

RHODES NEWSLETTER

Old Rhodian Union

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Rhodes literacy project to be applied countrywide

A programme developed at the Institute for the Study of English in Africa (ISEA) at Rhodes, is poised to make a major impact on literacy in southern Africa after getting the green light from the government for its introduction into the country's 10 000 Black schools.

This is the first time that university research has radically altered the way that English is taught in Black schools in the subcontinent.

The Molteno Project, initially financed by a grant from the Molteno brothers of Elgin, has already begun by introducing its "Breakthrough to Literacy" system in more than 1 500 primary schools in Soweto and territories outside South Africa.

"Breakthrough" teaches children to read and write in the mother tongue (it has been prepared in seven languages)



The Molteno Project's "Breakthrough" materials have been designed to give children a thorough grounding in literacy skills.



Professor R C Beuthin (centre) retired from Rhodes in April where he had been Dean of the Faculty of Law since 1968. His wife Beryl (left) will be missed at the University where she worked in the Library for many years. The Beuthins have moved to Johannesburg. In the picture the Vice-Chancellor bids the couple farewell after Professor Beuthin's last official function, the Graduation Garden party on April 14.

and then introduces them to English, building on the skills they have acquired. The programme has required years of work and has developed under the leadership of Rhodes linguistics professor Len Lanham with the guidance of Professor Guy Butler and Dr Ken Hartshorne.

At present the country's English-speaking universities spend well over R1 million each year on compensatory education for students who have an inadequate command of English for learning at university level. Research has shown that the problem is more effectively and economically tackled in the first years of primary school, where the foundations of English as a second language are laid. Professor Lanham, in describing the philosophy behind the programme, says "We are concerned with laying the foundations of English as a second language at the primary school level when, according to our calculations, we can make a maximum impact. If the foundations are properly laid, then we feel that all the extremely costly repair work that the universities are doing, trying to compensate, will fall away. Our early research revealed that behind the failure to master English as a second language was an inadequate mastery of reading in the mother tongue. We aim at a one-year programme of teaching reading and writing in the mother tongue, with English as a main focus thereafter". This view is supported by many other educationalists who have found that reading skills are crucial whenever there is education under difficult circumstances.

Rhodes Lecturer scores first for SA

Dr Beverley Brooks of the French Department at Rhodes is the first South African French scholar to attend the prestigious Ecole International d'Eté Versailles, held annually at Versailles in July.

The course offered by the Ecole this year deals specifically with the reign of the French Sun King, Louis XIV, and internationally renowned historians, literary scholars, art historians, curators of museums and architects give lectures on their special field of research. They work in collaboration with the University of Paris.

Registration for the course is strictly limited to 200 to ensure a high standard, and those who complete it successfully are awarded a Diplome de Civilisation Classique.

ACADEMICS IN TRANSLATION:

(Thank you, Gavin Lyall)

"Most people now accept ..."

(My colleagues agree with me).

"Despite a minority which believes ..."

(My colleagues do not agree with me).

"It is now widely accepted ..."

(A colleague in America agrees with me).

"It has long been accepted ..."

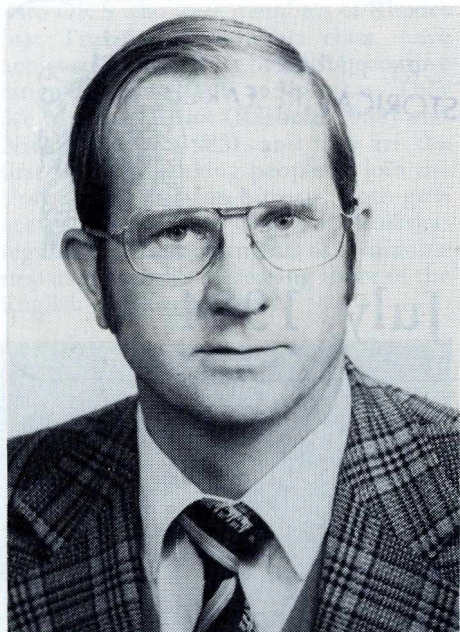
(My mother agrees with me).

"Despite the popular notion ..."

(My wife does not agree with me).

"Some rethinking may be needed ..."

(I have discovered my students agree with me).



Rhodes Law Professor's thesis is basis of Hoexter Commission's Family Court recommendations

A doctoral thesis by Professor **Ivan Schäfer (1965)**, of the Law Department entitled "The Concept of Family Courts in South Africa" has been widely quoted in the Hoexter Commission's report, which was largely based on Professor Schäfer's thesis, on the establishment of Family Courts. These recommendations could have far-reaching effects on lessening the suffering undergone by the many thousands of children in South Africa whose parents get divorced. Professor Schäfer advocates less emphasis on the adversary system in divorce matters, where couples are automatically ranged up against each other, usually with children and other possessions being used as weapons.

"The courts can no longer continue to

ignore the best interests of children. Nor can the courts, in their apparent endeavour to give expression to the best interests of children, continue to rely on whatever evidence the warring parents choose to place before them. Children are not chattels".

The report accepts Professor Schäfer's suggestion that both parties should be questioned to discover the true situation in a divorce action and that a "Children's Friend" be appointed to look after the interests of children.

The Hoexter Commission proposal stresses Professor Schäfer's point that the family courts set up to handle such matters be purely legal in nature and that accepted rules of procedure and evidence should apply.



The Cathedral of St Michael and St George

Cathedral spire falling down

A nation-wide appeal for R200 000 has been launched to pay for the costs of urgent repairs to the Cathedral Church of St Michael and St George in Grahamstown.

The top of the 150 ft spire may be in danger of falling down. It has been discovered that there is a split in the stonework and a big vertical crack is running down from the base of the weather-vane. Because of the height and the inaccessibility it was difficult to assess the extent of the damage to the spire but using a powerful telescope, borrowed from the Rhodes Physics Department the crack showed up clearly.

The cathedral's history goes back to 1824 when it was started as the simple St George's Church to serve the 1820 Settlers and the military settlement established by Colonel John Graham in 1812. In 1834 and in 1850 it was a refuge for women and children during the Frontier Wars.

