

RHODES NEWSLETTER

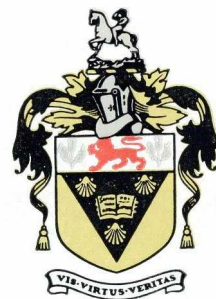
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RHODES UNIVERSITY



Degrees

TWO DECADES OF RHODES DEGREES SHOWS NUMBERS INCREASING

There has been a dramatic 63 per cent increase in the total number of degrees and diplomas conferred by Rhodes over the past two decades.

In the period 1954-63 a total of 3 058 degrees and diplomas were conferred. For the decade 1964-1973 this total is 5 011. The total number of degrees and diplomas conferred by the University over the past two decades is 8 069.

Notable features of the abstracted statistics is a 168,4 per cent increase in the number of B.Comm. degrees conferred. Against this the number of B.A. degrees conferred have increased by 37,2 per cent and the number of B.Sc., following

the international trend, have decreased by 6,2 per cent. On the other hand the total of 135 B.Soc. Sc. degrees for the latter decade is 200 per cent higher than that of the first decade.

At the Honours level, B.A. Hons. are up 59,1 per cent, to 269 degrees, B.Comm. Hons. up 457,1 per cent to 39 and B.Sc. Hons., in contrast to the trend elsewhere up by 174, or 127 per cent.

The Department of Education has made a significant contribution to the total increase in figures. Here the total number of B.Eds. has increased from 19 to 34, or 44,1 per cent and the increase in Education diplomas has increased

from 418 to 697, most gratifying percentage increase of 66,75.

Some increases have also been chalked up at the Masters level. In the Arts the increase has been from 26 to 48 a most encouraging 84,6 per cent increase. M.Comms. are up from two in the first decade to six the second period.

At the Senior graduate, the Ph.D. level, the figure has increased by 77,5 per cent to 71 doctorates.

It is, of course, most interesting to note that this 63 per cent increase in degrees and diplomas conferred has to be weighed against a mere 42,3 per cent increase in average student numbers over this same period.

Journalism and English

PRINTING MUSEUM PLANNED

Rhodes University has begun to collect exhibits for a Museum of Printing and Publishing History.

The collection organised under the auspices of the Department of Journalism and English will complement, in some respects, the work done in these Departments.

Senior Students in English have a particular interest in the history of printing and book production. Dr. Andre de Villiers, Acting Head of the Department of English, feels that the printed book is the transmitter of the text. Also some of the greatest insights into Elizabethan drama have resulted from analysis of early printing processes.

The Journalism Department is interested in demonstrating to their students fundamental printing techniques. Dr. Tony Giffard, Head of the Department, of Journalism, feels that theoretical knowledge of hand setting is inadequate, students should do it themselves.

Both Giffard and de Villiers maintain that the importance of printing and publishing have never fully been appreciated in South Africa.

"Isolated pieces of equipment have been preserved, and there is a fine gallery in the S.A. Museum in Cape Town, but we want to go further."

Most anything is required for the collection. From the humblest compositor's rule to complete old Presses. Printing and publishing records, data on and examples of early printing, paper importation and methods of paper making will also be most helpful. Records throwing light on the economies of newspaper and book production in South Africa in the early days are also being sought.

Already the collection has benefited from a variety of promised donations and loans.

Stephenson Blake Ltd., (The Carlson Letter Foundry) sent from

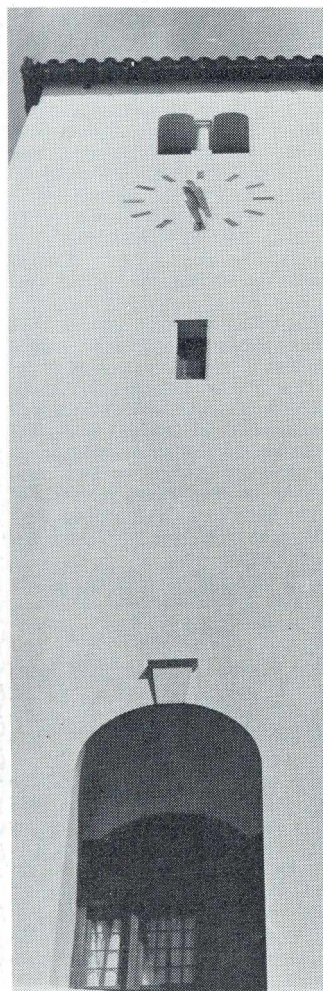
England a set of type-specimen facsimiles dating back more to 1734. The printer to Oxford University has donated the upper-case alphabet of the 3-line pica roman cut for the O.U.P. in the 17th Century.

Two Grahamstown firms, Grocott and Sherry and H. J. Sole, have made gifts of wooden galleys, jobbing chases and quoins.

The new scheme has been enthusiastically received and messages of support and interest have been received from throughout the country.

The organisers feel it fitting that museum should be housed in the Grahamstown. "Essentially Grahamstown was the cradle of newspaper publishing in South Africa. From here printers and journalists loaded presses onto oxwagons and trekked to set up the first papers on the diamond fields and later on the goldfields of the Rand."

THE CLOCK TOWER



After the world famous Drostdy Arch, it is the Clock Tower, with its timeless bearing, that is Rhodes most distinguished architectural feature.

Behind the Tower the Main Block is undergoing interesting changes. Already renovations are underway to turn this block from a teaching centre to the administrative hub of the University.

Included in the plans is the completion of the fourth (north-eastern) wing of the Main Quad.

A Tribute

SIR BASIL SCHONLAND IN MEMORIAM



Sir Basil Schonland CBE, FRS, who died on November 24th, 1972, at the age of 76, was one of South Africa's greatest scientists.

It is the Eastern Cape that nurtured the boy who was to become known throughout the world.

His father, Dr. Selmar Schonland, Director of the Albany Museum, was largely instrumental in founding Rhodes College — later Rhodes University — and became its first Professor of Botany. His mother was the daughter of Professor MacOwan, who was the Rector of Gill College, Somerset East, from 1868 to 1881.

The eldest of the three sons of this outstanding couple was born in 1896 and christened Basil Ferdinand Jamieson. He was educated at St. Andrew's College in his own home town, and at the early age of eleven was regarded as 'the school's wonder boy.' Matriculating at 14 years of age he gained distinctions in every subject.

Proceeding to Rhodes College he took his B.A. with Honours in Physics, and in January, 1915, went overseas to become a member of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, where he took Part 1 of the Maths Tripos. In May of the same year he enlisted in the Signals Section of the Royal Engineers and was sent to France. He was wounded, mentioned in Despatches and awarded the O.B.E. (Military), and at 21 years of age ended his war service with the rank of Acting Major.

Returning to Caius in 1919 he completed the Tripos in Natural Science with first-class honours, and was accepted into the Cavendish Laboratory under the distinguished Physicist Sir Ernest (later Lord) Rutherford. It was Rutherford's team that was responsible for 'splitting the atom', that most significant step in nuclear physics. Basil Schonland was South Africa's direct link with the experiment that had the world shattering results, including the development of the atom bomb of today.

Turning down an offer of work with the famous Marconi company, Schonland returned to his homeland and accepted the post of Senior Lecturer and later Professor of Physics at the University of Cape Town.

In Cape Town he married Ismay Craib of Somerset East, a former lecturer at Rhodes, and a graduate of Cape Town University. The young couple had met at Cambridge where Miss Craib was reading History and where Basil Schonland was sharing rooms with her Brother, Don. (W. H. Craib).

At UCT Schonland became engrossed in the study of 'lightning.' His early experiments were carried out with the help of his father-in-law, Professor James Craib, at Gardiol, Somerset East, the home of his wife's parents. The hut they set up there was a landmark for some time. When Basil Schonland wrote his first Royal Society paper on lightning he named James Craib as co-author, and

Craib was one of the workers to whom he dedicated his famous book 'The Flight of Thunderbolts'.

Thunderstorms being a serious hazard on the Witwatersrand the Reef was obviously the best place for lightning research. Dr. Bernard Price, general manager of the Victoria Falls and Transvaal Power Company has already heard of this brilliant young man and asked him to help plan an Institute for Geophysical Research. This challenge Schonland accepted and, with the aid of the Carnegie Institute of the U.S.A., the Bernard Price Institute was established at Wits University in 1937, with Schonland as its first Director. It was described at the time as 'the most elaborate and beautiful Seismological laboratory in the world.'

Once more war broke out in Europe and Professor Schonland and the resources of the Bernard Price Institute were put at the disposal of the Union Defence Force. Work then began on top secret radar experiments in a field hitherto unexplored. By December, 1939, the Johannesburg radar invention, known as the JB set, was working successfully, and from 1940 onwards gave early warning of enemy approach to observers in South Africa, the SAAF in East Africa, and later on in Palestine.

