

RHODES NEWSLETTER



Old Rhodian Union

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The last of the Oatlanders

Who were they? Not a fifth or flying column and nothing to do with the Anglo-Boer wars. Oatlands is one of the grand old homes in Grahamstown and for some years it enjoyed the dubious distinction of being the home of oppidans. While one may ponder over the decline of the grand old lady from days of glory and grandeur to that of 'digs', she nevertheless imbued those who occupied her with some of her individual character. It became a regular event to have an annual photo taken of the occupants and those who served in her. This photograph was taken in 1979. Oatlands was recently sold and is once again a private home.

Honorary degrees for three

MRS LUCY Mvubelo, deputy vice-president of the Trade Union Council of South Africa, Mr Jack Cope, the renowned South African author, and Professor John Day, one of the doyens of estuarine and marine research in South Africa, are all to receive honorary degrees from Rhodes University at the 1981 graduation ceremony.

Mrs Mvubelo's name has become closely associated with the Garment Workers' Union and the struggle for black trade unions for more than 20 years. Her initiation in trade unionism began in 1943 after a factory lock-out by employers. In 1954 she became one of the first black women to serve on the executive committee of the Garment Workers' Union. She was among the black women that agitated to form the Garment Workers' Union of African Women and became its first secretary.

Mrs Mvubelo has travelled extensively abroad. She emerged as one of South Africa's finest ambassadors and although she is a strong opponent of economic disinvestment in South Africa, feeling that blacks would suffer most by such action, she is an unequivocal spokesman

against the government's homelands policy. She faced criticism from her own people when she was elected deputy vice-president of TUCSA, the first black person ever to reach this position, and when she joined the multiracial Women for Peace movement. Mrs Mvubelo has twice been voted the Star's Woman of the Year - in 1973 and at the end of 1979.

Mr Cope has made his mark as author, poet and editor.

In 1971 his novel, "The Rain Maker" received the C N A Prize, the Veld Trust Prize and the Argus Prize and gold medal. "The Student of Zend" in 1972 was shortlisted for the Booker World Fiction Prize.

While his reputation as author depends on his prose (three volumes of short stories and nine novels), he also has three volumes of verse to his credit, the most recent of which appeared earlier this year.

His works have been translated into Czech, Dutch, German, Hindi, Hungarian, Japanese, Norwegian, Roumanian, Russian, Swedish

Careful planning places Rhodes on a sound financial footing

RHODES University is on a sounder financial footing now than it has been for the past five years - this in spite of the stringent economic climate experienced by universities. This change in Rhodes' fortunes is largely due to careful financial control.

Delivering his annual address to the Rhodes Staff Association recently, the Vice-Chancellor, Dr Derek Henderson, said that in spite of the ravages of inflation, subsidy cuts and increased staff benefits, the university had learnt to live within its means.

For every R100 of income the university now spent R97 and not R103 as in the past. Dr Henderson pointed out that the six percent improvement was absolutely vital to Rhodes' well being and meant that during 1979, the last year for which figures were available, about R300 000 was available for reserves out of a total budget between R9 and R10 million. Because it was not the business of a university to make a profit, the reserve funds could in part be directed to additional expenditure on, for example, the library, equipment or research, he said.

He added that as long as he was in a position to influence decisions, the university would never go back on this hard-won level of financial discipline and responsibility.

Speaking of the considerable academic developments at Rhodes during 1980, Dr Henderson warned the staff to be prepared to look critically at some of the older time-honoured courses. If the university was to improve it had to change. He quoted survey and anatomy as examples of courses no longer offered at the university.

He felt that fear of the domino syndrome was too alarmist. "It is a law of nature for an organisation to take on new activities and drop old ones", he said.

Dr Henderson added that there was a move to more professional courses such as pharmacy and commerce.

Killed in action

NEXT OF kin and friends of Old Rhodians killed on active service are kindly requested to inform the Registrar so that their names can be added to the list of Old Rhodians who are remembered on Founder's Day.

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and Slovak. His stories are used in many school anthologies in England, South Africa, Australia and on English-language radio classes for schools in Britain and Scandinavian countries.

Mr Cope was for twenty years the editor of "Contrast", a major South African outlet for young and established authors in English and Afrikaans, and has also been responsible for publishing 10 poets in the first series of Mantis Poets. He has subsequently launched a second series.

Professor John Day is an emeritus professor of the University of Cape Town. Under his leadership, the Department of Zoology at UCT became the most important centre for marine biological studies in southern Africa.

He was born in Sussex and educated in South Africa. He is an Old Rhodian. He obtained a B.Sc. degree from The Rhodes University College in 1931 with double firsts in zoology and chemistry. He received his Ph.D. in Oceanography in 1934 at the University of Liverpool and then lectured at the University of Durham for four years. He lectured for two years at UCT before joining the RAF, quickly rising to the rank of squadron leader in Bomber Command. He was decorated twice.

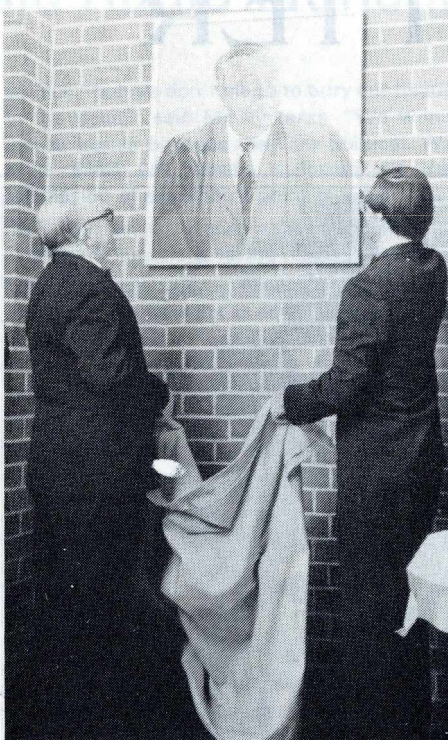
He returned to UCT at the end of the war as Professor of Zoology until his retirement in 1974. He served as the Dean of the Faculty of Science at UCT from 1955 to 1957, he was director of the Institute of Oceanography in 1958 and 1959, and a Fellow of the Royal Society of South Africa, of the Linnean Society and of the University of Cape Town from 1953 to 1974.

He became an internationally recognised authority on marine biology and was particularly interested in the ecology of estuaries. His research brought him numerous awards, including the gold medal of the Zoological Society of South Africa, an Oppenheimer Memorial Fellowship and an Australian Research Fellowship.

Mrs Mvubelo will receive a Doctorate of Social Science honoris causa, Mr Cope a Doctorate of Literature honoris causa and Professor Day a Doctorate of Science honoris causa.

Graduation will be on April Friday 10 and Saturday 11.

Portrait of Prof Koos Gerber is unveiled



PROFESSOR Koos Gerber, warden of Founder's Hall for almost twenty one years, died last year and the hall commissioned a portrait of the man who was known to generations of students passing through the Founder's Hall.

The portrait, done by Old Rhodian Estelle Marais, was unveiled in Founder's Hall on Founder's Day this year by Professor Hugh Chapman, a former senior student of the hall and former Dean of Students at Rhodes.

Prof Chapman paid tribute to both the portrait and the artist, describing it as a very fine likeness of a man who had been a close friend. Estelle graduated with a B.A.(F.A.) degree in 1966.

On the same occasion a photograph of the former master of the hall, Professor Dave Woods, was shown for the first time. He was the master of the hall from 1977 to 1979.

Both the portrait and the photograph have been hung in the hall.

The function also celebrated the founding of Founder's Hall 60 years ago.