To pay for the costs of restoration the Dean of the Cathedral, the Very Reverend Roy Barker, has set up a fund-raising committee. The Hon Mr Justice D V V Kannemeyer is Chairman.



The Hon Mr Justice D V V Kannemeyer (1941).

Were you a member of the SRC?

The University's collection of SRC group photographs is incomplete, and we are trying to find photographs, or even photostat copies of photographs for the following years :

1944, 1945, 1947 — 51, 1957 — 59, 1974 and 1975.

Can you help? Write to us c/o Public Relations, Rhodes University, P O Box 94, Grahamstown, 6140.

Briceland succeeds Chubb as RU Governor

Mr D Briceland, Vice-Chairman of Rhodes University East London Division, has been appointed to the Board of Governors of the University. Mr Briceland is Managing Director of the Daily Dispatch newspaper in East London. His appointment follows the recent retirement of Dr J A Chubb as a Governor of the University.

ORU increases bursaries

Thanks to the excellent response to our appeal for funds to increase the amount of Old Rhodian Union bursaries, plus a most generous bequest in the will of the late Mr P H van Blommestein (1937), which have together raised available funds by R21 000, the ORU will be able to increase the size and number of bursaries offered to deserving students. This year, bursaries have been awarded to five undergraduates : Miss S M Cumming, Mr R A Fergusson, Miss T L Richardson, Miss M S Pattison and Miss E A Pautz. The recipient of the W F Barker Memorial Prize was Mr M Field, a geology honours student.

Nine Rhodes Drama Graduates with PACT

Rhodes might be suspected of a take-over bid with nine of its drama graduates now with the company of the Performing Arts Council of the Transvaal.

And it could have been 10 if Simon Heginbotham, who was offered a place, had not elected to return to Rhodes to do an honours degree in drama and journalism this year.

Rhodes' most recent graduates to join PACT are Billy Second of Cape Town and Julie Coghlan of Grahamstown. Other Old Rhodians in the company are Frantz Dobrowsky, Peter Terry, Karin Jerg, Martin le Maitre, Carol-Ann Kelleher, Andrew Buckland and Jenny Sharp.

Billy was born and went to school in Cape Town before coming to Rhodes to do a speech and drama degree. She worked for two years as conference secretary at the 1820 Foundation before returning to Rhodes last year to do an honours degree in drama.

Julie made her debut when she was at Victoria Girls' High School where she and her sister Lisa played in "Much Ado about Nothing". She is equally keen on dance and movement.

"Rest-a-While" Coffee Shop celebrates Second Birthday

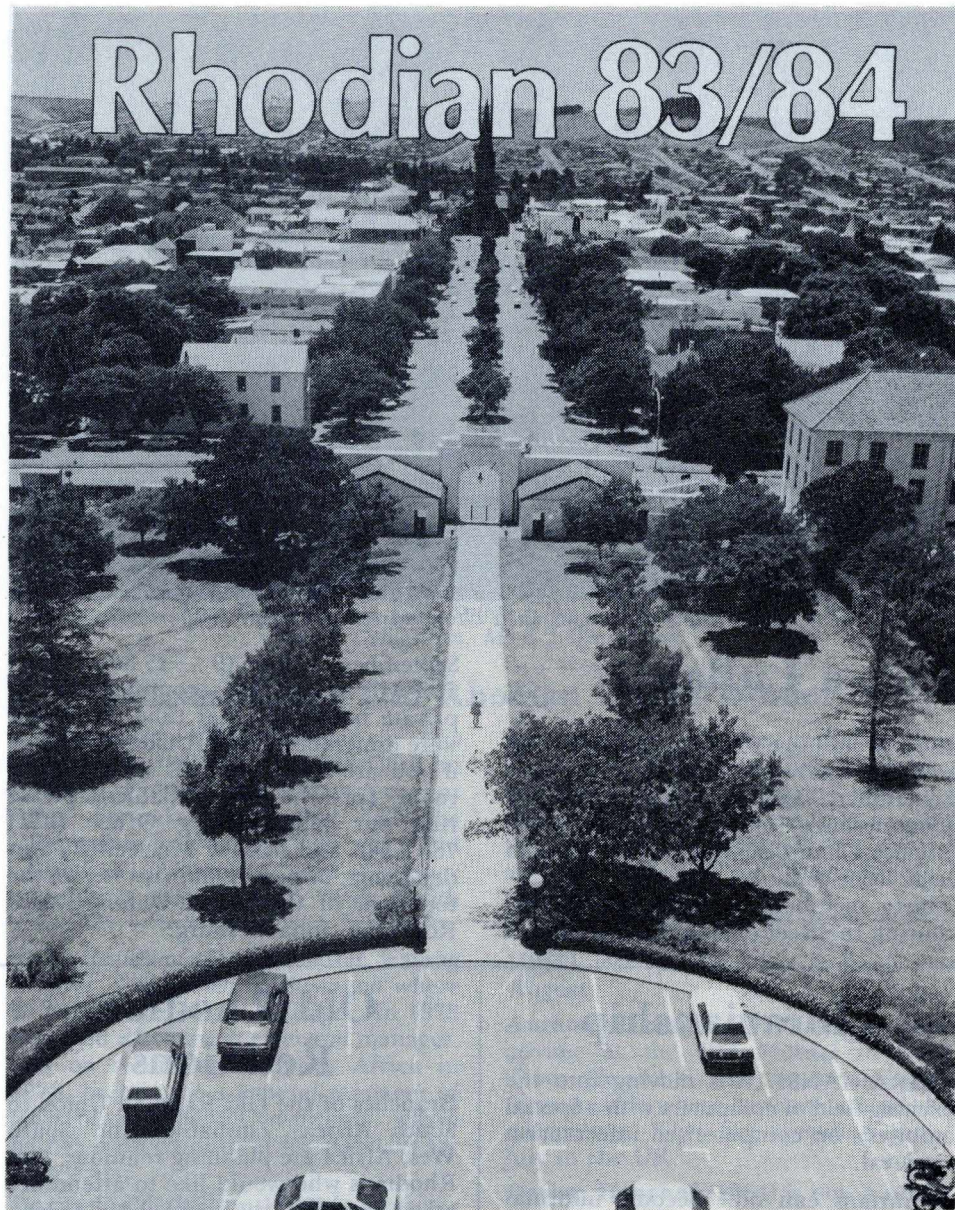
Every generation of OR's has had a selection of off-campus cafés to visit, each with its own atmosphere and style. The most recent of these is the Christian coffee shop, "Rest-a-While", which celebrates its second anniversary this week having served 40 000 overseas and local customers since opening in May 1982.

