family, friends, school, faculty and university. David, you are a friend who will be missed but, because of your character will surely never be forgotten.

PP

Alwyn Ray Thompson (Staff 1967 - 1994)

A staff member of LIRI, he died suddenly on May 14 in Port Elizabeth. He was born in Port Elizabeth and educated at Graeme College, Grahamstown. He joined Mangolds Engineering in Port Elizabeth where he completed his apprenticeship as a Toolmaker. He married Rhoda and returned to Grahamstown where he lived until 1991 before moving to Port Alfred. He was in charge of the workshop of the Leather Industries Research Institute, where he was employed for over 27 years. Alwyn played rugby for Crusaders in Port Elizabeth and later for Albany in Grahamstown. His extremely friendly disposition and warm personality, coupled with his ability to carry out complex engineering feats, and his wonderful sense of humour endeared him to all who knew him. He is survived by his wife, four children and seven grandchildren.

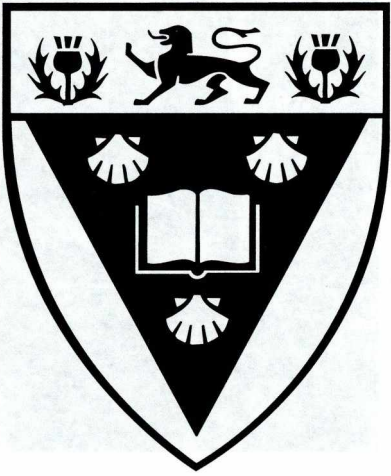
Doreen Tiernan (Dean 1938)

Doreen died on 1 May 1992 in Harare. After leaving Rhodes she taught English at the Dominican Convent, Bulawayo until 1949 and was in charge of the English Department at Llewelyn High School, Ndola, from 1951 to 1963. She married Eric Tiernan in 1940 and had two children, **Sister Brigid Rose (1960)**, who is the Director of the Catholic Institute of Education in Johannesburg and **Brendan (1965)** who is the Deputy Headmaster of St George's College in Harare. She was also an active Rotary Ann for thirty-seven years.

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Brian Wiles (1941)

The son of the well-known painter – W G Wiles, Brian died on 6 February 1993, just before his 70th birthday. His studies at Rhodes were interrupted by the war years. He joined the SA Navy but was seconded to the Royal Navy. When the war ended he was in Canada training as a pilot in the Fleet Air Arm. He then settled in Knysna and opened The Wiles Art Gallery 42 years ago. Here he hung and sold his father's work together with his own seascapes and landscapes plus those of his wife, Lucy, and daughters, Pauline and June. His greatest work was probably his series of ten paintings entitled *Out of the Vortex*, which belongs to the family.



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28.	2 handcut crystal red wine glasses	R 82,50
29.	handcut crystal beer tankard	R 81,40
30.	2 handcut crystal beer glasses	R 87,25
31.	6 red wine glasses	R 74,50
32.	6 white wine glasses	R 70,00
33.	6 whiskey tumblers	R 54,65
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