Dean of Studies appointed

MR JONATHAN STEAD, a former head of the History Department at St Andrew's College in Grahamstown, has been appointed Dean of Studies at the East London branch of Rhodes University.

As Dean of Studies, Mr Stead will be responsible for the co-ordination of the activities of East London students and will be available to discuss curriculum details and any problems students might encounter relating to their studies.

Until his appointment he was the liaison officer in the university's Johannesburg office. He joined the Rhodes staff in 1979.

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

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

In 1974 he studied for a higher education diploma at Rhodes.

He joined the staff of St Andrew's College in 1975 and a year later he was appointed head of the History Department.

The university is looking for someone preferably with teaching experience, to replace Mr Stead as liaison officer of Rhodes' Johannesburg office. Being an Old Rhodian will also be a definite advantage. Anyone interested should contact the director of personnel at the university.

A new governor for E.L.

MR M P BOSWORTH, Managing Director of Federale Electronics Ltd, has been appointed to the Rhodes University Board of Governors. He is one of two East London representatives on the board, having taken the place of Mr B Godlonton who left East London for Johannesburg earlier this year.

Mr Bosworth was born in Kenya where he lived for nine years before settling in South Africa and attending school in Durban.

He studied at the University of Natal part time and became articled to George Mackerutan Son and Crosoer. After completion of his articles he qualified as a chartered accountant in 1961, then completed a CWA and came first in South Africa in Cost Accounting.

Mr Bosworth married in 1961 and the couple spent a short time abroad living much of the time in the United Kingdom.

They returned to South Africa in 1963 and he entered industry joining the Feltex group (now Romatex). Feeling his qualifications were too limiting he again studied part time, completing his B. Econ. degree in 1965.

He and his family moved to East London in 1974. The couple has three children - two girls and a boy.

Federale Electronics, a subsidiary of Federale Volksbeleggings, is the largest manufacturer of consumer electronic equipment in the country, handling television, audio, hifi and car stereo and has also diversified into other



Mr Mike Bosworth

fields including the manufacture of electronic components, printed circuit boards and professional electronics.

A BAD beginning to a good tour

Rhodes Chamber Choir keeps up its tradition

THE RHODES Chamber Choir's history is one of broken down buses and mishaps of various kinds. Indeed it is a tradition. Every year choir initiates are entertained with tales of the past. But few tales are ever likely to equal that of this year's tour. It was something of a coup de grâce.

It happened, unlike other years, before the choir left; indeed even before the choir had seen their bus.

Standing dispirited and dishevelled just after six on a chilly spring morning, the choir was assembled waiting for their bus to take them on tour to Cape Town.

A loud band some distance off and ensuing clouds of dust, raised the choir from its sleepy stupor. "Our bus", someone wryly commented. A few students were curious enough to venture to the corner of Beaufort and Somerset streets where the old, proud TC buildings stand.

Anyone who is familiar with the layout of the city knows that the road from Port Elizabeth swoops down past Gunfire Hill and curls its way gracefully into Grahamstown. In the curve one is greeted by the fine red brick buildings of the training college.

Now what awaited our adventuresome young students was their bus. Not growling its way steadily along Beaufort Street to its rendezvous, but now quite still and buried deep in the TC building.

The bus driver, more shaken than hurt, had flung himself to the back of the bus as it smashed into a tree and then ploughed on into the corner of the 77 year old building.

The gathering of the Vice-Principal, the heads of the departments of education (which is housed in TC) and music, and the university architect, added a special quality to the occasion. The choir traditionally is stranded in more remote places where this kind of attention is lacking.

The tour went on - that too is part of the tradition. A second bus was dispatched, and the choir, tired but cheerful, arrived in the nick of time for its first performance in George.

The choir distinguished itself, giving a total of 16 performances to an estimated 10 000 people.

Besides singing at a number of Cape Town schools, it gave two performances at George (one in the library and one at Mass in the Catholic Church). On its way back, the choir sang at the Oakdale Agricultural School in Riversdale.



'Pop' in the academic arena

POPULAR music is a mine of information and should not be disregarded by educationists.

In its own field there is that which is good and that which is bad. Students should be taught, without unjustified prejudices, the ability to differentiate and to consciously listen to popular music.

This is a point made by Dr Norbert Nowotny in the most recent edition of *South African Music Teacher*.

Dr Nowotny writes that it is the aim of music teachers to train students to become conscious, critical listeners, to make students better consumers of music, and to guide them to become discriminating in their taste.

"Long after they will have forgotten the names of the notes or the definition of 'piano quintet', they will have to make intelligent decisions about the music that enters their lives", he says.

Writing on popular music in music education, Dr Nowotny, a senior lecturer in the Department of Music and Musicology at Rhodes, points out that popular music is more than a musical phenomenon.

"It has become - especially for the adolescent - a social and philosophical focal point, the most important status symbol which distinguishes him from the establishment", he says.

He notes that behavioural psychologists have found that more is learned when the learner is interested in the subject. Students know every nuance of the most popular song. The same elements are found in all music and many composition techniques can be identified in popular as well as in classical music, Dr Nowotny argues.

This, he believes, is reason enough to include popular music in music education.

Dr Nowotny advocates a look at a variety of musical experiences and emphasises that he is not advocating an exclusive or even a pre-

dominant use of popular music in music education.

"It must be treated as part of the pluralistic manifestations of the musical environment", he writes.

New Department of Ichthy and Fisheries Science

Rhodes has established a department of Ichthyology and Fisheries Science which will become operative from the beginning of next year.

The university took this step when it was decided that the JLB Smith Institute for Ichthyology would separate from Rhodes and become a declared cultural institution under the Department of National Education. As a cultural institution, the institute will no longer be able to award degrees.

Because of the money the university would save by losing the institute, it could afford to establish a Department of Ichthyology and Fisheries Science.

Moves to have a department of fisheries science at Rhodes were first mooted in 1972 by a senior research officer at the JLB Smith Institute, Mr Peter Jackson. Various other attempts since then have failed. However with the institute's move, the university felt that the time was ripe to introduce the new department.

The department, to be housed in the JLB Smith building, will initially offer B.Sc. (Hons) and M.Sc. degrees in fisheries science.

New chairs founded in electronics and ESL

TWO NEW chairs have recently been established at Rhodes.

Besides the obvious impact the chairs will have in their respective fields, the new professorships will give added impetus and scope to the courses offered at Rhodes, and provide greater research opportunities for the students.

The chairs have been established in the Department of Physics and in the Institute for the Study of English in Africa.

A chair in electronics was endowed by Federale Electronics, the holding company of the giant SATV Manufacturing Company and Sparratt Electronics.

Besides the establishment of the professorship in the Department of Physics and Electronics, Federale Electronics is to supplement the endowment with some of the most up to date electronic equipment available within the company. In order to ensure that the chair will be among the best in the country, the company has also undertaken to provide additional funds for the incumbent professor to travel throughout South Africa to attend meetings, seminars and symposia and to keep in close contact with the most recent developments.

The chair, which is expected to forge strong links between the university and Federale Electronics, will lead to the revision and extension of the courses in electronics, especially at the honours level, offered at Rhodes. Head of the Department of Physics and Electronics, Professor J A Gledhill, said that the department expected to offer an honours degree in electronics in addition to its present unique degree in physics and electronics.

The chair will also enable students to take part in a wider field of research than is currently possible.

Managing Director of Federale Electronics, Mr M P Bosworth commented that he felt there was a conscious need for industry to play a part in the broader field of education. "Bearing

in mind the critical shortages of skilled manpower, I feel the community is responsible for assisting in the provision of education. We are committed to changes in technology and invest heavily in new developments. Additional facilities at universities will give industry access to new developments in the field."