In 1941 Schonland travelled to England and there was 'loaned' by the South African Government to the British War Office, initially as deputy to Sir John Cockcroft

at Radar Research Establishment and then as Superintendent of the Army Operational Research Group.

In 1944 he was appointed scientific Advisor to Field-Marshal Montgomery and later to General Eisenhower, serving at advanced headquarters in France and Belgium. He was made C.B.E. (military) for his services in the field subsequent to D. Day.

At the end of the war Schonland returned to South Africa and was appointed Scientific Advisor to the then Prime Minister, General Smuts. He founded the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research and became its first President in 1945. In 1950 he returned to the Bernard Price Institute.

Needless to say the eyes of the scientific world were following Schonland's career with interest, and in 1954 he was offered, and accepted the position of Deputy-Director of the British Atomic Research Establishment at Harwell, England, having been chosen both for his knowledge of science and for his abilities in scientific organisation. In 1958 he succeeded Sir John Cockcroft as Director. In 1960 he became Director of Research for the Atomic Energy Authority and was knighted that year.

Basil Schonland, a modest and softly spoken man, won world acclaim. He was distinguished by the many honours conferred upon him but withal remained gentle and unassuming. Dedicated to research and an inspiration to the scientists who worked with him he was particularly helpful and sympathetic in dealing with the problems of the younger generation.

He contributed a great many articles to the scientific journals, and was the author of several books.

He became Chancellor of Rhodes after it gained University status, and was Pro-Chancellor of Southampton University for some years after his retirement.

He was made a Fellow of the Royal Society of London in 1938 and was created an Honorary Fellow of Caius College in 1959. The lecture he delivered at Chatham House some years ago on 'The Invisible College' is still looked upon as a classic of its kind.

There must be many who remember his delight in 'guessing' games, and especially his love of charades, for which he had considerable acting talent and highly original odes. His sense of fun was a joy to family and friends alike.

Surely a fitting epitaph for Basil Schonland are the words of the 19th century historian and writer, Thomas Carlyle:

'No great man lives in vain. The history of the world is but the biography of great men.'

DORIS E. CRAIB.

Retirement

DESMOND HOBART HOUGHTON: A LIFE'S LABOUR AT RHODES

One of Rhodes' most distinguished sons, Prof. **Desmond Hobart Houghton**, is due to retire as the Director of the Institute of Social and Economic Research at the end of June.

Desmond Hobart Houghton was educated at St. Andrew's College and Rhodes University where he took a B.A. degree, graduating in 1927. In 1929 he went to Magdalen College, Oxford, where he spent the next two years reading a P.P.E. In 1937 he was awarded an M.A. from Oxford.

But for two brief absences while at Oxford and on Active Service, Professor Houghton's entire distinguished career as a lecturer and researcher has been associated with Rhodes.

From 1932 to 1940 he was Senior Lecturer in the Economics Department at Rhodes. On his return from the War in 1945, Professor Houghton was appointed to the Economics Chair, a position he filled with great distinction for 21 years.

During the hostilities of 1939-45, Professor Houghton was commissioned and rose to the rank of Captain. He was taken Prisoner of War and was held in both Germany and Italy.

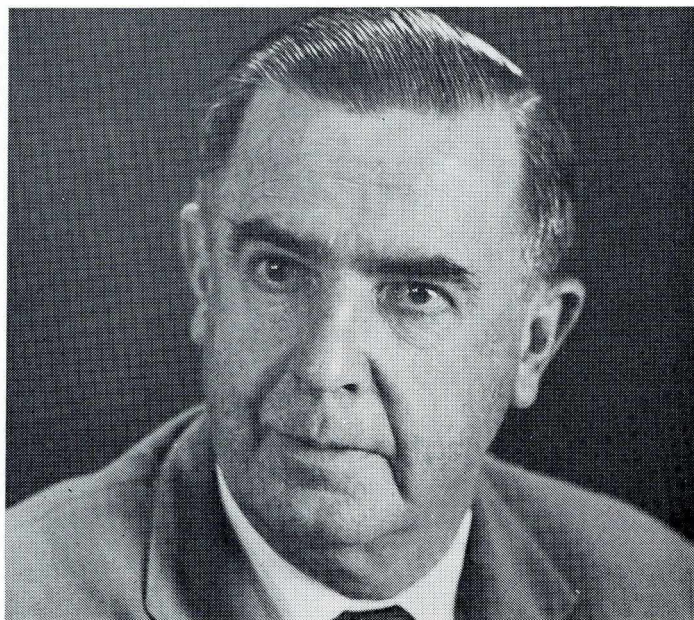
At the age of 26, he became a member of the Rhodes University

Senate. But for the interruption of the war years, he has served on this body for 30 years. He also served as Dean of the Faculty of Arts from 1963 to 1966 and on the Rhodes Council from that year. During the period 1954 — 1959 Professor Houghton was an active member of the University College of Fort Hare Council.

His reputation as an Economist is manifested in the great number of important positions Professor Houghton has held on a national economic level. A member of the Economic Society of South Africa, he served as its President in 1959. He continues to serve as a member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, a distinction he has held since 1960. He was also a member of the Franzen Commission of Inquiry into Social and Monetary Policy in South Africa.

Professor Houghton has also been a member of the Human Sciences Research Council and an active member of the Institute of Race Relations.

In the course of his career Professor Houghton has travelled abroad four times on Fellowships. Twice to the United States, once on a British Council travel grant to Cambridge University and on a cultural exchange to the Netherlands.



The impressive list of publications from the Professor's pen, bears testimony only to the soundness of his scholarship, industry and the clarity of his thought.

Notwithstanding this, it was in the give-and-take of the classroom

that Desmond Hobart Houghton's real self became fired with intellectual excellence and human involvement. In the lecture room the master became one of the students and a leader in the quest for knowledge and free understanding.

Conferences

History Discussions on the Campus

Two noteworthy Conferences were held at Rhodes during the summer recess.

January 31 to February 5 saw the South African Historical Society meeting for the first time in the Eastern Cape, at their fourth Biennial Conference. Two days later under the auspices of the Transkei-Ciskei Research Society a Conference was held on the History of the Transkei and Ciskei.

Delegates to both the multiracial Conferences were housed in Walker House and the Chemistry Building was the venue for the discussions.

Papers at the first Conference covered a broad spectrum of topics. Perhaps the most significant in an important total contribution, was that of Professor J. D. Fage, University of Birmingham, on African History. Professor Fage is recognised as a pioneer in the field of African History.

Other papers which commanded considerable attention were those delivered by Professor Pachai of the University of Malawi, entitled "Land Problems in Malawi", and Dr. John Benyon of Rhodes University on the role of the High Commission in Imperial expansion.

At the end of the Conference a new Committee was elected. Professor J.S. du Plessis of Potchefstroom was elected President while Professor T. R. H. Davenport was elected Vice-President.

Though covering a far narrower topic, the second Conference provided some stimulating and pioneering discussion. Topic discussed included the Sources of Early History, the Interaction between Farmers and Hunters and the role of Missionaries and Colonists in earlier times.

Symposia were held on methodology, inter-disciplinary inter-relationships and African History in South African Education.

During the duration of the Conference there was a Publisher's exhibition of Overseas and South African historical publications.

Commenting on the two Conferences, Professor Rodney Davenport, Associate Professor of History at Rhodes said, "The interest displayed and the contributions at both Conferences was most gratifying". Some 10 to 15 people overlapped the two Conferences and all of them felt that they were most successful.

Ichthyology

RESEARCHING EEL CULTURE

Preliminary research into the commercial culturing of eels is being conducted by the J. L. B. Smith Institute of Ichthyology at Rhodes.

Mr. Peter Jackson, Senior Research Fellow at the Institute will head the project which has an exciting commercial potential. He will be assisted in this study by Mr. Davis Forrest who will concentrate on both the internal and external markets for eel and assess the economics of packaging and transportation.

Early stages of the inquiry would require the careful charting of eel distribution and tracing migration patterns of eel.

The Director of the Institute, Mrs. Margaret Smith, is enthusiastic about the project and feels that eel cultivation could become an important money spinner along the Transkei coast.

This research project has been made possible by a grant from the Fisheries Development Corporation.

Old Maties in Johannesburg have challenged Old Rhodians to an all day Golfing Tournament on September 22.

Some 35 interested Old Rhodians are required to defend the challenge.

Those interested should contact David Hilton-Barber at 834/7078 (Johannesburg), during office hours.

Rhodes students continue to make their presence felt on the Sports Field.

The sports achievements for 1972 are as follows:

- Honours — 1
- Team Awards — 203
- Colour Awards — 33
- Double Colours — 2
- Protea Representatives — 18
- Provincial Representatives — 34

STOCK OF THE NEW CONVOCAATION TIES HAVE ARRIVED AND ARE OBTAINABLE FROM MESSRS. HEWITT & PALMER, P.O. BOX 197, GRAHAMSTOWN AND FROM MESSRS. T. BIRCH & CO., P.O. BOX 66, GRAHAMSTOWN. THE RETAIL PRICE WILL BE R3,20.