People from all walks of life have visited the little snack bar which keeps its prices as low as possible to enable everyone, Black and White, to choose an item on the simple menu.

The voluntary staff come from ten churches, and the coffee shop is intended to be a place of love, fellowship and fun.

On Friday evenings, an Interdenominational Youth Group "Impact" runs the shop, and on Saturday evenings many members of the Rhodes Student Christian Association gather in the friendly atmosphere.

The hard-working ladies tell the amusing story of an American tourist and his party who offered to buy the menu after reading how harmoniously the venture is run. He said they would not believe him back in the States unless he had proof. The church volunteers told him that they only had enough menus for each table — but after giving a R5 donation in exchange he was able to return home with his visible evidence.



What do you think?

Rhodians have a unique problem — we don't graduate in the year in which we complete our degrees. This leads to a certain amount of confusion about the date by which one is identified in the OR records. This confusion is compounded by postgraduate studies. There is a school of thought which proposes that we shift our identification date to the year of first entry to Rhodes, American style. This would certainly clarify matters, (though we would all seem a few years older!). A person, for example who came to Rhodes in 1970, completed a first degree in '73, an honours degree in '74 and an HDE the following year, wouldn't have to choose between 1973, '74, '75 or '76 (final graduation) as his identification year, but would simply be labelled Joe Bloggs (1970). What do you think?

Write to The Editor

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We would love to hear some personal news as well.....

Rhodian 83/84 is available at R2 a copy from:

The Department of Journalism and Media Studies
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The magazine contains a review of the previous year, interviews, historical items, reports from academics — in fact many articles that would interest OR's of any generation.

OLD RHODIAN UNION NOTICE OF MEETING

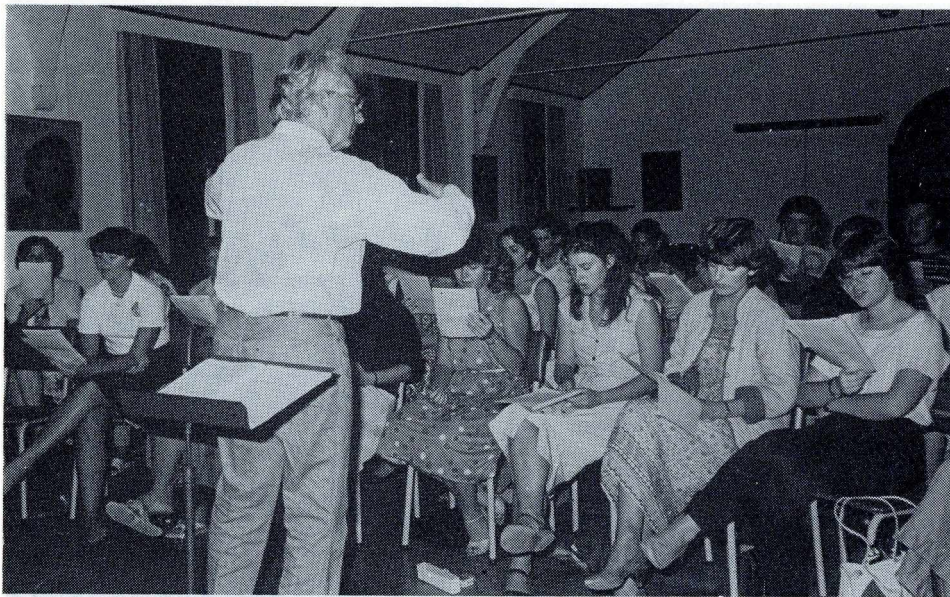
The Annual General Meeting of the Old Rhodian Union will be held in the Rhodes Club, Rhodes University on Wednesday, September 12, at 5 15 pm. It will be preceded by a wreath-laying ceremony at the War memorial at 5 00 pm.

The Agenda will be:

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

G M Gruber
Honorary Secretary

A cocktail party will be held afterwards to celebrate the University's eightieth year.



The Rhodes Choir rehearses with choirmaster Professor Rupert Mayr.

Like a Lullaby?

If you would like soothing lullabies sung to you for several nights in a row next September, and if you live in the Johannesburg/Pretoria area, then the Rhodes Chamber Choir would love to hear from you.

Thirty members of the choir will be touring the Reef during the University's

September vacation (9 — 15 September) and will be seeking accommodation in private homes for that time. So if you were a member of the Rhodes Choir, or if you are simply an OR with a spare room, (or who likes lullabies!) please ring our Johannesburg Office (011) 788 5543 and ask for Mrs Felicity van der Linde, or pop in and visit her on the top floor of the Mews, Oxford Road, Rosebank, Johannesburg.

Hugh Chapman Scholarship appeal makes satisfactory progress

The appeal for funds to establish a scholarship in memory of the late Professor Hugh Chapman has got off to a fine start with over R10 000 already in the kitty and a further R8 000 promised. Anyone who has not yet been approached privately but would like to donate money towards this scholarship appeal should write to The ORU, Rhodes University, Grahamstown, 6140.



Jenny Brooks (Crookes 1965) is married to Rhodes Art Professor Robert Brooks. Jenny lectures in design at the PE Technikon. The cat is just a friend.

Librarianship

LIBRARIANSHIP is moving into the exciting field of computers with a special emphasis on computerised information retrieval.

Librarians can now become information specialists by using the background of their degrees and microcomputers to help researchers obtain highly accurate and comprehensive bibliographies. With the use of microcomputers, librarians can link up with overseas information banks, and get a run down on all the articles, books or papers written on a specific subject.

The department has 15 students and three lecturers including its head, Mr Gerald Quinn.