The chair endowed by the Molteno Brothers' Trust in the ISEA, creates a unique professorship in South Africa which will have a significant impact on the education of learners of English as a second language.

The H A Molteno Chair for English-Second-Language (as it will be known) is the only one of its kind in South Africa. Its establishment follows a six year-period programme of research by the institute in English teaching in black primary schools, known internationally to educationists as the Molteno Project.

The professor appointed to the chair will be closely involved in the project, which was launched by a grant from the Molteno Brothers' Trust and has also been supported

by such bodies as Anglo-American and the Urban Foundation.

The new professor will also help to devise solutions to problems facing those Rhodes students who use English as a second language. Students from different language backgrounds often have serious language disadvantages when they enter an English-medium university.

The Rhodes commitment to English studies includes an honours degree in English-Second-Language and the new chair's occupant will contribute to the course. The Molteno professor will also be involved in teacher-training courses in the Faculty of Education, thus making training in teaching English to black South Africans a major component in the qualification of language teachers graduating from Rhodes. Commenting on the establishment of the chair, the head of the institute, Professor André de Villiers, said that it would bring about significant developments in the teaching of literacy and thereby contribute in the longer term to improved inter-group communication.

Counting the rose's thorns

"I OUGHT to begin with some jokes about public relations, or about journalism. Unfortunately the funny things I do know about journalists are said to be true. I am told for example, that journalists have a higher rate of alcoholism than any occupation outside the liquor trade (anyone who has organised a press party would say that they were *in* the liquor trade); they have a higher rate of divorce than any occupation outside show business (those who have seen them perform might say they were *in* show business); and they have a higher rate of suicide than any occupation apart from psychiatry (some would say they deserve it).

"The moral of the story is probably this: Next time a journalist wrecks your press release, don't contemplate murder. Just let him corrode".

"We know that journalists and public relations people don't always see things through the same eyes. Chris Green puts it well in the British publicity journal *Campaign*:

'Journalists see public relations as a world which would bribe them with champagne and chateaubriand when their preference is for real ale and shepherd's pie'.

"Public relations, I imagine, sees journalists, as people who drink champagne as though it was ale and eat chateaubriand as though it was pie. And who show no gratitude for either."

Plans for archive centre

THE establishment of an archive centre or museum of Rhodiana is being considered by convocation and the Old Rhodian Union.

This move also has the support of the Cory Library staff and they have offered whatever professional assistance they can to establish it.

The university is currently discussing a suitable room for the housing of memorabilia and artefacts relating to Rhodes' past.

It is believed that there are many things of historical interest spread around the university which include photographs, busts and furniture which the proponents of the museum feel should be gathered together and put on display with suitable captions.

Once a suitable place has been found for the

archive centre, an appeal will be made to Old Rhodians for any memorabilia or articles of historical interest to Rhodes and to the old Training College.

The staff of Cory Library have expressed an interest in gathering unofficial manuscripts (for example diaries, letters, and reminiscences of staff and students), runs of university periodicals, publications by staff or students, recordings of such things as important ceremonies of the Rhodes Chamber Choir, and perhaps official university records such as the minutes of council and senate which could be transferred from the Registrar's office to the archives as they become 30 or 50 years old as is the practice in state archives. Documentary material could be displayed in the museum.

"In fact, the two jobs have as much in common as they have in difference. Both lie somewhere between craft and profession. Both have moved only recently to some kind of formal training. Both compete for the same kind of skills - and public relations usually wins. And both face a difficult future in South Africa".

"With better training, enhanced status, and a booming economy, the public relations executive would seem to have landed in a bed of roses. But the bed is not without thorns. (Perhaps the difference between public relations and journalism is counting the thorns)".

- Professor Gavin Stewart, professor of journalism at Rhodes addressing the East Cape Division of the Public Relations Institute of South Africa.

PRISA award for Professor Smith

PROFESSOR Margaret Smith, director of the J L B Smith Institute of Ichthyology was honoured earlier this year by the Eastern Cape and Border branch of the Public Relations Institute of South Africa. At the branch's AGM held at the Port Elizabeth Club, Prof Smith was presented with East Cape branch's annual Merit Award, which featured the citation:

"This award is in recognition of the interpretation of the principles of public relations practised by Professor Smith in attracting international interest to the Eastern Cape due to her valuable contribution to the study of ichthyology. PRISA acknowledges her achievement in the field of communication in bestowing this honour upon her".

Prof Smith received the award from Mr Neil Papenfus, chairman of the local committee and director of the Public Relations and Development Division at Rhodes.

PROFESSOR Margaret Smith is pictured receiving the merit award from the chairman of the Eastern Cape and Border branch of the Public Relations Institute of South Africa, Mr Neil Papenfus.



Reallocate resources suggests the V-C

IN AN effort to alleviate the present inequalities in the South African educational system, the government should determine how much it could afford to spend per child, regardless of race. This reallocation of resources would permit an enormous upgrading of black and coloured education but would present a severe problem for white schooling.

Dr Henderson, addressing the Conference on Education convened earlier this year by the Chief Minister of Ciskei, Chief Lennox Sebe, was speaking on prejudice and fear in South African education and was proposing a solution to the problem of difference amounts spent on the education of the different race groups.

"We are all well aware of how much more the State spends on the yearly education of a single white child than it does on a black one. The disparity in resources not only encompasses very visible differences in teacher pay scales, but also obvious contrasts in the qualifications of the teachers and in the quality of school buildings, laboratory and other equipment, libraries and playing fields," he explained.

Dr Henderson added that it would take an enormous amount of money to bring all education up to the standard of white education and proposed the same should be spent on every child in South Africa.

The State should provide what it could by way of teacher posts and buildings. Any additional facilities or a higher quota of teachers could be provided by levying fees.

Dr Henderson pointed out that this would eliminate all unfairness in the allocation of State resources to schooling and also eliminate the artificial and inequitable distinction between private and State schools. "Every school would become in fact a potential private school in that it would have the right to

levy fees in order to provide facilities beyond those which the State can afford", Dr Henderson explained.

He added that those who were prepared to make extra sacrifices to provide their children with superior education would be given the opportunity to do so. Where parents were not, children would in most cases be provided with a better education anyway.

Before anyone rejected his ideas as fanciful "pie-in-the-sky", Dr Henderson reminded his audience that a precedent already existed "right in the heart of that much maligned but surprisingly flexible province, the Orange Free State.

"Several former private schools in Bloemfontein operate on precisely this system, with excellent results. The province maintains the buildings and pays the salaries of the established quota of teachers. Extra teachers

and other facilities are provided through fees far below the level of most fully private schools. The only criticism I have is that the schools as yet are not in the position to accept black pupils.

"If it can work in the Vrystaat, why should it not be equally successful elsewhere?" he asked.

Dr Henderson also pointed out that with the best will in the world it would probably not be possible to eliminate inequalities in education overnight. If South Africa was to avoid escalating violence and the reaction of firm repression, whites would have to make a real commitment to change. This would have to be matched on the part of blacks with a realistic assessment of just now fast change could be brought about given the commitment of the whites.

Journalism offers new courses

RHODES University is extending its Bachelor of Journalism degree to offer specialized courses in advertising, public relations, photojournalism, radio magazine writing and investigative journalism.

From 1981, B.Journ. will remain a three-year, 10-credit degree like the B.A. and B.Sc., but students will now take four courses in journalism and media studies. The additional course is given in the second year where students will take journalism II practical and journalism II theory.

The change increases the practical content of the course, adding specialized training to the present course in newswriting. In the third year all students take a practical course in television. Advertising and public relations are

also offered as options in the honours course. Rhodes will apply to the Department of National Education to change the name of the department to the Department of Journalism and Media Studies.