New Appointments

NEW HEAD FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RESEARCH



Denis John Worrall, B.A. (Hons.), M.A. (Cape Town), Ph.D. (Cornell), has been appointed successor to Professor D. Hobart-Houghton as Director of the Institute of Social and Economic Research.

After graduating with an Honours degree from U.C.T., in 1957, Dr. Worrall registered for the M.A. degree. At the same time, he commenced study on the intermediate year of the LL.B. degree and worked as Registrar to the Hon. Justice C. de V van Winsen. In 1959 his M.A. Thesis entitled "An Outline and Analysis of

Soviet Theories of Law" was accepted at U.C.T.

In 1960, after six months as a lecturer in Political Science at UNISA, Dr. Worrall, departed for Cornell University to continue his doctoral studies on a Smith-Mundt fellowship.

For the following five years, until the approval of his Doctoral dissertation (Nigerian Federalism: its genesis and development), Dr. Worrall spent a time in Nigeria on research work and later taught at the University of Ibadan. He also travelled widely in West Africa. On his return to the United States

he taught at Cornell University and the University of California, Los Angeles.

In February, 1961, he was appointed lecturer in Political Science at the University of Natal, Durban. He has since been Senior Lecturer in Political Science at UNISA and Senior Lecturer in International Relations at the University of the Witwatersrand.

Dr. Worrall is the author of numerous articles and the Editor of a book "South Africa: Government and Politics" published in 1971. He is also editor of the monthly publication *New Nation*.

NEW ECONOMICS PROFESSOR, AN OLD RHODIAN

Mihkel Lemmit Truu, 37, has been appointed Head of the Department of Economics and Economic History at Rhodes University.

An Estonian by birth, Dr. Truu matriculated at Goodwood High, Cape Town. He then went to Stellenbosch University where he graduated with a B.A. in Economics and History.

After the completion of his degree, Dr. Truu worked for the Swedish Red Cross on the U.N.

Refugee Relief Programme in Austria.

On his return to South Africa he completed his B.A. (Hons.) degree at Stellenbosch, which he obtained Cum Laude. He then read for the M.A. degree. This was followed by a Ph.D at Rhodes University.

Dr. Truu has had wide teaching experience having been a Lecturer at Stellenbosch and a Senior Lecturer at Rhodes, University of South Africa (Business School) and the University of the Witwatersrand. He has also worked as a

Part-time Research Officer at both the Bureau for Economic Research, Stellenbosch and the Institute for Social and Economic Research at Rhodes.

Dr. Truu has a special interest in the role of population and manpower in the process of economic development.

In the past 15 years he has travelled widely overseas and visited numerous academic institutions. In recent years Dr. Truu has published extensively.



In depth

RHODES AS A LEGAL LABORATORY

Recognising the crucial need for persons with legal qualifications, the Council of Rhodes University College decided in 1904 to establish a full time Chair of Law and Jurisprudence, the first to be established at any South African University. The past sixty seven years have served only to confirm the wisdom and foresight of this decision and today a number of unique features combine to make the Faculty of Law at Rhodes University fully capable of carrying out the task of training persons many of whom will become South Africa's future judges, lawyers, politicians, top civil servants and leaders in industry and commerce.

Perhaps the Faculty's greatest 'natural' asset is its size. Although steadily increasing in size (enrolment in the Faculty's first year law course now tops fifty). The Faculty is still relatively small. As a result it probably has the best staff/student ratio of any law faculty in the country. This means that personal attention can be given to the needs of each student and that students have the benefit of daily

This article, written by the Department of Law, is the first of a series of in-depth features on Rhodes Departments.

personal contact with the Faculty's staff on an informal level. Formal teaching, particularly at an advanced level takes the form of tutorials and discussion groups rather than formal lectures. The personal contact with members of the Faculty's staff, the majority of whom have practised either as attorneys or advocates, assists the students in acquiring that feeling for the law, the legal profession and the administration of justice which is part and parcel of every good lawyer and which is almost impossible to convey by formal lectures.

South African law degrees serve as professional qualifications for attorneys and advocates and the proximity of the Eastern Cape Division of South Africa's Supreme Court to the University serves as a reminder of this fact. The Faculty

attempts as far as is possible to provide students with some practical training. As part of their curriculum, students are required to attend proceedings in the Supreme Court and to participate in moots and mock trials designed to develop those qualities which are necessary for the successful advocate. There are also regular talks and discussions by practising lawyers while visits from lecturers in other Universities are encouraged with a view to stimulating the students and introducing fresh attitudes for their consideration.

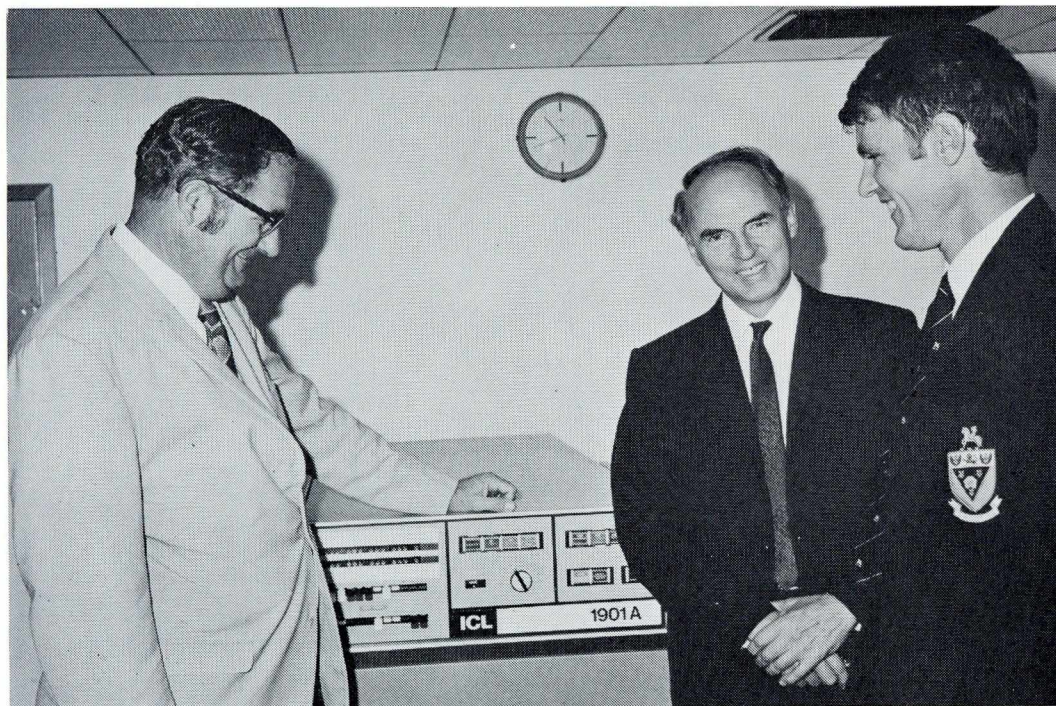
The lawyer's laboratory is his library, and here the Faculty is well equipped. As a result of rapid expansion during the last few years, the library contains not only a complete set of South African law reports, but also comprehensive sets of law reports from Rhodesia,

Britain, the United States of America, Australia and India. The range of legal periodicals is even wider, including periodicals from countries as far apart as Britain and New Zealand, and the United States and Malaya. The library has a permanent standing order for all South African law books and also possesses the leading law books from many other countries. Staff and students have access to these facilities at all times of the day and night.

The Law Faculty is entering an exciting period of development. Plans are afoot to house the Faculty in its own building on the University's campus, which will contain its library, library reading and research rooms, a moot-court room and a number of lecture rooms and studies.

The use of closed circuit television in the teaching of advocacy and the conduct of trials is also being investigated. The Law Faculty at Rhodes has a long and honourable tradition. It also has a bright and exciting future.

PROVIDING A COMMERCIAL SERVICE



The General Manager of Eastern Province Building Society, Mr. R. E. Mumford, has urged closer co-operation between commerce and Rhodes in solving business problems.

For the past 15 months the Rhodes Computing Centre under the leadership of Mr. M. A. Lawrie, has been handling certain specialized administrative tasks for the Society.

The computer keeps all records of shares and fixed deposits. All programming and development is done at the computer centre and what used to take three typists a week is on the "hot line" to the building society offices in half an hour.

"What has impressed me most is that from the start we have had no snags. It has been the smoothest possible operation although I was prepared for teething troubles" he said.