Students have morning lectures only, and usually do practical work at the Rhodes library in the afternoons. Once a year librarianship students do a two week practical at any library of their choice in South Africa.

Most students do the higher diploma which is a postgraduate diploma. Rhodes is one of the few universities in South Africa that offers a lower diploma which places more emphasis on practical work. Four first year courses are needed to enter the diploma course.

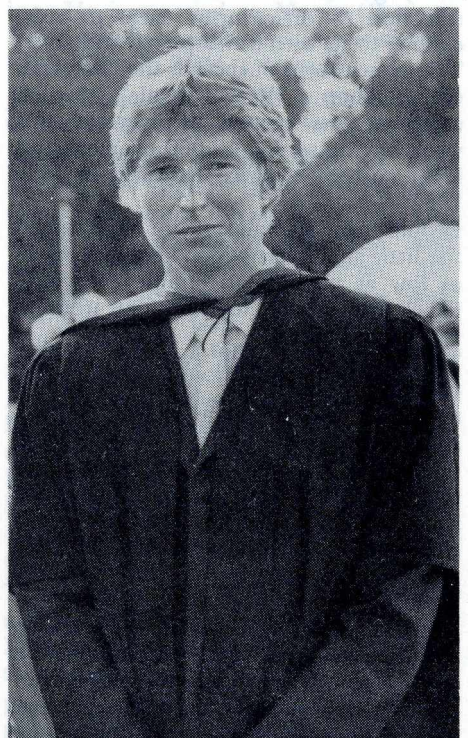
Librarianship at Rhodes is moving away from the stereotype view of librarians and the lecturers, Karen de Jager and Melanie Webb, encourage students to see librarianship as being dynamic and highly specialised.

Old Rhodian Reunions

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

BLOEMFONTEIN Mr W I O Paterson 77-831 September 14	JOHANNESBURG Mrs F van der Linde 788-5543 September 14
CAPE TOWN Mrs J Lewis 65-7426 September 7	WINDHOEK Mr U J Kannegiesser 25-335
DURBAN Mr A J L Dickson 304-0321 August 16	BULAWAYO Mr N W Schäfer P O Box 2346 July 12
EAST LONDON Mr J L Stead 28-315 September 7	HARARE Dr B W Blair 88-2386 July 11
KIMBERLEY Mr J B Hawthorne 31-486 September 14	MUTARE Mr J H E Rodgers P O Box 88 July 10
PORT ELIZABETH No details	GRAHAMSTOWN Dr G M Gruber 7128
PRETORIA Mr M Delaney 44-6356	Founders Day: Rhodes Club

We rely on the accuracy of the news you give us about yourself and your friends, as it is well-nigh impossible to check on the details. If you find anything not quite right, please write and give us the complete story.



Guy Rogers, who graduated this year with a BA degree, is working in the newsroom at the SABC, and rapidly becoming a familiar face to SA-based TV viewers. He is the son of Pat Rogers originally of Zimbabwe TV.

Distinguished Classicist revisits Rhodes

PROFESSOR K D White and his wife, Professor Isobel White returned to Grahamstown in May for a two week visit. The couple worked in tandem all their professional lives despite different disciplines, and both are part-pioneers in an exciting new enterprise, the University of the Third Age.

Professor White was the Professor of Classics at Rhodes and his wife is a social scientist. The Whites left Grahamstown 26 years ago and lived in various parts of the world until settling in Bayswater, London.

"The University of the Third Age was started by a group of us," Mrs White said. "Britain has a very good adult education system and it was this we decided to extend to retired people."

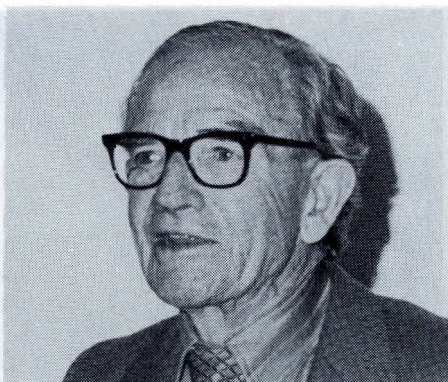
The Third Age University is less than two years old, offers 26 different programmes in London and Cambridge and now boasts 700 students.

Mrs White is on the steering committee and her husband teaches Ancient Greek. There is no set homework or syllabus and no examinations but active older people may study subjects as varied as art, sculpture, and environmental law, and there are play-reading and sketching groups.

"We work in very close co-operation with London University, and have all the resources London can offer on the doorstep and the student body is steadily growing", Mrs White says.

There is a similar movement in France, the Whites said.

Mrs White began by studying history. She followed her degree with a Diploma



Professor K D White.

in Education at the University of London, switched to social studies and ultimately industrial psychology which proved to be the key to most of her innovative ventures.

While her husband headed the Department of Classics at Rhodes University, a post he held from the age of 27 for 20 years, Mrs White pioneered a post for herself in the field of personnel research.

When Professor White left Rhodes to become head of the Department of Classics at the University of Natal Mrs White again lectured in industrial psychology (now occupational psychology), a discipline which she introduced in Maritzburg.

Then came a "watershed". Prof White obtained a Commonwealth Fellowship to St John's College, Cambridge and Mrs White joined the School of Management Studies.

When Professor White became a visiting professor at the University of Jos in Nigeria his wife was appointed first Professor of Management Studies. She built up the faculty until it had a complement of 46 full-time lecturers, research workers, and administrative staff. Although she was able to complete their first four-year course and her first group of graduates, the climate had seriously affected her health.

Professor White brought with him his latest publication on Roman technology which is richly illustrated, in part with his own photographs and gave a lecture at the University on the subject under the auspices of the Classics Society.

Student Numbers

Applications to study at Rhodes rose by four percent this year compared with 1983. After cancellations there were 1 416 applicants for the 850 first-year undergraduate places, and over 300 prospective students had to be rejected compared with the 80 applicants who were turned down in 1983. Almost all of those rejected had obtained Matriculation exemption and were turned down because faculty boards set higher entrance requirements and all residential places had already been filled. There are now 2 674 undergraduate students registered with 705 postgraduate students, the total enrolment being 3 379.