The university has also opened negotiations on the establishment of a chair in advertising with the Committee for Promotion of Advertising Standards and Status - Compass. If it is established, the new chair will be located in the Institute of Social and Economic Research, undertaking research into advertising. It will serve the Department of Journalism, teaching the uses of media in advertising, and the Department of Business Administration, teaching advertising management.

Mr and Mrs Wilbert Askew



Mr Wilbert A

MR WILBERT ASKEW, Registrar at Rhodes for the past fourteen years, will retire at the end of this year.

Mr Askew came to Rhodes from Nigel in 1960 where he had been the town treasurer for six years.

He began at Rhodes as Assistant Registrar, and was appointed Registrar from January 1 1967.

Born at Sweet Waters in Natal during the First World War, he was educated at Glenwood High School and then at Natal University College where he obtained a B.Com. degree and a U.E.D. (Tech.).

He was appointed municipal accountant in the treasury department in Durban, a position he held until 1947 although he served in Artillery Signals from 1940 to 1945 during the Second World War.

From 1948 to 1953 he was the assistant town treasurer of Nigel and then treasurer for the following six years.

He married Jean Parry Davies in 1947 and the couple has two sons and a daughter. Mark graduated with a B.Com. LL.B. degree and is working at SA Goldfields in Johannesburg. Timothy, a Bus.Ad.(Hons) graduate, is working for the Ciskei Development Corporation, and their daughter, Beth, is married and living in Grahamstown. Mr and Mrs Askew have three grandchildren.

Devotion

PAYING tribute to Mr Askew, the Vice-Chancellor, Dr Derek Henderson, writes:

"Mr Askew, who retires as Registrar on 31 December 1980, will be remembered with affection by members of staff and by many generations of students. He committed the latter half of his working life, first as Assistant Registrar and then as Registrar, with

Reunion to coincide with festival

THE OLD Rhodian reunion which will take place from July 11 to 17, co-inciding with the 1820 Settlers' National Monument Foundation's Festival of the Arts, has had a good response.

The reunion will give Old Rhodians a unique opportunity to get together and meet old friends, to re-visit Rhodes, and at the same time to enjoy the varied programme of the only national festival of arts in South Africa.

With Port Alfred and the sea only a short drive from the city, Old Rhodians can look forward to a nostalgic, enjoyable and stimulating holiday. Free accommodation provided in the university's residences, will not only resurrect many memories, but will also greatly ease the cost of a week's holiday. Meals will be available at one of the dining halls - breakfast R2.50, lunch R3.00 and dinner R3.50.

It is difficult to make detailed arrangements for the reunion until the festival programme is finalised. Organisers are trying to arrange the

university functions to dovetail with the festival to avoid clashes with major one-performance-only shows.

At this stage a formal dinner and tours of the campus and the city are anticipated. An exhibition of Rhodiana, artefacts and other material relating to Rhodes' past, will be mounted for the duration of the week.

The organisers regret that no special arrangements can be made for children.

It is hoped that Old Rhodians will make an effort to revisit Rhodes and that they will make up parties among themselves to include friends, former colleagues and classmates. The Public Relations and Development Division at Rhodes will be happy to provide addresses of friends and acquaintances who are no longer in touch.

Anyone interested in receiving up-to-date information on the reunion should contact the Public Relations Officer, Mr Richard Buckland. Those who responded to the story in the last

Newsletter need not write again.

It is interesting to note that 1981 is the 30th anniversary of the establishment of Rhodes University as a fully fledged institution and the 70th anniversary of the formation of the Old Rhodian Union.

The organisers are very enthusiastic about the idea of the reunion and the opportunity it offers Old Rhodians to meet and re-establish contact with Rhodes, and the opportunity to participate in the festival. It could be that once in a lifetime holiday.

The festival programme offers drama, films, music, exhibitions which include art and photography, lectures and discussions relating to English, and tours of Grahamstown and surrounding historical areas.

Details of the festival programme, which should be available sometime in April, can be obtained from the Festivals Officer, 1820 Settlers' National Monument Foundation, PO Box 304, Grahamstown, 6140.

Mr and Mrs John Wilkinson

Askew retires

singleminded devotion to the interests of Rhodes. On all occasions the epitome of dignity and discretion, he could fairly be described as the keeper of the University's corporate conscience. The Registrar is ex officio the Secretary of both Senate and Council, and as such he was the meticulous guardian of the interests and prerogatives of both bodies. In the words of Scripture 'Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile'.

"We wish him and Mrs Askew health and happiness in their retirement".

AT THE 1980 meeting of convocation in April, the president, the Hon Mr Justice Cloete, expressed thanks on behalf of convocation to Mr Askew who has served as its secretary for the past 14 years.

"He was appointed Registrar in 1967 and has been secretary of convocation since then. As such he has been the conscience and the prodder of convocation. His inimitable unflappability and meticulous planning left their marks on the excellence of the graduation ceremonies. His faith in the quality of the university led to the unusual distinction of his having personally hooded all his children", Judge Cloete said.

The new Registrar

A FORMER diplomat and senior civil servant from Zimbabwe, Mr John Wilkinson, has been appointed Registrar-elect.

Mr Wilkinson's career in the civil service spanned thirty years and he served five different governments - Southern Rhodesia, Rhodesia and Nyasaland, Rhodesia, Zimbabwe - Rhodesia and Zimbabwe.

He was born in East London and completed his schooling at Observatory Boys' High School. He studied for a B.Com. parttime for a year



while working and before enlisting with the S A Engineering Corps. In the No 45 and 46 Survey Companies, he served Egypt and Italy. Returning to the University of Cape Town after the war, Mr Wilkinson was awarded his B.Com. degree in 1948 and a B.A. in 1949. The following year he began his career with the Southern Rhodesia Treasury in the exchange control.

In 1955 he became private secretary to the Federal Minister of Commerce and Industry, Sir Malcolm Barrow, who later became Minister of Home Affairs and Deputy Prime Minister. He accompanied Sir Malcolm as official representative at the Ghana and Malayan independence celebrations in 1957. He was promoted to senior principal in the Ministry of Economic Affairs in 1959 with responsibility for the Kariba Lake Co-ordinating Committee and for the Economic Survey of Nyasaland.

The following year he took the post of first secretary (finance and economic) at Rhodesia House in London where he liaised with the British and with Commonwealth representatives on Britain's application to join the E.E.C. On the breakup of Federation, Mr Wilkinson returned to the Southern Rhodesian administration and served the Rhodesian Ministry of Commerce and Industry from 1964 to 1976. Before U.D.I. he was roving trade commissioner making two tours which covered Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, Sudan, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Lebanon, Jordan, Kuwait, Bahrain and Aden.

From 1976 until his retirement on April 30 this year he was Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Mines.

He married Anne Williamson from Salisbury and a graduate of Rhodes University. The couple has three daughters - Jill, Jenny and Margie.

Sport Sciences Centre opened

A SPORT Sciences Centre was opened at Rhodes earlier this year and is proving very popular.

The centre, which has a research and practical function, has been based on similar institutions in the leading sporting nations of the world where a scientific approach to sport is becoming increasingly popular and is being acknowledged as essential for training world class athletes.

The centre, which is accommodated in the Physical Education building, offers a service to the public. It utilises some of the most up to date scientific methods of analysis, testing and training. This means that one is able to assess one's fitness and physical potential for a particular sport, and benefit from a carefully planned training programme developed for one's particular needs.