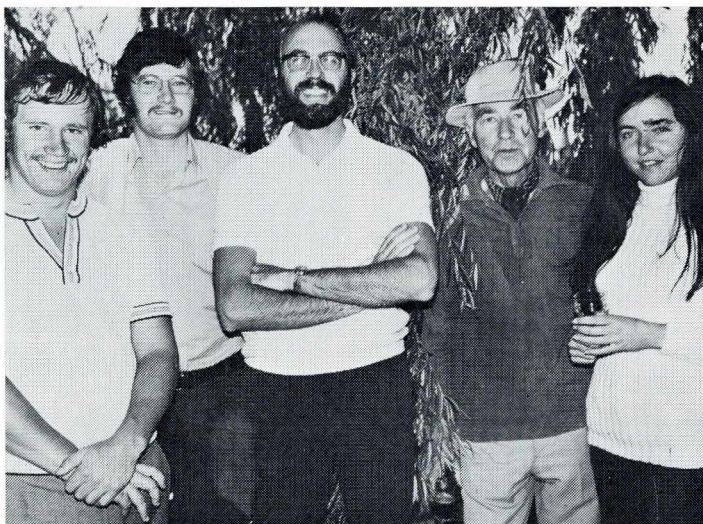
"Universities should have more contact with business as they do overseas. By programming and developing records such as ours students gain insight into practical operations probably fitting them better for their future careers".

Although the building society was the only commercial firm for which Rhodes provided this type of service, there had been several other inquiries, Prof. R. Braae said.

The computer handled university salaries and wages, certain work for individuals, and records for the agricultural research station at Dohne and Fort Hare University.

"There is the capacity to do much more" Mr. M. A. Lawrie, computer manager, stated.

JOURNALISTS CELEBRATE



Immediately after the final examination for the Bachelor of Journalism Degree course at Rhodes University, the lecturers in the Department of Journalism gave an open-air party for the 17 students who had written the examination.

In the picture from the left to right:

Mr. Bev. Nicholson and Mr. Kerry Swift, both students, Dr. C. A. Giffard, Head of the Journalism Department, Mr.

Robert Stimson, a Lecturer in the Department, and Miss Elaine Durbach, also a student.

Following this, of course, all seventeen candidates successfully completed the requirements for the B.Journ. degree. Miss Durbach, now with the Cape Times, graduated with distinction in both Journalism and English.

This year Dr. L. E. Switzer has joined the Journalism Department as Lecturer. He replaces Mr. A. de Villiers.

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CONGRESS AT RHODES

The Annual congress of the South African Association for the Advancement of Science will be held at Rhodes University in July, 1974.

The congress will include joint meetings of scientists across disciplinary boundaries.

Talks and papers will be interspersed with excursions for field study. A full day will be set aside before the annual general meeting for plenary sessions when recommendations may be formulated for forwarding to the authorities concerned.

Various Rhodes science departments would be asked to prepare demonstrations of work being carried on in different fields. In this the University of Fort Hare and the Albany Museum would be asked to co-operate.

Suggested topics for discussion include possible biological combating of jointed cactus, wild life conservation and game farming, rain-making, water and television.

Invitations will be sent to all South African Schools for participation in the junior congress to be held in conjunction with the main congress.

Senior school science pupils will probably be offered addresses on topical subjects by a group of speakers but will also be encouraged to present their own projects.

"We would like to see a big contribution made by the pupils themselves", Prof. Allanson said.

Microbiology

PROF. WOODS IN ISRAEL

Professor David Woods, Professor of Microbiology at Rhodes is to attend the first International Congress on Bacteriology in Jerusalem in September. He will deliver a paper on the mechanisms of resistance by bacteria to acridine drugs and antiseptics widely used in hospitals.

Professor Woods goes on Sabbatical leave for a year in July, most of which will be spent in Europe. He plans to do research at Cardiff and Bristol Universities. This research will be financed by an Oppenheimer Study grant and a grant from the C.S.I.R.

He will be accompanied by his wife, Charlotte, and their two children.

TWO NEW ONES

The Vice-Chancellor and Director of Development announced the appointment of two prominent Cape Businessmen, **Mr. Peter Barlow** and **Mr. William (Bill) Yeowart**, to the Board of Governors of the Rhodes University Foundation Trust.

Educated in England at Clifton College, Bristol and Clare College, Cambridge, Mr. Barlow is Deputy Chairman of Barlow Rand Limited and a Director of numerous other Companies.

He has a vital interest in education and for some years has been Chairman of both the Council and the Board of Monterey Preparatory School, Constantia, Cape. He is also a serving member of the Council of the University of Cape Town.

This new appointment consolidates Mr. Barlow's ties with the Eastern Cape as he is a Trustee of the 1820 Settlers Memorial Foundation.

An Old Rhodian himself, Mr. Yeowart has a distinguished academic career both at Rhodes and at Oxford, as a Rhodes Scholar.

For five years he was the Director of the South Africa Foundation Office in London and later the Director of the South Africa-Britain Trade Association. Mr. Yeowart joined Union Acceptances in 1969, and has been Branch Manager of U.A.L., Cape Town, for the last two years.

As a Trustee of the University of South Africa (Unisa), Mr. Yeowart has displayed his interest in Higher Education.

The Board of Governors of the Rhodes University Foundation Trust are responsible for advising the University on Development and administering the money donated to Rhodes by individuals and institutions.

Rhodes Governors held a meeting at the University on Friday, 13th April.

After the meeting a Luncheon was held for the Governors and their wives in the Rhodes Club.

Pictured at the Luncheon:

from left to right —

Mr. Peter Barlow, Mrs. A. H. Macintosh, the Hon. Mr. Justice J. D. Cloete, Chairman of Council, Dr. W. J. Busschau, Chancellor.



left to right —

Mrs. J. M. Hyslop, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Pagden and Mr. Bill Yeowart.

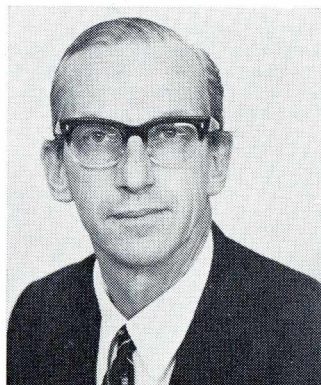


At the same Governors' Luncheon Mr. P. A. van Zyl, Sanlam, handed a cheque to Dr. C. J. Ross-Spencer, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Rhodes Foundation Trust.



New Appointment

HIGGINS IS SOCIOLOGY'S NEW HEAD



Dr. Edward Higgins B.A.(S.A.), B.A.(Hons.), M.A.(Wits.), Ph.D. (Rhodes) has been appointed Professor of Sociology and Head of the Department of Sociology at Rhodes.

Forty-nine year old Dr. Higgins, was born at Muizenburg, Cape, where he matriculated from Christian Brothers College, Green Point, in 1940. After the War Dr. Higgins attended St. Paul's College, which is attached to the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

On his return to South Africa he completed a B.A. degree through the University of South Africa.

This was followed by a B.A.(Hons.) and an M.A., at the University of the Witwatersrand. In 1969 he was awarded a Ph.D., in Sociology from Rhodes for a study on "Family Planning Profiles of the White Population in Port Elizabeth".

Both as a Research Assistant and Lecturer he has had wide experience. In the early fifties he lectured at the University College of Roma, now the University of Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland. While working on his Honours and Masters degrees he worked as a Research Assistant at the University of the Witwaters-

rand. He has subsequently lectured at the University of Natal, Rhodes and the University College, Durban, now the University of Natal, Westville. Since 1970 he has been Senior Lecturer in Sociology at Rhodes. Since the Department became independent in 1971, he has been the Acting Head.

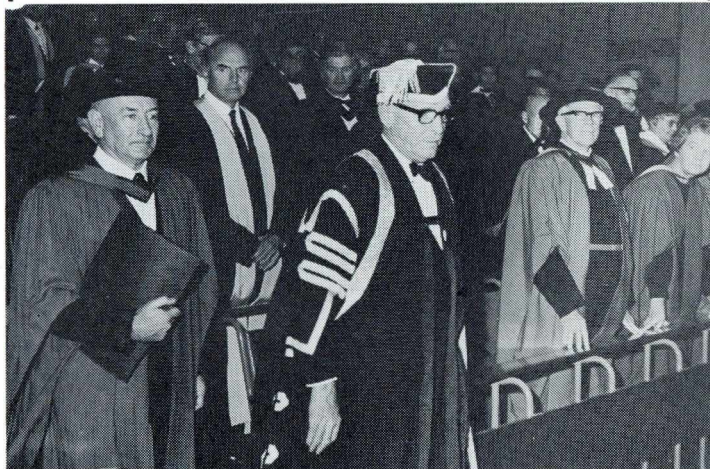
Well known for his publications in Sociology, Dr. Higgins has done work on Juvenile Delinquency, Family Planning and a study of the Sociology of religion. He has also done extensive sociological work among students in South Africa.

Dr. Higgins, who is married, is the father of four children.