There has been a 25 percent increase in the number of new Black, Coloured and Indian undergraduate students at the University this year. There has also been an increase in the number of students registered for postgraduate degrees.

The distribution of students to the various faculties followed a pattern similar to that of previous years, except that Black students are more evenly distributed in all the faculties.

Tell us a Story

The ORU is appealing to you to tell us a story.

We're thinking of those moments in one's student days that later become part of one's repertoire of reminiscences. The story could be about something that happened to you, some idiosyncrasy of a professor, a great sporting or political moment or a crazy prank. Whatever you like to reminisce about, that contains for you the essence of your Rhodes experience, we would love to hear about it. And it's all in the interests of keeping the history of the University a history of its most important component, the people who pass through its doors.

The European Image of Africa in Literature

Professor Malvern van Wyk Smith, head of the Department of English at Rhodes University, leaves Grahamstown at the beginning of July to spend a year at the University of Cambridge continuing his study of the European image of Africa in literature.

Professor van Wyk Smith will be a fellow of Wolfson College until December and then takes up a Helen Cam Fellowship at Girton until he returns to South Africa at the end of June 1985.

He has been researching the European image of Africa in literature for a number of years and hopes to do further studies of English, French, German and Dutch literature from the middle ages to the beginning of this century. Europeans have developed complex images of Africa over the centuries and these have influenced our socio-political outlook, says Professor van Wyk Smith. This field of research grew out of his work on Boer War poetry, as he began to find fascinating ideas about Africa in the work of various European authors.

Professor van Wyk Smith will also visit other universities during his time in England to exchange ideas on the teaching of English literature in a second language situation. He has received grants from the British Council and the Human Sciences Research Council to assist him in his research.

Convocation

Convocation is to be held in the Rob Antonissen Room on Tuesday August 21 at 5.15 pm. The gathering will be addressed by the well-known educationalist **Neil Jardine**, ex-Rhodesian rugby player and headmaster of Michaelhouse.

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The Secretary
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or

The Public Relations Officer,
Rhodes University, P O Box 94,
6140 GRAHAMSTOWN.
Telephone (0461) 7309.

Honorary Degree for Professor Guy Butler

Wits University conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Literature upon Professor Guy Butler at a graduation ceremony held on Thursday 24 May in recognition of his stature as an academic, a creative writer and a campaigner for English and the English in South Africa. Frederick Guy Butler was born at Cradock in the Cape Province on 21 January 1918. He was educated at the Cradock High School and Rhodes University, where he took his M A degree in 1939. During the Second World War his academic career was interrupted by military service in Egypt, Italy and the United Kingdom. After the war he returned to study at Brasenose College, Oxford. He is a Master of Arts of that university. The story of his early life is told in the first volume of his autobiography, *Karoo Morning*, and he has continued the narrative to the end of the Second World War in *Bursting World*.

Guy Butler was a lecturer in the Department of English at Wits from 1948 — 1950, and he has been Professor of English at Rhodes since 1952. In addition to producing a large number of scholarly articles, particularly on Shakespeare and South African literature, he has been the editor of several important works, in particular the two Oxford University press anthologies, *A Book of South African Verse*, which appeared in 1959, and *A New Book of South African Verse in English*, which was published in 1979 with Chris Mann as co-editor. His editorial services to South African poetry go well beyond this, however, for he was English editor of *Standpunte* between 1955 and 1958, and in 1965 he founded the poetry magazine *New Coin*, which he continued to edit for a number of years.

He has brought out five volumes of his own poetry, establishing his characteristic lyric mode in his first volume, *Stranger to Europe*, which appeared in 1952 and which concentrated on his experience of the war. A life-long concern of his, poetry has been the effort to crystallize what the contrasting experiences of Europe and Africa have meant to him. He has written five plays, the best-known being *The Dam* and *The Dove Returns*, both on South African themes. In both his poetry and his



Natal Witness

drama he has proved himself an honest and deeply meditative scrutineer of South African life.

Among the literary prizes he has won are the first and second prizes in the SABC poetry competitions in 1949 and 1953 respectively, first prize of the Van Riebeeck Tercentenary Foundation in 1953, and the Central News Agency Award for *Selected Poems* in 1976.

Over and above his extremely distinguished career as a scholar and a poet, however, Guy Butler will always be remembered for the energy with which he has striven to lead English-speaking South Africans towards an awareness of their own unique identity and heritage and of their national role. Some of his deepest convictions were expressed in 1965 in an article entitled *The Future of English-speaking South Africa* in which he wrote:

"We (English-speaking South Africans) don't know who we are... the first step is to meet our forebears as people: in their writings, in biographies, in historical studies, in works of fiction ... (for) we shall remain 'Westerners' by cultural correspondence course' unless we consciously locate ourselves and strike root".

English-speaking South Africans are urged to find themselves in one of his plays, *Take Root or Die*.

He has always been extremely active in national bodies such as the English Academy, of which he was the president between 1966 and 1969. He has made a major contribution on the cultural front through his active involvement with the 1820 Settlers Monument Foundation. He was a moving force behind the project from the time it became clear that it would be firmly committed to a non-racial, forward-looking cultural and educational programme. He has been a member of the Council of the Foundation since 1967, and he organized for it both the major 1973 conference, "English-speaking South Africa — An Assessment", and the "National Shakespeare Festival" in 1976.

He played a major role in the establishment and fostering of the Institute for the Study of English in Africa at Rhodes, serving as Chairman of the Institute from its inception in 1964 until 1972. He is currently a member of the Commission of Inquiry into the Creative Arts and a member of the Drama Advisory Committee of CAPAB.