The centre was planned and developed by Bruce Copley, an exercise physiologist and senior lecturer in the Department of Physical

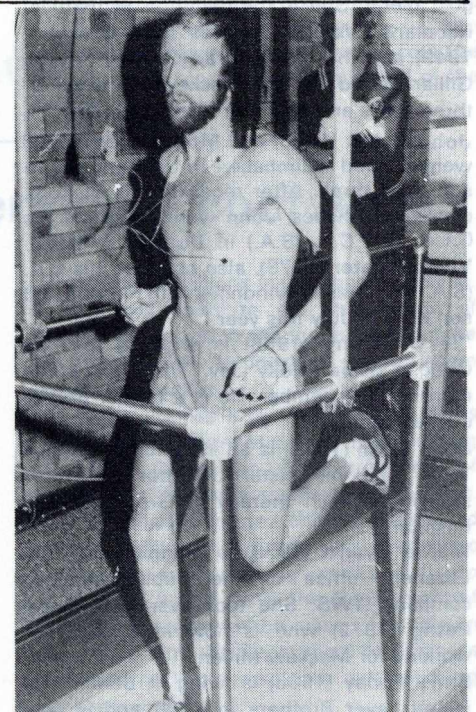
Education. Mr. Copley joined the university in 1975 with the hope of establishing a sport sciences centre at Rhodes.

The centre is at the disposal of all people and not restricted to professionals or talented amateurs.

Physique assessment, body composition, general motor ability, respiration, cardio-respiratory fitness potential, physical condition, sports skills, sweat rate, energy cost and biochemical analysis are carried out and monitored at the centre.

Tests ranging from three minutes to one hour and in price from two rand for a single test to R30 for a battery of tests, are administered according to the needs of a person.

LONG distance runner Johnny Halberstad in action at the Sports Sciences Centre. Mr Halberstad was the guest speaker and opened the centre at a special function.



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G S Andrews (1970) has been appointed professor of business administration at the University of the Witwatersrand Graduate School of Business Administration.

Mike Bark (1974) lectured at the University of the Witwatersrand after leaving Rhodes, and his wife **Marilyn** (née **Zev** - 1972) worked as a registered pharmacist. They emigrated to Australia in 1978 and after some extremely difficult registration examinations, Marilyn is now a practising pharmacist in New South Wales. Mike is in partnership in a computer consultancy business in north Sydney. The couple has two children, Ross (five years old) and Gina (three). Their address is 26 Wentworth Avenue, East Killara, NSW 2071, Australia, and they would like to hear from the many friends they made during their years at Rhodes.

Lesley Bebbington (1966) is a social worker at the Red Cross Home in Port Elizabeth.

Dave Brehmer (1974) married **Karin Clarke** (1974) in December 1979 in Grahamstown Cathedral, and he is teaching geography and training the chapel choir at St Andrew's School, Bloemfontein. Karin is working as a senior pharmacist for O.F.S. Hospital Services. They would like to correspond with Old Rhodians who knew them well.

Michael Bulley (1966) has joined Brandt Engineering as project manager.

Mary Burnett (1971) has moved from London and is living in Bishopscourt in Cape Town.

Marius Cipolla (1977) received his M.A. degree this year at the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne where he has already completed a year of research towards a doctoral degree on Shakespeare. In July, Marius was awarded the S T Coleridge Scholarship for post-graduate research at the university.

Gillian Cowley (1975) was a member of the Zimbabwean women's hockey team that won gold medals at the Moscow Olympic Games. She is the first Old Rhodian to win an olympic gold medal. She is the daughter of two Old Rhodians, **Valerie Skeates** (née **Brown** - 1949) and the late **Conrad Cowley** (1949), Gillian played first team hockey for Rhodes for three years and also represented Albany.

John Cubitt (1973) and **Morag Knox** (1972) were married in Zimbabwe in 1975 and have a son aged three. After receiving his B. Com. degree at Rhodes, John went on to get his C.T.A. and C.A. (S.A.) in Durban. A friend, **Vivian Grater** (1973), also obtained his C.A. (S.A.) and lives in Windhoek with his wife and son born in July this year.

"N O" Curry (1968) is engaged to Tony Greig's sister, Molly Joy. They are to be married in December. He is a former Border cricket captain.

John Dean (1969) is an astronomer in Cape Town and his sister **Jennifer** (1971) is studying speech therapy at Groote Schuur hospital.

Mariss Everitt (1978) is manning the Port Elizabeth office of the public relations company, TWS. She took over from **Hazel Petrig** (1972) who is now in Cape Town working for Maskew Miller.

Barry Farley (1963) is living in Benoni. He joined Lever Brothers in 1965 and is now



Gillian Cowley (second from the right) was part of the Zimbabwean women's hockey team which won gold medals at the Moscow Olympics. Pictured is a critical moment at the Austrian goal. The Zimbabweans beat Austria 4-1.
- photo by V Saveliev

manager of the margarine plant of van den Bergh and Jurgens (a Lever's company) at Boksburg. He married Rosemary Robertson, an old girl of the teachers training college, in 1968 and the couple has two children.

Russel Farley (1963) qualified as a chartered accountant in 1967 and became a partner in the firm with which he served his articles. He married Marguerite Moller in 1971 and they have two children. The family is happily settled in Durban.

Robert Fenner (1961) has been appointed to the board of Grinrod and Company. Robert is the financial director of the group.

Des Froneman (1960), a former Border rugby captain, has been appointed chairman of a new publishing company, MSL Publications. Des is well known in the Eastern Cape. Apart from playing rugby for Rhodes, Eastern Province and Border, he was also a first class referee.

Eldred Green (1929) was the author of a major article on the landing of the 1820 Settlers 160 years ago in the September issue of *Lantern*. Eldred has been associated with *Lantern* since its inception some 30 years ago, as a part-time literary adviser.

Rae Greene (1975) married **Greville Hast** (1974) in 1978 and they spent the first few months of their married life travelling. America was their choice of country and for eight months they motored round and got to know a great deal about the country. In order to stretch their money, they camped and there were no funds for golf. Rae who played all sport and only became serious about golf at Rhodes, concentrated on golf on her return to SA in April 1979. She has become the South African stroke-play champion and runner-up in the South African match-play championships. Now a Springbok golfer, she represented South Africa in the world tournament held in North Carolina in September.

Dennis Ian Gough (1946) has been elected to Fellowship of the American Geophysical Union for his contributions to many of the major branches of geophysics, especially paleomagnetism, instrumentation, induced

seismicity, magnetic induction and magnetic anomaly mapping.

Brian Harlech-Jones (1967) was one of the South African delegates who attended the *English of the Eighties* conference at the University of Sydney in Australia from August 18 - 22. He is at present working on his M.Ed. through Rhodes, concentrating on vocabulary proficiency of Xhosa students in teacher training. Brian, who is Head of English at Windhoek College of Education, was awarded a R2 000 grant from Maskew Miller, educational publishers in Cape Town, enabling him to participate in the commission on English teaching and the multi-cultural environment, one of eight commissions covered at this, the third international conference of its kind for the teaching of English. The first was held in 1966 in Dartmouth (USA) and the second in York (England) in 1972. He obtained his B.A. (Hons. in English at UNISA, and as winner of the British Council Scholarship, completed his M.A. in Applied Linguistics at the University of North Wales in England. He has taught at Dale College in King William's Town and in Canada, and lectured at the Lovedale Training College in Alice for six years prior to his appointment to Windhoek. He is married and has two children.

Brian Heath (1958), his wife **Avril** (née **Dickens** - 1958) and their children Roslynne and Richard were among the 18 South African families to compete in the finals of the Pro Nutro competition for the fittest family in the country. Brian, headmaster of Alexander Road High School and his super-fit family qualified to represent the Eastern Province after months of qualifying rounds. He and Avril have both played squash for EP while Roslynne (15) has played squash for EP schools under 15 and is ranked fifth in the country. Richard (13) is a junior EP diver and a keen rugby player and gymnast. During the holidays the family runs together along the beachfront.