Events through the Drosty Arch

INAUGURAL LECTURE



The Vice-Chancellor, Dr. J. M. Hyslop, accompanied Professor J. S. Smuts, M.A., Ph.D., (Cape Town) into the Major Lecture Theatre of the Chemistry Building on April 3, to deliver his Inaugural Lecture.

Professor Smuts, Head of the Department of Afrikaans: Nederlands, lectured on "A Triangle of Forces: Language, Religion and Politics". The well attended lecture created widespread national interest.

Library

NEW DEPUTY AN OLD HAND

Mr. Gerald Quinn, former Sub-Librarian at the University of Cape Town, has taken up his duties as Deputy Librarian at Rhodes.

Mr. Quinn obtained the B.A. (Hons.) and M.A., at U.C.T., before studying for his Higher Diploma in Librarianship at the U.C.T. Library School. One of his specialist tasks as Sub-Librarian was responsibility for the Libraries Building Programme.

An active member of the South African Library Association he has been on the Administrative Council since 1962 and served on the Executive Committee between 1970 and 1972.

He has published widely on the resources of University Libraries and has also written a number of biographical articles.

Mr. Quinn is married with three children.

VICE CHANCELLOR HINTS AT NEW DEVELOPMENTS

The Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Hyslop, has hinted that Rhodes might one day follow the lead of overseas Universities and rent students rooms in the residences but take no responsibility for food and service.

This step would be a logic one for Rhodes with such a high number of students in residence with the ever rising costs for food and service.

In an interview last year Dr. Hyslop also hinted that the University might, following the lead elsewhere, build flats and rent them to senior and married students.

MORE NEWSLETTERS, NEWS NEEDED

In accordance with a Senate and Council Publications and Publicity Sub-Committee resolution the Old Rhodian Newsletter will now appear three times a year.

Publication dates will be April, August and December.

It is hoped that the increase in publication will keep Old Rhodians more in touch with events on and around the Campus.

As the section on Old Rhodian news is the most popular in the Newsletter, we hope more Old Rhodians will write in and let us know what they are doing.

Economics

NEW BOOKS

Dr. Frank Coleman, a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Economics and Economic History at Rhodes, has just published two history books for schools.

The books being published by the College Press, Salisbury, have been prescribed for use in Rhodesian Schools.

Entitled "The Pattern of History", the first deals with the ancient world and the development of western civilization. The second deals with the modern world with emphasis on South Africa and Rhodesia.

Rag

TRAINING ROYALTY

These Drum Majorettes in training will lead the Annual Rhodes Charity Rag in Grahamstown early in May.

This year an enthusiastic Rag Committee plan to raise over R30 000 for Eastern Province and Border Charities.

Rag has once again been organized on the inter-House basis with each House competing for a cash prize at the end of the year.

Two noteworthy fund raising projects are the traditional Big Bleed, this year the target is 1 200 pints of blood donated. The second project is the National Contest for a Motor Car donated by Datsun-Nissan.

Of particular interest to Old Rhodians might be the news that this year the entire Rag Royalty have come from Grahamstown Training College!

INTERNATIONAL AWARD

Professor Georg Gruber, Professor Emeritus in Music, was recently awarded the Honorary Cross for Arts and Science (First Class) by the Austrian Republic.

Dr. P. Zedtwitz, Austrian Ambassador to South Africa presented the award to Professor Gruber at a ceremony in Cape Town.



Opening

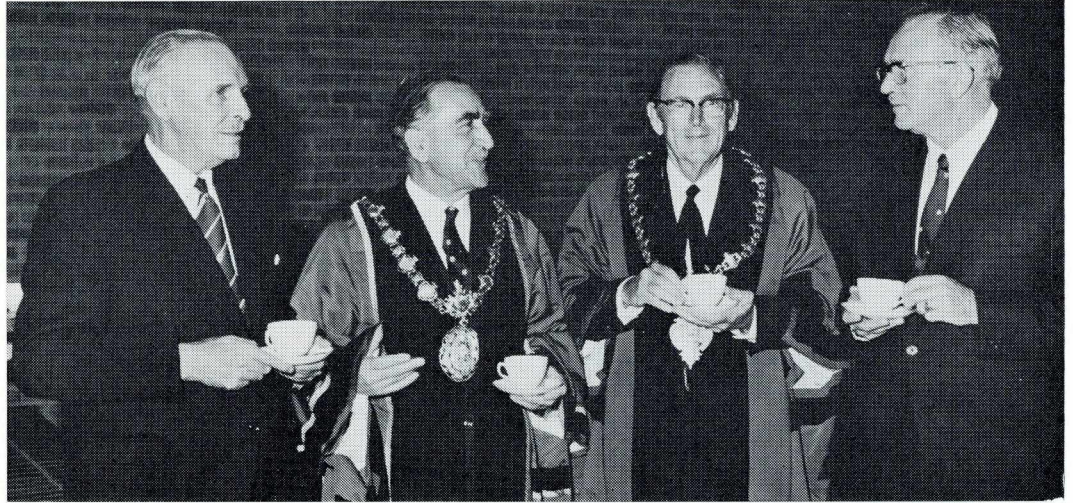
SHUTTLEWORTH OPENS KIMBERLEY HALL

On Friday, April 13th, Mr. L. H. G. (Laurie) Shuttleworth, Mayor of Kimberley, officially opened Kimberley Hall.

The historical ties between Rhodes and Kimberley were consolidated with the opening of this, the newest of Rhodes' Halls. Fittingly, perhaps, the new Hall stands on a portion of raised land called in old surveyors charts — Rhodesia.

Pictured here at the tea following the opening are from left to right:

Dr. J. M. Hyslop, Vice-Chancellor, Mr. Laurie Shuttleworth, Mayor of Kimberley, Mr. Stanley Shuttleworth, Mayor of Grahamstown, and Mr. R. C. Best, Warden of Kimberley Hall.



Reading Clinic

OVER 200 HELPED

The Rhodes Department of Psychology and the English Department at the Grahamstown Training College have helped over 200 children in the past two years at the Rhodes University Reading Clinic.

Reading problems are caused by faulty visual perception, hearing, lack of dominance of right hand over left (or vice versa), inadequate motor control or inadequate teaching.

At the present time nine teachers are helping over 100 handicapped children. The work of the teacher is complemented by volunteer training college students.

Generally, if problems are recognised early enough, corrective training is started at the Sub-B level. However children up to the age of 15 have been treated.

Country parents who have recognised reading problems in their children have brought them to the Clinic. In these out of town cases children are tested and special reading kits are arranged to correct the fault prescribed. Parents are also instructed on how to apply the corrective measures.

Mr. H. H. K. Currie, Acting Head of the Rhodes Psychology Department, and Miss Marion McDowall, Head of the English Department at Grahamstown Training College, both feel that there is still a great deal of work to be done in this field. "At the moment money is the Clinic's biggest problem."

African Languages

NEW COURSES OFFERED

The Staff of the Department of African Languages at Rhodes.

From left to right:

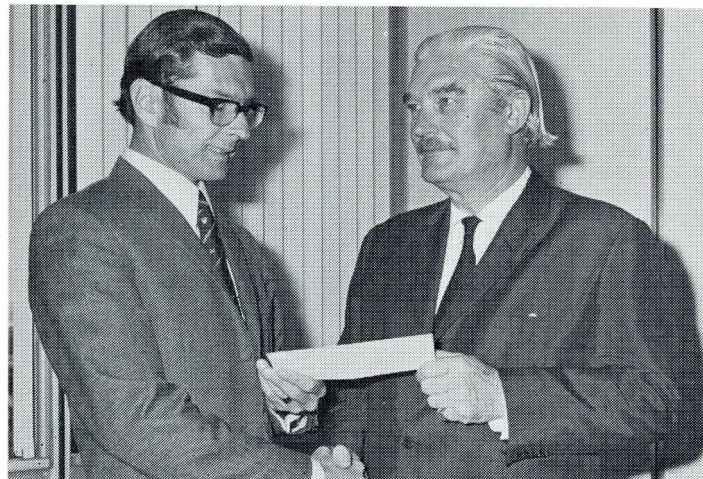
Mr. E. A. S. Lesoro, Professor D. A. Fivaz, Mr. C. Z. Gebeda, Mr. B. E. N. Mahlasea and Mr. A. S. Davey.

This Department has recently introduced the teaching of Southern Sotho. They have also introduced an interesting and versatile Honours course in the Department. It is hoped in the near future to begin with the teaching of Shona. With the high percentage of Rhodesian students at Rhodes this course should be of particular interest.



Development

DIRECTOR REPORTS PROGRESS



Neil Papenfus, Director of Development at Rhodes, reports that late last year and early this year he has had renewed and enthusiastic response to the Development Programme.

The Committee in each of the regions are giving him most valuable assistance and he says that he is meeting an ever increasing range of influential businessmen.