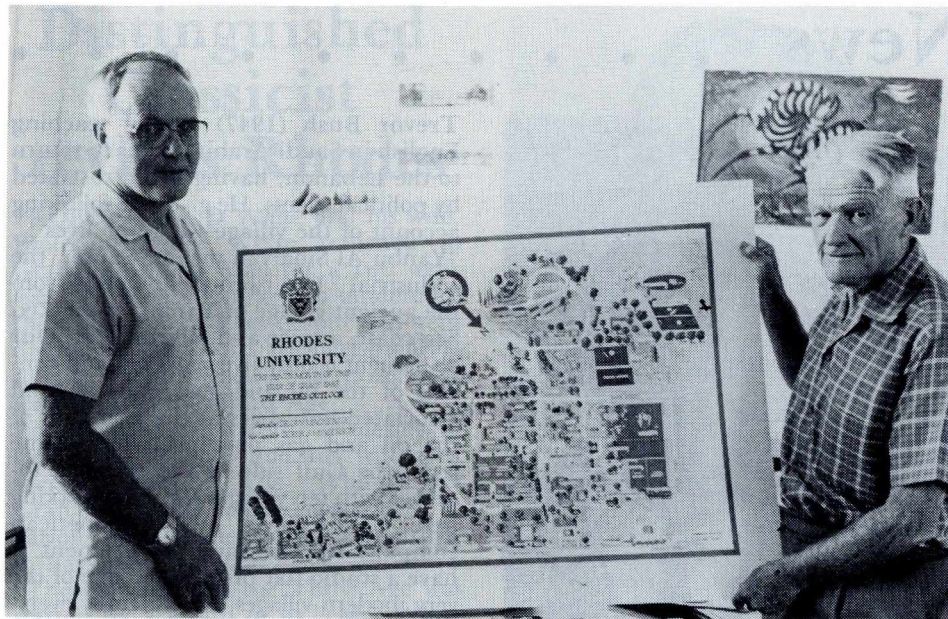
Dr John A I Agar-Hamilton

Dr John Augustus Ion Agar-Hamilton, who died in Grahamstown on Sunday June 17, was Director of the Institute of Social and Economic Research at Rhodes University from 1961 to 1966. After his retirement he was the first honorary fellow of the Institute.

Dr Agar-Hamilton was born in Cairo in 1895 and was a pupil at Pretoria High School before beginning his studies at the Transvaal University College and at Keeble College, Oxford. He completed the M A degree (Cape) in 1918 and the B Litt (Oxon) in 1921. In 1966 Rhodes University conferred the degree of D Litt (honoris causa) on Dr Agar-Hamilton. He was a member of the staff of the Transvaal University College (later the University of Pretoria) for 18 years until his appointment as Officer-in-Charge of military Historical Records in 1941 with the rank of Colonel.

At the end of the Second World War, Dr Agar-Hamilton was appointed Editor-in-Chief of Union War Histories, an appointment he held until 1959. He joined the staff of the Department of History at Rhodes University in 1960 and became Director of the Institute of Social and Economic Research at the University at the end of that year.

Dr Agar-Hamilton was an ordained minister of the Church of the Province of South Africa and was rector of Christ Church in Grahamstown for a number of years.



"Jock" Pugh (right) examines the latest campus map with his son John. John is married to Elizabeth (Hawkrigde 1961) and they have three children.

"Jock" Pugh (1926) back in town

Mr Francis 'Jock' Pugh, who began his Bachelor of Commerce studies in 1926, revisited Rhodes last week to share some memories of his student days. He was visiting his son John, a senior lecturer in the Department of Accounting, and his family.

After completing his degree at Rhodes, Jock Pugh moved to Johannesburg, where he was articled to a firm of accountants for three years. When he

wrote the Incorporated Accountants examination, he was placed fifth in a field of candidates from all parts of the British Empire.

After he qualified, Jock moved back to Rhodesia where he worked for the Income Tax department for a time before joining a firm of accountants. He eventually became a partner in another firm, retiring after 30 years in practice.

Senate Lectures introduced at Rhodes

The first in a series of Senate Lectures to be held at Rhodes, entitled "The Role of the University in a Developing Society", was delivered early in June by Dr Stephen Sommerville and Professor Ian Bunting. The lecture was attended by about 130 members of University staff, students and members of the public.

Dr Mervyn Frost, a lecturer in the Department of Political Studies, and organizer of the lecture series, said he was encouraged by the amount of interest in the first lecture and the discussion which followed the presentation of the two papers.

"The primary purpose of initiating such a series of lectures was to promote academic debate about contentious issues. There is no doubt that this purpose was achieved," he said. "The debate continued after the proceedings had been brought to a close. The next morning it continued in full force," said Dr Frost.

The Vice-Chancellor of the University, Dr Derek Henderson, introduced the lecture series by saying the evening's debate was the first in a long line of major topics needing wide debate and dialogue. A Senate Lecture would be delivered once during each University term, he said, with topics chosen for their importance to contemporary thinking.

Peter Vale appointed to ISER

Dr Peter Vale, Director of Research at the South African Institute of International Affairs, has been appointed Director of the Institute of Social and Economic Research at Rhodes University. Dr Vale takes up his appointment at the beginning of August.

Dr Vale (37) was born in the Transvaal and matriculated at Capricorn High School, Pietersburg before beginning his studies at the University of the Witwatersrand, where he completed a Bachelor's degree in political science, economic history and Afrikaans, and an Honours degree in international relations.

He then continued his studies at the University of Leicester, in the United Kingdom, where he completed M A and Ph D degrees, the subject of his doctoral thesis being "The Atlantic Nations and South Africa: Economic Constraints and Community Fracture".

After a brief period as a financial reporter, he was appointed Assistant to the Director of the South African Institute of International Affairs, where he initiated and administered a study group focusing on multi-national corporations and South Africa.

In 1976 he moved to London for a year, where he was Rockefeller Research Associate at the International Institute for Strategic Studies. He was the first South African to be appointed to the Institute. The aim of his research there was to study change in southern Africa and assess the strategic importance of South Africa to the West.