G A Hepburn (1924) visited Grahamstown for two weeks in June. He retired in 1965 as the Head of Forest Entomology in Pretoria and lives in Pietermaritzburg. He worked for six

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years as the acting head of the Wattle Research Institute at the University of Natal with **Prof S P Sherry** (1930) who has since also retired from the institute and is consultant forester specialising in seed collection of pines and eucalyptus species. Prof Sherry also lives in Pietermaritzburg. **M O Barker** (1925), also in Pietermaritzburg, retired from the Natal Provincial Administration. He and Mr Hepburn meet at golf.

Brian Hodge (1978) is now technical assistant to the technical manager of Highveld Steel.

Helen Honey (1957) married Raymond van Hoof of Barclays Bank and they have a son and daughter in high school. Their son Paul was selected to sail in the Optimist World Championships in Portugal as a representative of Zimbabwe. Helen is assistant bursar at the University of Zimbabwe dealing with students and their money problems.

Rosemary Honey (1957) married Kenneth Webster and they have a son and daughter in high school. Rosemary is secretary to the personnel manager of Fashion Industrial

Alice Krige (1974) is reported to be one of the luckiest girls working in a British film studio today because in a short space of time she landed important parts in two British movies. She played the coveted role of Lucie Manette in Norman Rosemount's new version of the Charles Dickens classic *A Tale of Two Cities*, and earlier this year she made her first screen appearance as Sibyl, an actress who attracts young British athlete Harold Abrahams at the Olympics in Paris in 1924, in David Puttnam's movie *Chariots of Fire*. This film was selected for a Royal Command Performance. Alice was born in the Kalahari Desert where her father had a practice as a flying doctor. When father decided to specialise, the family moved to Port Elizabeth.

Hugh Lewin (1961) is the production editor of a new magazine called *South*. Published in London, the magazine focusses on the underdeveloped southern hemisphere as opposed to the developed north. It will contain news in depth about the affairs of all the

medical rep for several years and then decided to do medicine. He is now a doctor and practising in Pietermaritzburg. He is married with four children.

John McCormick (1977) has had a rather varied career. He is currently, he says, "the Department of Public Relations and Development, no less" of the World Wildlife Fund in London. After completing a B.A. Hons degree at Rhodes, he spent a year as copywriter with an advertising agency before returning to England. After another year copywriting and trying unsuccessfully to get into film or TV production, John discovered wildlife conservation. He has what he describes as a rather grand title - "Public Relations Executive" - and his work involves everything from copywriting to writing press releases, setting up exhibitions, producing audio visual programmes and generally generating as much publicity as possible for WWF. He writes that it is a marvellous job and that he is planning to stay in conservation for the foreseeable future. His next step, he hopes, is to look for a job with a conservation group in Switzerland or the United States.

Clive ("Tiger") Mott (1977) is teaching history and English at St Andrew's School in Bloemfontein.

Tom Mullins (1947) was appointed acting judge of the East Cape Division of the Supreme Court from September 1 to December 15. He was admitted to the Bar in Grahamstown and has practised here almost continuously ever since, taking Silk in June 1966. One of his seven children, Nicholas, is in his final year LIB at Rhodes.

Marguerite Oosthuizen (née Poland - 1970) has been awarded the Percy Fitzpatrick Literary Award for Children's stories in English. Her stories, many of them based on Xhosa and Zulu folklore, have been published in English and Afrikaans. The award was made for *The Mantis and the Moon*, illustrated by her cousin Leigh Vogt. It was the first time in 10 years that the literary award for children's stories written in English was presented. Her literary talents were first recognised while she was at school and twice won top honours in national essay competitions. (*Marguerite's maiden and married names were transposed in the last Newsletter - the editor apologises for any confusion it might have caused Old Rhodians*).

Vivian Payne (née Terry-Lloyd - 1959), her husband, John, and their three children have moved from London to the city of Worcester. They would very much like to meet any Old Rhodians in the area. Their address is 20 Albany Terrace, Worcester WRI 3DV.

Jeremy Pollock (1957) has been appointed group personnel manager of Philips SA.

Tony Recsei (1958) has been elected to the East London City Council. For the past five years he has been a member of the East London Ad Hoc Committee for Tertiary Education which planned the establishment of Rhodes' facilities in East London. He is the vice-chairman of the committee.

Claudia Regnart (1973), who is teaching at Westerford High School in Cape Town, was



Averil and Brian Heath and their two children, Roslynn and Richard. The family came third in the ProNutro fittest family in the country competition.

Holdings in Salisbury and her husband is divisional manager of the general packaging division of Metal Box C.A. Ltd.

Peter Joubert (1952) has taken over the position of managing director of African Oxygen Limited from **Beau Sutherland** (1937) who retains his position of chairman of the company. For nearly two years, Peter has been on secondment to BOC where he held the position of chief executive, gases. Beau is also the chairman of the Board of Governors of Rhodes.

Eric Kelly (1959) has been appointed rector of St George's Church in Kroonstad. He will also be responsible for Viljoenskroon where one of his parishioners will be **Anthony Rhys Evans** (1962).

Mike King, a student at Rhodes and distinguished member of the skydiving club is the product of several Old Rhodians. His paternal grandparents were **Joe King** (1927) and **Dolly** (née Wolff - 1926), his maternal grandparents, **H Skillicorn** (1934) and his late wife, **Barbara** (née Parris - 1934), and his father, **Mike King** (1955). Only his mother, Anne, was not an Old Rhodian.

countries that make up the Third World. The first dummy issue contained, for example, a look at the transformation of Rhodesia into Zimbabwe.

Jean Lindsay (1967) is teaching at the Open Air School in Durban for physically handicapped children. She completed a UNISA Diploma in Special Education (Aurally Handicapped Children) in 1979. She represented SA at the Women's World Single Handed Sailing Championships at Lasers in Copenhagen in August this year. She writes that she didn't finish very well in the fleet of 44 competitors but benefited from the wonderful experience. **David Lurie** (1947) has in the space of 15 months put together a stable of companies which promises to make the Lucem group one of the growth stocks of the early 1980s, according to a report in *Finance Week*. He took a physics degree at Rhodes and had several years of practical experience as a metallurgist with Anglo on the Copperbelt. There followed two years with RMB Alloys and Southern Cross.

Les McBey (1963), after doing his physical education degree at Rhodes, became a

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OVER 50 Old Rhodians participated in the reunion held at the Charing Cross Hotel in London earlier this year. The function, which was organised by Mr Norman Cliff, was addressed by the honorary secretary of the Old Rhodian Reunion, Professor Doug Rivett. It is reported that the gathering was a great success and plans are underway to arrange a similar gathering next year in March. Photographed are most of those who were present. Unfortunately it was not possible to identify everyone but no doubt Old Rhodians will recognise many acquaintances and friends in the photograph.

the only woman to be invited to serve on the Executive Committee of the Human Sciences Research Council which is investigating education in South Africa. The committee was independently constituted by the HSRC and members were chosen in their personal capacities and not as representatives of their organisations.

Shirley Ritchie (1959), described as one of the most attractive women at the English Bar, has received yet another honour - appointment to the English Criminal Injuries Compensation Board. She will join the 18-strong board charged with the responsibility of assessing compensation for victims of criminal violence, such as those who have gone to the aid of a policeman being attacked by a criminal, and "have a go" victims who have received injuries in solo efforts to tackle criminals. Shirley is a member of The Senate, the English barristers' supreme body, and has sat as an acting High Court judge. She married Robin Anwyl in 1969 and they have two sons.