This year Neil has done a remarkable amount of work on the Reef and in the Cape. Port Elizabeth continues to give their solid support and more trips to the Friendly City are to be made.

Here Neil receives a cheque, on behalf of the Development Programme, from Mr. T. B. Higgins, a Director of Unilever, in Durban.

Education

TEACHER TRAINING CONTINUES

When Rhodes begin the gradual take over of the Grahamstown Training College at the beginning of next year, teacher training will continue completely uninterrupted in Grahamstown.

A full range of teaching courses will be offered by the Rhodes Education Department under Professor J. J. Gerber.

The National Higher Education Diploma (the old U.E.D.) will be offered as well as the National Higher Education Diploma (non-Graduate) for students not having a degree who wish to teach in the High School.

In addition, interested students will have the choice of doing the post-graduate National Art Teachers Certificate or the University Diploma for Teachers of Music.

Aspirant Primary School teachers will have a wide range of courses which they can choose to follow.

Graduates, wishing to teach in the Primary School, can follow the National Education Diploma. The one year course qualifies suitably degreed teachers to specialise in Primary School Teaching.

The University will continue to offer the popular National Education Diploma. The three year course, of which one year is now to the B.A.1 level, is planned to prepare students for teaching in the Higher Primary School.

Its sister diploma the National Education Diploma (Junior Primary) will qualify students to teach in the lower Primary and Kindergarten levels. In addition the Primary Teacher's Art Certificate will be offered. A one year course, it is designed to specialise primary teachers in Art teaching.

The Department will continue, in conjunction with the Physical Education Department, to offer the one year Diploma in Physical Education.

The increasingly important higher qualification in Education, the B.Ed., M.Ed., and Ph.D., will also be offered by the Rhodes Education Department.

Once again the O.R.U., in conjunction with Tom-Tits Travel, are offering special excursion flights for Old Rhodians to Europe this year.

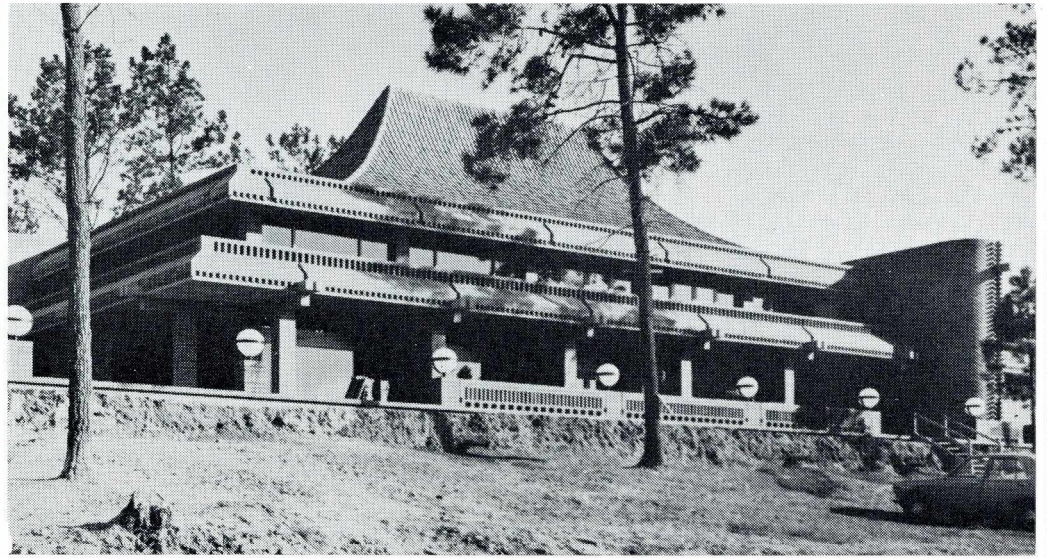
The return fare on the flights is R317,40, which gives all interested Old Rhodians a R393 saving on the normal return fare of R710,20.

All interested Old Rhodians are asked to contact:

Tom Tits Travel,
P.O. Box 124,
Grahamstown.
Telephone: 2235.

The Old and the New

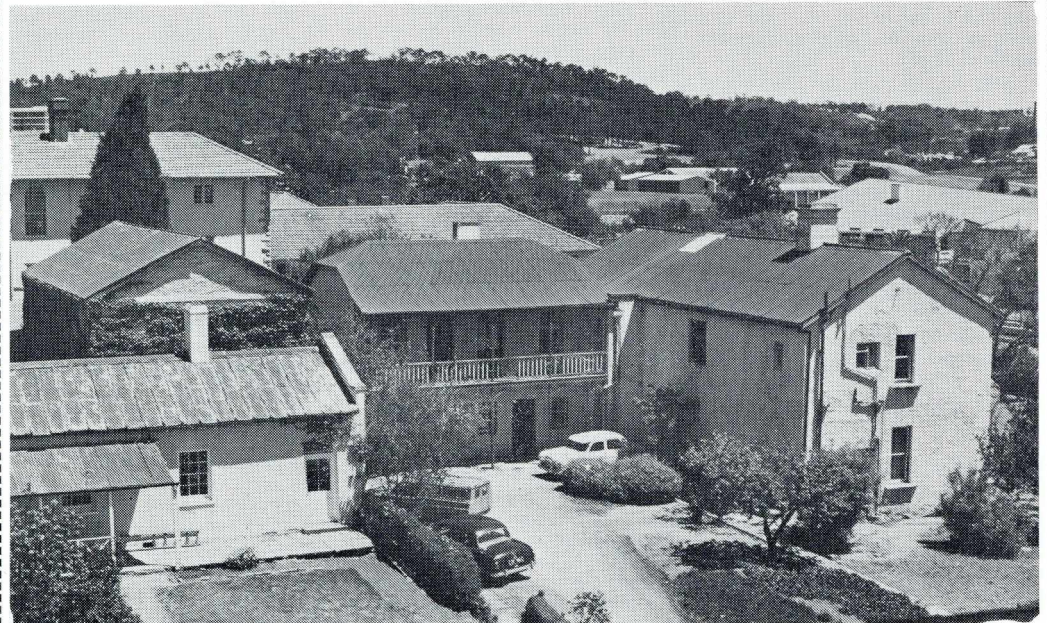
AN AESTHETIC APPEAL



After the reproduction in the last Newsletter of a photograph of the Dining Hall at Kimberley Hall, many Old Rhodians expressed an interest in seeing a full photo of this new building.

It's dramatic architectural lines and interesting setting make it one of the most aesthetically appealing new buildings in Grahamstown.

WOODBOURNE IS NO MORE



The old Woodbourne has recently been demolished to make way for the new Life Sciences block now under construction.

Woodbourne will surely be remembered with great affection by all Old Rhodians. Now, with a pressing need to furnish these important Sciences with a complex of their own, it has had to go.

ANNIVERSARY

This year the Music Department celebrates its Fiftieth Anniversary. Founded in 1923 the Department has made a significant contribution in musical training in South Africa.

To mark the occasion the Department's Head, Professor Rupert Mayr, has arranged an interesting annual programme.

Early in March, Professor Mayr gave an illustrated talk on the work of Hans Reger.

Four new musical items, to be known as Music-in-the-Round will be given by the Department.

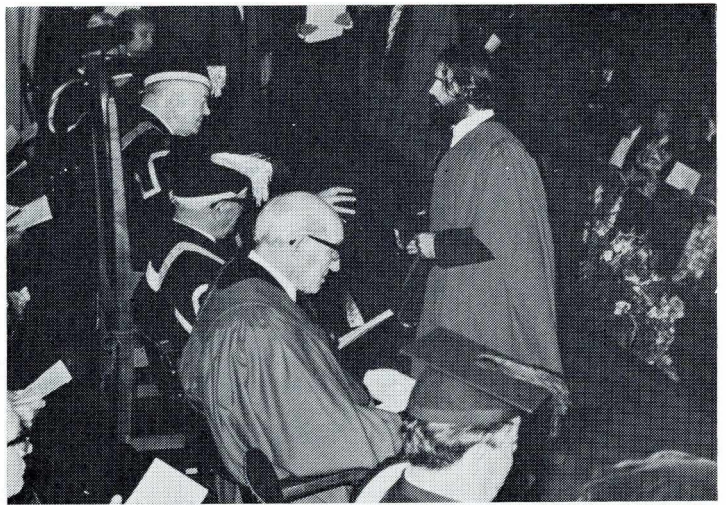
Dr. Albert Honey will talk on "Music in England at the time of Purcell and Handel". In June Professor Hugh Helm will talk on contemporary English Music, while in September, Dr. N. W. Nowotny will talk on Avant Garde music. The final in the "Music-in-the-Round" series will be an evening of Xmas music to be held in the Kingswood College Chapel.

The Rhodes Chamber Choir, this year celebrating its 20th Anniversary, will perform at all the Music-in-the-Round meetings. Music will also be played by members of the Department's staff.