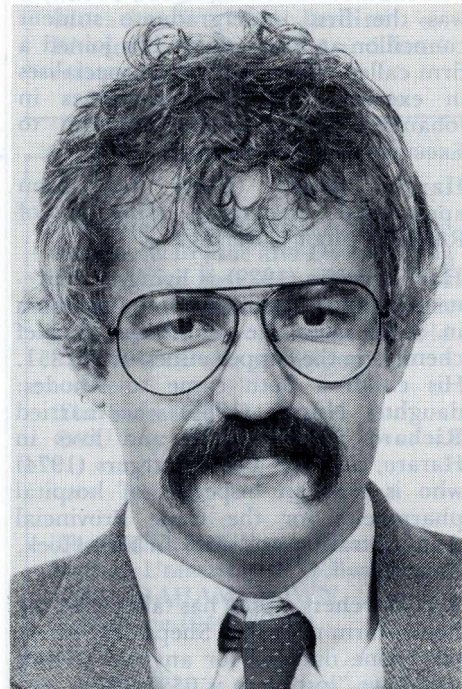
On his return he was appointed lecturer in the Department of International Relations at the University of the Witwatersrand, a post he held until 1981. During this time he received the University of the Witwatersrand Council Award for the Humanities.

In 1980 he spent time in the United States of America as part of the United States - South Africa Leader Exchange Programme (USSALEP).

In 1981 he became Director of Research for the South African Institute of International Affairs, where he has been responsible for overseeing and developing the Institute's research programme, editing material submitted to the Institute for publication and servicing the Institute's corporate members.

Dr Vale has lectured in Australia, New Zealand, the United States of America

and Britain and has published widely in a number of journals. He is preparing two books, one based on his Ph D thesis, and is editing a further book for publication in the near future.



Old Rhodian News

Alison Anderson (Gibbon 1955) has moved from Harare to join her husband teaching at Capricorn High School in Pietersburg. Alison, who has three children aged 22, 20 and 18, has been Acting Deputy Head of Mount Pleasant High School in Zimbabwe.

Neil Allen (1968) has sold his pharmacy in Pietermaritzburg and he and his wife have moved to London for a year where Neil is going to work with a friend who manufactures chemical analysis equipment. Thereafter, they hope to emigrate to the USA so Neil can open a marketing and service agency for the equipment.

Garmon Ashby (1979) is teaching music at Kingswood College in Grahamstown, where his activities cover class and chapel music as well as training the Kingswood College brass band. Last year while doing his military service he was trainer and conductor of the infantry school brass band in Oudtshoorn. Garmon's father is Bishop of St John's, Transkei.

Doreen Atkinson (1983) is in the USA doing a Master's degree in politics at the University of California in San Francisco.

Dr Ursula Barnett (Gross 1944) has had her second book published. It is entitled "A Vision of Order: A study of Black South African literature in English (1914 - 1980)."

Dr Leonard Belchetz (1930) is living in Buckinghamshire. He and his son, Paul, both have PhD's from Cambridge. His daughter is married with four daughters.

Stephen Blaber (1974) was Associate Professor of Zoology at the University of Natal until March last year when he took up the position of Principal Research Scientist in fisheries research, based at Cronulla, New South Wales, Australia.

Don Black (1960), the proud father of the 1984 Rhodes Rag Queen, Tanya, was the first undergraduate student councillor at Rhodes. He has joined a firm called Execucare which specialises in executive health programmes in Johannesburg. A recent addition to Execucare is **David Angus (1984)**.

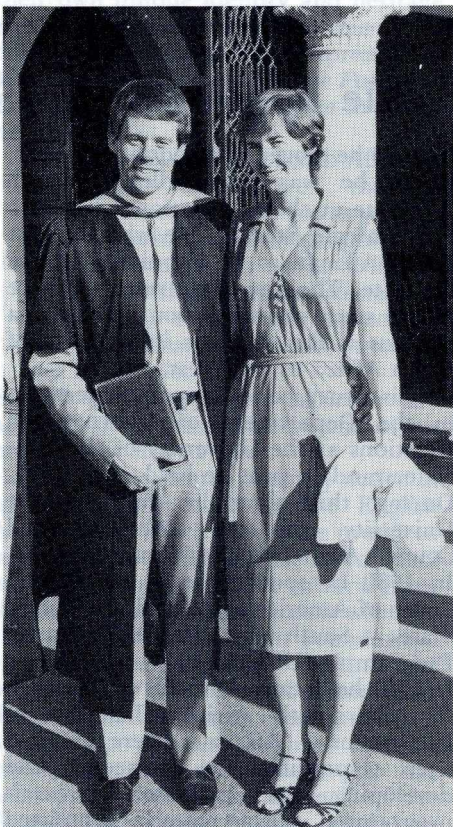
Harold Bruce (1954) has been appointed managing director of Romatex Floor Coverings.

H T Burgers (1929) is living in retirement at the Hogsback. He left Zambia in 1967 where he had been a chief chemist on the copper mines since 1951. His children both came to Rhodes: daughter **Norma (1965)** who married **Richard Biegel (1965)** and lives in Harare, and son **Peter Burgers (1974)** who is now an inspector of hospital pharmacies for the Cape Provincial Administration and lives in Fish Hoek, Cape Town.

R H Borchers (1968) has taken over the family farm near Port Shepstone, where his phone number for any old friends who have "lost" him is 0397-931.



Mr R C Best (1947) Dean of Students for the past eight years, retired at the end of May. He and his wife Margeret are retiring to East London where they have bought a flat in the Kennaway Hotel. They have one son, who lives in the UK.



The Reverend Rod Capon (1979) was photographed at his ordination as a Methodist minister in Bulawayo. He and his wife Cathy (Foden 1980) are stationed in Hwange, Zimbabwe.

Trevor Bush (1947) who is teaching English in Saudi Arabia, plans to return to the Lebanon, having been frustrated by political events. He gives the following account of the village where he lives:

"Yanbu Al Sinaiyah means 'Yanbu, the Industrial'. It is twenty kilometers from the ancient village of Yanbu on the Red Sea coast, a spice and pilgrim port. Our settlement is only five years old and consists of the oil and gas refineries and associated industries at the terminals of the oil and gas pipelines which come from the Gulf side of the country, together with ten villages for those working here, constructed by an American company for the Saudi government. I have a studio flat provided in one of the very modern villages, with literally everything free and no taxes of any kind! A free bus service circulates through the villages three times every hour, clockwise and anticlockwise and there are excellent bus and air services to the city of Jeddah (1 million people) which is 350 km south of us. As the 35 000 population of Yanbu Al Sinaiyah is mainly foreign (American, British, Philippino, Indian etc), the big American International School next door is bigger than we are, but this will change as more nationals come to take the jobs here. Muslim schools are sexually segregated. We have about 200 boys, aged 6 to 18 and I have small classes and teach English to boys aged 7, 10, 12 and 17. All other subjects are taught through the medium of Arabic."