Alan Robertson (1976) and **Denise Bode** (1978) were married in November 1978 and were sent by the Methodist Church to the Burghersdorp and Jagersfontein Circuit which Alan describes as "this vast country circuit with six churches". Denise gave birth to a daughter in July this year in the Burghersdorp Hospital. Alan reports that "she and the baby are both well".

Pearce Rood (1952) sent in a colour photograph (which unfortunately could not be used in the Newsletter) of a re-union in January this year of one half of the final LIB class of 1954, which is now somewhat scattered. But they got together for lunch in Cape Town, being there at the same time. They

were **Peter Duminy** who was visiting Cape Town from Melbourne where he is a public relations executive with the large Australian mining group, BHP; **Lionel Melunsky** who was paying a visit from Port Elizabeth where he is at the Bar; and **Pearce** who was on holiday from London where he is a partner in the London Office of an international law firm. He and Peter saw much of each other in 1974/5 in Tokyo where Peter was a correspondent of the *London Financial Times* and the *Economist*, and where Pearce was spending in a year with the Tokyo office of his firm. The other three members of the class who were missing from the re-union, were **Peter Cuff**, **Lawrence Davies** and **Peter Hanesworth**.

Dr M B Shapiro (1932) is on the staff of the Department of Mental Health, School of Medicine, University College London.

Peter Smith (1976) was teaching at Linpark High School in Pietermaritzburg until the end of September when he joined the personnel department of the EP Building Society in Grahamstown. Previously he had taught at Murchison Preparatory School and tutored at St Andrew's College. He graduated through UNISA after leaving Rhodes.

John Souter (1974) moved back to Zimbabwe after leaving Rhodes and was employed as a temporary school teacher in Marandellas as a biology master. He completed his national service with the Division of National Parks and Wild Life and the following year he attended the University of Zimbabwe for a year and read for a graduate certificate in education. He took the position of biology master at Allan Wilson High School. However he decided teaching was not for him and after much thought, moved to South Africa. He left the biological

field and is employed as the technical manager of Advanced Chemicals Pty Ltd in Johannesburg where he is involved in the commercial side of life.

Barry Streek (1970), the *Daily Dispatch's* political correspondent, was invited to join the press party accompanying the prime minister on his visit to Taiwan. Barry has represented the *Dispatch* in the parliamentary press gallery since 1975 and is one of South Africa's most accomplished political writers.

Leo Theron (1954) has created stained glass windows for the church of Santa Maria de Grazie in the village of Montorio Romaso about 50 kms north of Rome. He was commissioned by the South African ex-servicemen's organisation in gratitude for the assistance given by Italians to escaped South African prisoners of war.

Rowland Thompson (1959) has been appointed investment manager of Metaboard Ltd.

Shirley Thompson (1976) worked in England in retail pharmacy for 18 months and obtained registration with the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain in February 1979. After a bit of globe trotting she has returned to Salisbury and taken up a full-time post as lecturer in the Department of Pharmacy of the University of Zimbabwe.

Douglas G Torr (1962) has become editor of *Geophysical Research Letters* for the disciplines of atmospheric and space science. He is currently professor of physics at Utah State University, where he is involved primarily in NASA- and NSF-funded programmes to study the upper atmosphere. His interests range from magnetosphere-ionosphere coupling to the chemistry and

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dynamics of the stratosphere, mesosphere and thermosphere. He received his Ph.D. in ionospheric physics in 1967 at Rhodes. In 1963 he spent a year in the Antarctic acquiring data for his dissertation. As a result of this work he received the South African Antarctic Association Gold Medal Award in 1969. He was appointed professor of physics at Utah State University in 1979.

Helena van der Riet (1970), daughter of the retired Rhodes University librarian, **Dr Frank van der Riet**, married David John Rees in April. The couple is living in Cape Town where David is a senior lecturer in economics at UCT. **Cecily van Gend** (née Taylor - 1963) has joined the staff of the main Jagger Library at UCT. She has worked in the East London City Library and for the Cape Provincial Library Service.

Rob van Heerden (1964), after teaching for 11 years at Hilton College, is now an Afrikaans and geography teacher at Maritzburg College Pietermaritzburg.

C van Rooyen (1926) is a retired pensioner at Bushman's River Mouth where he has been for the past 12 years. Previously he worked at the Research Institute for Soils in the Department of Agriculture, and for the national bureau of standards on the microchemistry of insecticides.

Zak Rintelen van Straaten (1966) acting head of the Department of Philosophy at the University of the Witwatersrand, has been appointed professor of philosophy at UCT from January 1 1981. Rinty left South Africa after lecturing for three years in the Department of Philosophy at Rhodes to take up the post of assistant professor of philosophy at Northern Illinois University in 1970 and returned in 1971 when he was appointed lecturer in the Department of Philosophy at Wits. He became acting head of the department in 1979.

Geoffrey Verschoor (1969) has been appointed group personnel manager of AFCOL and his brother **Michael** (1967) has been

appointed accounts manager of IBM in Johannesburg.

Tony Viljoen (1954), headmaster of Cambridge High School in East London, won the 42 km Border Masters' Marathon in August. One of 23 starters, he went into the lead from the start and steadily widened the gap until at the end he had put 7 min 18 sec between himself and his nearest rival. He covered the distance in 2 hr 57 min and 28 sec - 22 min 16 sec outside the course record.

Kim Weatherston (née Marriott - 1973) and her husband, **Martin**, (1970) left Grahamstown in 1977 and are now settled in Cape Town where he is personal assistant to the Archbishop of Cape Town and Kim is working as a careers counsellor in the careers office of UCT. Since leaving Rhodes, Martin spent three years in England doing research and lecturing in management science. After he returned to SA the couple married and together ran the family Christian bookshop in Grahamstown. In 1976 Martin worked for the Diocese of Grahamstown and Kim worked at the Rhodes Reading Centre until they moved to Cape Town. She did the H.D.E. (postgrad secondary) at UCT in 1978.

Dr T L ("Pluto") Webb (1939) has retired after 21 years as director of the National Building Research Institute of the CSIR, to join UNISA's school of business leadership as professor extraordinarius.

Louie White (1920) celebrated her 80th birthday in October. Daughter of the Rhodes mathematics professor James Martin and a former DSG scholar, Louie married the fourth T C White to own Table Farm where she still lives. The farm was originally bought by Major White in 1827. Louie is a keen gardener. She was responsible for planting a tremendous number of trees on the farm, renovating the old mill and the garden below it, building stone bridges and designing the new entrance gates to Table Farm. She also assisted her son Francis in writing a record of the family's history. She has three sons and a dozen grandchildren.

Mrs M I White (née Elliott - 1967) visited the Rhodes' stand at the Border Agricultural Show in Queenstown early in October. She is now living in Portpatrick in Scotland and is married to a merchant naval officer who was with Union Castle. Although she twice had the advantage of sailing to S.A. on the Pendennis Castle, since he has left Union Castle and is working on a local ferry service, Mrs White has to take to the air to visit this country, but sees more of her husband.

J Woodcock (1954) has moved from Salisbury and is now in Johannesburg.

FIVE generations at Rhodes might well be something of a record. **Evan Workman** (1925) writes that an uncle by marriage, **Victor Brereton**, was a member of the first survey class in 1904, and his father was the first Registrar. Evan's twin children, **Hugh** (1953) and **Patricia** (1953), and Patricia's husband, **Desmond Gilbert** (1952), were at Rhodes. Evan's grandsons, **Donald** and **Owen Gilbert**, are currently at Rhodes, and his granddaughter, **Tanya Workman**, is booked in at Rhodes for 1981.