In the course of the second term the Department hopes to hold an Open Day. The performances and exhibitions are, because of the Department's widespread reputation, expected to draw widespread interest.

The Grahamstown Committee of the Old Rhodian Union are busy planning the production of Christmas Cards for use by Staff, Students and Old Rhodians.

More details of these Colour Cards will follow in the next Newsletter.



The Chancellor, Dr. W. J. Busschau, confers the degree Ph.D., on Dr. John Jessop. John was one of twelve Ph.D.s capped at the Rhodes Graduation in the second week of April.

John, his wife, Dieuwkie, and their two children are soon to leave for Holland where he has joined a research team to study the flora of Malaysia. Dr. Jessop, an expert on Liliaceae (Lilys) will study these plants in particular.

Obituary

The **Revd. Percy R. Webber** (1950), passed away on Boxing Day 1972. The Christian Leader notes, that he was born in 1922 and spent sometime as an employee of Brakpan Mines.

In 1948 he first attended Rhodes to take a B.A., degree. He was also a member of the Rhodes football team.

After graduation he ministered in Germiston and took charge of a church in Brakpan.

In 1964 Mr. Webber read a second B.A. in the Social Sciences at Unisa.

During his last year Mr. Webber lead the South African Association of Disciples of Christ into union with the United Congregational Church of South Africa.

M. A. S. Wheeldon passed away late in 1972.

A letter from **Mrs. Joy Hansen** (nee **Wheeldon**, 1944), included a very beautiful epitaph:

"He lived very happily at Plettenberg Bay enjoying discovering the enchantments of farming, on his small holding near Robberg, playing bowls and meeting his many friends.

In the latter part of his life he was a paraplegic and coped magnificently through severe illness to keep his sense of humour, his balance and sanity in the hand life dealt him. It was a privilege to know him at this time."

He is survived by his widow and three children.

Professor **R. G. McKerron**, former Head of the Law Faculty at Rhodes died on April 14, 1973.

From the late 1920 to 1946, Professor McKerron was Head of the Law School at the University of the Witwatersrand. He had in 1926, at the age of 26, been appointed that University's first Professor of Law.

In 1946, after returning from the War, he practised at the Johannesburg Bar as an Advocate. Thereafter he was for a few years Professor and Head of the Law Faculty at the University of Natal.

After leaving Natal he came to Rhodes where he retired in 1968.

The first of many Rhodians who have represented South Africa at Sport, **S. N. (Fanie) Cronje** (1906), passed away in September, 1972.

Fanie Cronje matriculated at St. Andrew's College and studied at Rhodes. In 1907 he was selected a Rhodes Scholar and read Law at Oxford.

He soon became a regular member of the Oxford First Fifteen and was awarded a Rugby Blue.

In 1911 he declined an invitation to play for England, as he knew that a Springbok side was to tour England in 1912. Had he played for England it would have jeopardised his chances of inclusion in the Springbok side.

The following year he toured England as a member of Billy Millar's Springbok side. He also had the distinction of being one of the only South Africans who played for the Barbarians.

Before his demobilisation as a Captain in 1918 he served in East Africa. He was twice mentioned in despatches and was awarded the Military Cross for his part in an action in which he was seriously wounded.

In the Second World War, with the rank of Colonel, he rendered exceptional service on various War Committees and served on several Government Committees.

Prior to the First World War he had been admitted as an Advocate and in 1922 he became a partner in a Law firm in Krugersdorp. In 1951 owing to ill health, the result of war wounds, he retired from practice.

He was a keen Rotarian and an active member of the West Rand Rugby Union and of the Krugersdorp Golf Club.

Mr. Keith Bell, chief geologist to Anglo American O.F.S., died in the Welkom Provincial Hospital shortly before midnight on Thursday, October 19. He had been ill since the beginning of the year.

Mr. Bell was born in Harrismith in 1927 and was a brilliant scholar, matriculating at 15 and gaining a B.Sc. honours degree at the age of 19.

After spending some years with J.C.I., Mr. Bell joined Anglo American in 1955, where he has been ever since, first as resident geologist on Western Holdings until his appointment as chief geologist in 1967.

Although a keen sportsman and popular golfer, Mr. Bell's main interests lay in his work and he was dedicated to furthering the aims of geology in the Free State.

He was a founder member of the Anglo American Geological Society and served as its chairman for a number of years. He founded the first Free State branch of the Geological Society of South Africa, last year, and as its first chairman he succeeded in bringing the famed Alex du Toit Memorial Lecture to Welkom.

While he was resident geologist at Western Holdings Mr. Bell was responsible for the magnificent collection of rock specimens on display in the mine offices. Many years ago he devised a safety release outlet for methane gas which is still used throughout the mining industry.

Mr. Bell is survived by a wife, three children and two grandchildren.

He was a registered Ph.D. candidate and had virtually completed a thesis on the structure of the O.F.S. goldfields.

CLERGICAL RHODIANS . . .

Roy Briggs (1953), the University's first B.D. graduate dropped in to see us late in March. He is now Chairman of the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa. Roy and his wife, Audrey (nee **Crawford**, 1953), have three children and are happily settled in Pretoria.

At the moment Roy and a colleague are also busy writing the official history of the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa.

Roy also brought most welcome news of a host of Rhodians with whom he is in contact:

Andrew van den Aardweg (1950), is Senior Free Church Chaplain at Voortrekkerhoogte. **Bob Moore** (1956, 1963), is also a Chaplain at Voortrekkerhoogte.

Roy also told us that during a recent trip to America he visited Princeton University to see **Professor Horton-Davis** (1947-1953). He says the Professor, who is Head of Divinity at Princeton, has recently received a D.Litt from Oxford. We extend our sincere congratulations.

Donald Cragg (1953), **Vivian Harries** (1954), **Francois Biell** (1958), and **Ray Alistoun** (1958), serve with Roy on the Church Unity Commission, where he represents his church.

Alex Boraine (1957), has been granted permission by the Methodist Church of South Africa, to join Anglo-American as an employment practices consultant to the Group.

It is thought that Alex will be in a position to criticise employment practices, wage conditions and working conditions in the giant corporation. He will therefore be in a position to review and influence their policies with regard to all Africans, Coloureds and Indians employed by Anglo-American.

Alex was the President of the Methodist Church in South Africa during 1972.

The Rev. **Griffith Rogers** (1960) has been appointed Minister of Newton Park Methodist Church, Port Elizabeth. Since his ordination in 1962 Griffith has worked in the Eastern Transvaal, East London, Graaff-Reinet and, for the past three years, in Windhoek. During the latter period he was superintendent of the South West African Circuit of the Methodist Church. He and his wife, Esme, have three sons.

Dr. David Williams Wynn (1969) has been appointed Director of the South African Paint Research Institute in Durban.

Since 1956, Dr. Williams Wynn has been on the Staff of the Leather Research Institute at Rhodes. He was one of the most senior men in the Institute.

He has many scientific papers to his credit and his doctoral thesis dealt with aspects of leather research.

Marion Theunissen (1965), recently married David Brain. Her husband is from the United Kingdom, is a Management Consultant. The new Mrs. Brain who is now Training Officer for Shell & B.P., will continue to work after her marriage.

Two Old Rhodians now in the employ of the South African Wool Textile Research Institute (Sawtri) both recently obtained the M.Sc. degree at U.P.E. They are **John Cave** (1967), now married with an 8 month old daughter, and **Steven Smuts** (1964), whose wife Enid is a Social Worker in Port Elizabeth.

Eric Grunewald (1967), has been admitted as a partner with a Port Elizabeth firm of Chartered Accountants, Messrs. Strelitz and Mitchell.

John Atherstone (1968) and his wife Rosemary (nee **Keeton**) both recently qualified as Medical Doctors at the University of Cape Town.

The couple are now both doing their housemanship at Edendale Hospital near Pietermaritzburg. Later, they hope to go overseas.

Judy Woods (nee **Grimes**), and her three sons are accompanying her husband **Geoffrey** (1960) to Bristol where he will do research in the Physics Department of Bristol University.

An Old Rhodian, **Johannes van Heerden** (1964), at present on the staff of the Nkrumah Teachers College, Zambia, has been awarded a Graduate Fellowship by the Rotary Foundation of the United States. Johannes will use the fellowship to read for a B.Ed degree in the United States.

Syrets Trust, Cape Town, have appointed an Old Rhodian, **Eddie Mokawem** (1959), a General Manager. He will be responsible for Group Organization and Methods.

THE RHODES HOCKEY TEAM IN 1918



Robert Orr (1954), is at the moment at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Pretoria. He and his wife **Wendy** (nee **Oliff**), have four children, three girls and a boy.

Late last year an Old Rhodian **A. D. Dodd** (1927), wrote us a most charming letter informing us of his moves since leaving Rhodes in those far-off days.

Mr. Dodd retired as Headmaster of Seapoint Boys High in 1969 after 23 years in that role! He then lectured at Heriot Coloured Training College for two years and then joined the full-time staff of the Standard Encyclopaedia of Southern Africa.

This type of occupation having been Mr. Dodd's hobby for many years, he finds it very pleasant. It has afforded him an opportunity of meeting in print a number of Rhodian Contributors. A contemporary of his, he says, is now an authority on South African Fresh Water Fish.

After Mr. Dodd's charming letter, we were thrilled to receive the following note from Nigeria:

"Dear Sir,

Perhaps the following note might be of remote interest to an early generation of Old Rhodians.

"**K. A. C. (Cheese) Elliott**, B.Sc 1923, M.Sc 1924, retired Professor and Department Chairman at McGill University, Montreal, is now a volunteer with Canadian University Service Overseas serving as a Professor of Physiological Chemistry in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Nigeria, Enugu Campus, Enugu, Nigeria."

Yours sincerely,

K. A. C. ELLIOTT.

Jacques Meyer (1966), is at the moment in the final year of an LL.B. course at Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto, Canada.

This picture was kindly given us by **Miss M. A. Sawtell** (1919) (on the extreme right of the back row). She, a charming and interesting retired school teacher, now lives and farms at Cookhouse.

Miss Sawtell well remembers Rhodes during the First World War. She also recalls that when she enrolled at Rhodes the Student number stood at 160.

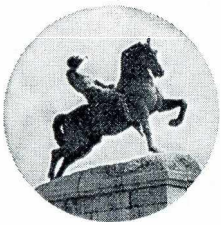
Hockey was, it seems, a great favourite despite the small numbers in those days. She says that cricket was also played with great fervour by the Rhodes women. (It would be interesting to ascertain whom the other members of this side were. Ed.)

F. V. Tonge (1957), has been appointed Chairman of Undergraduate Studies in the Department of French at Queens University, Ontario, Canada. The appointment is at Associate Professional level, the duties include the Chairmanship of Summer School and Extramural Studies in the French Department.

Barbara Ferrett (1958) is personal director of the George Brown College, Toronto, Canada. After leaving Rhodes Barbara spent a year at the University of Rhodesia where she did a teaching diploma. She then taught in Rhodesia and later in Britain.

After moving to Canada, Barbara decided to become a Canadian citizen. Since living in Canada she has completed the three-year part-time diploma course in public administration specifically designed for Canadian civil servants.

George Harcourt-Vernon (1964), wrote to tell us that as from the beginning of the year he would be taking up a post at Eversfield Prep School in Warwickshire, England. Since his graduation he has been teaching at St. Andrews, Bloemfontein. George hopes that he will, in the near future, be able to continue his studies.



OLD RHODIAN NEWS

A distinguished Old Rhodian **Dennis Bouwer** (1955) recently paid a visit to Port Elizabeth.

After leaving Rhodes Dennis spent some time at Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar, where he obtained a B.A., with honours. He was then awarded a bursary to Harvard where he did an M.B.A. Later he was awarded an M.A. in economics from Oxford.

Now an American citizen, Dennis is a financial analyst and works for an investment firm which has multinational interests. He is also secretary of the Los Angeles Society of Financial Analysts and in line to become the president.

Dennis' wife Sally (nee Hallcroft) graduated with a B.A. in English and French from the University of California, Los Angeles, and is at present reading for an M.A.

The Bouwers have two children.

Another Old Rhodian now in America, who recently visited Port Elizabeth was **Hugh Levin** (1962). Since leaving Rhodes, Hugh spent some time in Australia and New Zealand where he did courses with the Institute of Advanced Management.

Now working in San Francisco, he now plans to do a Master's Degree in business administration.

A letter from St. Georges Prep., Port Elizabeth from, **R. J. Andrew** (1942), told us that he was vacating his Headmastership of St. Georges to take up an appointment on the teaching Staff of Kingswood College.

Beatrice Gush (nee Baudert, 1969), wrote to us from Maritzburg giving news of herself, her family and other Rhodians, who, with her husband Reg, are with the Natal Parks Board. They are **Brian Downing** (1962), and **Robert Cross** (1921).

Beatrice tells us that since her graduation she worked as a pharmacist to the Mental Hospitals in Maritzburg — Fort Napier, Town Hill and Umgeni Waterfall. This four years service she interrupted with a seven month visit overseas, during which she worked for several months in a London hospital.

Married in 1968, Beatrice and Reg now have two sons, Mark and Kim.

A former Registrar of Rhodes, **Mr. A. E. Shields**, has been appointed Registrar of the University of Adelaide, Adelaide, Australia.

An Old Rhodian, **John A. Clarkson** (1949), has been appointed to General Secretary and Treasurer of the South African Teachers Association.

John completed his first year of study at Rhodes and then proceeded on active service. After the cessation of hostilities in 1946, he returned to complete his B.Com. and Education Diploma.

Between 1949 and 1955, John taught at Kingswood College. He then taught for nine years at Clifton Secondary School (now Clifton High School). In 1965 he was appointed to Selborne College, East London. At present he is Senior Assistant and Head of the Commercial Department of that School. He also has written a text-book on Accountancy for schools.

John married a fellow Rhodian, **Jeane** (nee Richter), and they have two children.

A. David Walker (1961), formerly of the Rhodes Physics Department, has been appointed Professor of Theoretical Physics at Natal University in Durban.

David worked for three years at St. James College, Cambridge, after graduating from Rhodes with an M.Sc.

In 1969, as one of the world's youngest scientists, he attended the International Scientific Radio Union meeting in Ottawa, Canada.

After some 14 years, the Grahamstown branch of the S.A. Geological Survey is closing down as part of a general centralization scheme. The geologist in charge is **Mr. D. K. Toerien** (1953), who has been here for seven years, and he is being transferred to Mossel Bay in order to complete some field work in that area. His wife has been Secretary in the Geography Department at Rhodes.

Mr. Michael Johnson (1965), another Old Rhodian, has been associated with the branch over the past nine years and will be transferred to Pretoria. He is working on a Ph.D., degree which deals with Eastern Cape stratigraphy.

A leading Cape educationalist **Miss E. L. Danckwerts** (1930) has recently retired as Headmistress of the Queenstown Girls High School. She served on the Staff of the school for 34 years, 20 of which were spent as Headmistress.

One of the joys of editing this column is hearing of Rhodians who have been appointed top jobs.

So, it is with considerable pride, that we report that **Murray B. Hofmeyr** (1946), has been appointed Managing Director of Charter Consolidated.

After graduating from Rhodes, Murray went to Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar. He was awarded an M.A., in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics. An outstanding sportsman he obtained a double blue for rugby and cricket. He also played rugby for England.

In 1961, Murray joined Anglo-American and in 1961 moved to Zambia as Manager of Anglo-American Corporation (Central Africa), he was later Chariman of their Board.

Early in 1970 Murray was appointed Executive Director of Anglo-American's South African Board.

Professor R. T. Bell (1957), Associate Professor of Economics at Rhodes, has been appointed Professor of Economics at Natal University, Pietermaritzburg.

David Morrell (1948), has completed a B.Ed. at the University of the Free State. David taught for a short period after leaving Rhodes and then spent 18 years in commerce. He returned to teaching in 1970 and is now on the Staff of St. Andrews, Bloemfontein.

In recognition of his long-standing service to both Black education and to the Xhosa language, **Herbert W. Pahl** (1931), has been appointed associate professor of African Languages at the Fort Hare University.

Prof. Pahl has published several readers and grammar books for Xhosa schools, he has also, in collaboration with others, written text books in biology for the Junior Certificate.

Brian Wilmot (1969), has been appointed Deputy Director of the Albany Museum in Grahamstown.

Brian is at the moment a doctoral candidate at Rhodes. He has done extensive research into Dragon Flies.

EAST LONDON



The Vice-Chancellor, Dr. J. M. Hyslop, and the Secretary of Convocation Executive, Professor D. Rivett, travelled to East London in December to host the first Old Rhodian function there for five years.

Over 100 Rhodians attended the party and a Branch was re-established in the city. The East London Committee is Nolan Flemmer,

Tallis Hurly and Mary Tindall.

The above picture shows a number of the Rhodians who attended the party. In the picture are Mrs. M. Annand, Mr. A. W. Lister, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Burmeister, Miss M. H. Hill, Miss M. Gush, Miss E. C. Randell.

It is hoped that Old Rhodian reunions will become an annual event in East London.

NOTICE OF MEETING

OLD RHODIAN UNION

Advance notice is given of the Annual General Meeting of the Old Rhodian Union to be held at Rhodes University, Grahamstown, on 12 September, 1973, at 5.15 p.m.

Items to be included in the Agenda may be sent to the Hon. Secretary, to reach him not later than 31st May, 1973.

P.O. Box 94,
Grahamstown.

D. E. A. RIVETT
Hon. Secretary