Gillian Wylie (1969) is doing what she dreamt of doing when as a little girl, she trundled along on the back of the milkman's cart in Ireland - she married a dairy farmer and is living on a farm. The man of her dreams, Peter, besides his interest in the farm, is a motor mechanic and an avid motorcyclist with a workshop on the farm. This nightmare was not part of Gillian's childhood dream but with three daughters and a dairy to tend, she is happy.

obituaries

Sally Blumenthal (1976) died in London in August at the age of 27. She was the daughter of **Stanley Blumenthal** (1930).

Mr W J Clement (1927) died on December 30, 1979.

Joan Currie died in July. She was sister-in-charge of the Rhodes sanatorium from 1956 to 1964.

Margaret Elizabeth Darrell (née Browne - 1948) died in September at her home in Suffolk. She had been sick for some time and after months of treatment and pain returned home for her last two weeks in the care of her family. She led a very constructive life in the country, contributing much to the understanding of art among both young people and adults. When her illness first became evident, she had just started a special course for adults in Newmarket.

Roy Gilbert (1968), director and owner of Prosynth Laboratories and his assistant were killed instantly when the chemicals they were mixing for a scientific experiment blew up, destroying most of the building in Krugersdorp.

Jack Hattle (1933) died in June in Salisbury. He was a quiet gentleman of great dignity whose unfailing courtesy and devotion to the cause of less fortunate people of the community will always remain as an inspiration to those who knew him. He was a member of the Council for Hopelands Trust, the deputy chairman of St Catherine's House Committee and a long serving member and ardent supporter of the cause of Hopelands.

General J M Keevy (1928), a former Commissioner of Police, died in June.

Joyce Meaker (née Krummeck - 1935) died in East London in July. While at Rhodes she was well known as an actress and she was also well known in the Eastern Cape as Auntie Joy of the children's programme of the SABC.

Hippocrates Psillos (1958) died in Salisbury in August. He was the director of Cadbury-Schweppes.

Quinton Whyte (1939), former director of the Institute for Race Relations for 23 years, died at his home in Somerset West after a long illness. He was 71. Born and educated in Scotland where he received a double honours degree in economics and history, he came to South Africa in the mid-30s. He worked in mission institutions as a teacher spending four years at Lovedale. He joined the South African Institute for Race Relations in 1944 and became its director four years later.

OLD RHODIAN UNION

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Annual Meeting of Convocation will be held on Friday May 15 1981 in the Rob Antonissen Room on the first floor of the Rhodes University Union building. It will be followed by a cocktail party in the Rhodes club and a talk by a suitable speaker. In terms of the Rhodes University Statute, notice of any motion or matter for discussion at the annual meeting must be received by February 15. This must be sent in writing to:

The Secretary of Convocation
The Registrar
Rhodes University
P O Box 94
GRAHAMSTOWN
6140

Note: May 15 is the birthday of a former Master, Professor Cullen W Bowles who, with Professor G Cory (later Sir George Cory), started the Old Rhodian Union in 1911.

Rhodes Music Radio launched

AN INTERNAL radio station - Rhodes Music Radio - is to bring Kaif alive from the beginning of next year.

The radio station will initially broadcast in Kaif and may eventually be extended throughout the Students' Union and to the Oppidan's common room.

Chairman of RMR, Mr Byron Xypteras, commented: "Our aim is twofold. We want to provide entertainment and music, and a communications medium".

Mr Xypteras, who has had previous experience with student radio at Wits, also has many contacts within the record companies. These have promised support and records for RMR.

Besides providing music and entertainment, RMR is hoping to provide a neutral forum for debate. The station will stay above student

politics "but we don't mean to bury our heads in the sand", said Mr Xypteras. "We won't ignore issues because they are political. We hope RMR will create a forum for the expression of everyone's point of view".

RMR will serve to give notice of meetings, events and functions taking place on campus.

It is also to play a part in keeping the university up to date with events at other universities in South Africa and abroad. Mr Xypteras said that efforts would be made to exchange information with universities in the United States, Canada, Britain and Australia.

The station is to be launched during freshers' week next year and will be broadcasting for 12 hours a day during the first week of term.

However plans are to broadcast from six to eight hours a day.



The committee of five will be backed by some 25 dee jays and a programme will be worked out next year when the students have their timetables.

Computer given to university

THE NORWICH Union Insurance Company has donated its old computer to Rhodes.

The equipment consisted of an ICL 1902A 32K computer, two printers and four tape decks.

The tape decks will be linked to the micro-computers in the Department of Physics and the computer will be cannibalised, the department stripping its electronic components. In particular, the power supplies will be used in the digital electronics courses.

One printer went to the university's computer centre where it has been used to enlarge Rhodes' existing ICL 1904 S computer. This has helped the academic fraternity by giving printouts more frequently. The second printer will be modified for use on microprocessors. The Allied Building Society also recently donated some of its computing equipment - a disc drive and seven disc packs.

This equipment will increase the storing capacity of the university's computer, the disc drive being the eighth in the system.

Michener gives to library

JAMES Michener, the internationally known American author of best-selling novels such as "Hawaii", "The Source" and "Caravans", has made a special contribution to the Rhodes Library.

Mr Michener who was the guest of honour at the Settlers' Monument's Festival of the Arts in July, gave two cheques to the library.

He received an honorarium from the organisers of the symposium "English for Everyone" held during the festival and also a cheque from the monument foundation for his contribution to the festival. Mr Michener gave both these cheques to the Rhodes Library requesting they be used for the purchase of books and not for office equipment such as photo-copying machines or anything else.

The second cheque was handed to the Vice-Chancellor, Dr Derek Henderson, by the Director of the 1820 Settlers' Monument Foundation, Mr Stan Jenkins, on behalf of Mr Michener.

The foundation also took the opportunity to present the university with a framed festival poster which was specially designed for the event by the well-known South African artist, Cecil Skotness.

Ian Mackenzie Scholarship

THE CHANCELLOR of Rhodes University, Dr Ian Mackenzie, has endowed a scholarship at the university.

The Ian Mackenzie Scholarship for Environmental Studies is worth R1 000 for a year and tenable at Rhodes. It is awarded for a fulltime masters degree in the Faculty of Science in the fields of chemistry, entomology, geography, geology, ichthyology, microbiology, physics, plant sciences or zoology.

The topic of research should be one which will contribute to the preservation or enhancement of the environment.

Awarded on merit, the scholarship was given for the first time to D I Taylor of Zimbabwe. He is one of the first students to do the M.Sc. Limnology course introduced in the Department of Zoology at the beginning of this year.

Photos wanted for collection

THE UNIVERSITY has a collection of photographs of Rhodians killed during the world wars hanging in the corridors of the main building.

However the collection is incomplete. There are 12 missing from the First World War and 10 from the Second World War. There are also three others missing of men killed on active service in Zimbabwe and South Africa.

The Registrar has appealed to anyone who has photographs of the following people to either lend them for copying or donate them to the university.

First World War

Leonard Leopold Burchell, Frederick Lewis Archibald Eaton, Charles Reginald Winton Fraser, Eden Lashley Hall, John Carolin Hayes,

Ferdinand Hope Harebottle, Harold Edward Howse, Douglass Edward Logie, Eric Balfour Lundie, John De Caux Balleine Payn, Andries Lars Stockenström and Ernest St Clair Tulloch.

Second World War

Eric Sydney Cogan, Christopher Michael Carr Cramb, Arthur William Little, Herbert Graeme Maclaren, John Gerlad Mc Menamin, Robert Allan Page, Alan John Scott, Gerald Percy Shaw, Paul Vernon de Villiers Vickers and Basil Werner Penrose Zahn.

After 1975

Jeffrey Barnard, Anthony John Carr and David Bruce Kruger.

Anyone lending or donating photographs are asked to pack them carefully and to register the parcel.

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