Lewis Callaghan (1960) writes: "I began teaching English and History at Grey High School, Port Elizabeth, and thereafter had a short sojourn at Monterey Preparatory School, Constantia, under the headmastership of the late **John Dervis (1952)**. My last appointment in the Cape Province was at Graeme College, Grahamstown, after which I moved up to Natal. I taught English at the Boys' High School, Westville, then decided to study law. I obtained the LLB degree from Natal University in 1978 and am now a professional assistant with a firm of attorneys, one of the partners of whom is **Adrian Willis King (1961)**. While at Rhodes I represented the first rowing team in 1958 and 1960."

John Callender-Easby (1977) and **Antoinette van Deventer (1978)**, both pharmacists, were married recently in Christiana. Among the guests were several fellow ORS. The best-man, **Gerald Coleman (1976)**, **John (1976)** and **Anne Coburn (Matthews 1977)**, **Patrick (1978)** and **Judy Hofmeyr Baring-Gould (1977)**, **John (1977)** and **Shannon Hallam (Morris 1978)** and **Henton Booysen (1974)** who had just qualified as a MB ChB. Also present was **Rolie Willmore (1976)**, and his wife, **Flick (Joseph 1976)**. A mini-reunion was thus enjoyed by all, and the other wedding guests were treated to

several choruses of "We're Rhodians, we're Rhodians, we're a long way from home.....".

John Catto (1980) is living in Durban and sends his regards to fellow "bungs".

Barbara Charlaft (Levine 1965) is living in Maale Adumin in Israel.

Christine Charlesworth (Thorp 1968) and husband Allen have two children and live in Gillitts, Natal. Christine tells us that **Moira Davenport (Cheyne 1966)** lives in Paris where her husband works for the Pentagon. They have three sons. Christine's brother **Alan Thorp (1964)** is teaching in Bedford, United Kingdom. He is married with four children.

Marianne Collett (1980) who we had been told had returned to South Africa, has in fact been working for a firm of computer consultants in New York. She plans to marry Richard Gopel, and the couple will return to SA later in the year to settle.

Alison Colville-Reeves (McGilliwe 1972) is living in Port Alfred where she and her husband run the Standerwick Plant Nursery. They have two children, a boy and a girl.

Robin Courtenay (1961) has been appointed to the board of Kodak SA.

Nicole Crisp (Murray 1980) writes from Cape Town to say that her husband qualified at UCT as a doctor and did his housemanship at the Military Hospital in Wynberg. He has been posted to Letaba Hospital near Tzaneen as from the end of June.

Michael Crozier (1971) worked for the Zimbabwe Ministry of Internal Affairs until emigrating to Australia in 1980. He now works for the Commonwealth Government Department of Defence in Sydney. He and his wife, June, intend doing a lot of travelling in the near future.

David Curtis (1978) is teaching business economics at Wits. He received his M Ed degree last December.

P J Entwhistle (1953) has been appointed Assistant General Manager of Lloyds Bank, London as from the beginning of this year.

Dr Richard Fayrer-Hosken (1975) went to Pretoria when he left Rhodes and obtained a degree in veterinary science in 1981. He practised in Zimbabwe and in Florida, USA before joining the veterinary faculty at the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia, where he is engaged in a PhD programme.

Pauline Fairall (Bond 1937) has been working at Kirstenbosch in Cape Town, but returned to Australia in May.

Gus Ferguson (1965) has taken over from Sandra van der Merwe in Barclays' marketing area, renamed Barmark. Gus says "We aim to be a one-stop marketing and training consultancy and will special-



(left to right) Prof Malvern van Wyk Smith (Guest-of-honour), Prof Roy Muller, Mrs E Creighton, Mr S J Creighton.

Bloemfontein Old Rhodian Union Dinner

Thirty seven OR's gathered at The Buttery at the Bloemfontein Club on Friday 16 September last year at the annual get-together of the Bloemfontein branch of the Old Rhodian Union. Guest-of-honour Professor Malvern van Wyk Smith

entertainingly put the gathering in touch with changes and developments at Rhodes and an enjoyable evening was had by all. Mr and Mrs Ian Paterson were appointed Chairman and Secretary of the Bloemfontein branch for 1984.

ize in problem-solving". After leaving Rhodes, Gus joined Volkswagen where he became personnel manager. In 1972 he joined Rhobrew as a general manager, and on returning to South Africa in 1978, he became a general manager of Hays Management Consultants, where he has been consulting for Barclays for four years.

Dorita Field (Wilson 1942) has left her post as Director of Community Services in Belfast, and is now working in a volunteer capacity as Director of the Catholic Commission for Justice and Peace in Zimbabwe.

Anthony Ford (1966) is teaching scripture at Bergvliet High. He previously taught history at Churchill Boys High in Zimbabwe and Cambridge High in East London.

D A Garard (1978) is teaching at Jeppe Boys High in Johannesburg. He lives in Belgravia.

Roy Gathorne (1941) has just retired after 30 years of teaching at Michaelhouse, where he had been senior master since 1965.

Dr Vic Gatrell (1961) is a Fellow and Tutor of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, and a University lecturer in Modern British Economic and Social History, specializing particularly in the social history of nineteenth-century law and law-enforcement. He married in 1971 and has two children.

Desmond Gilbert (1952) has lived in Potgietersrus for 50 years and will retire shortly to the Natal South Coast. He married **Patricia (Workman 1953)** and their two sons are both Rhodes graduates, **Donald (1981)** and **Owen**

(1982) who passed his CA finals last August.

Anthony Granger (1979) is still a legal adviser at the Old Mutual in Cape Town. He and his wife returned recently from Austria where Anthony attended a convention. They are spending June/July in the UK.

Dorian Haarhof (1964) is now a senior lecturer at the Academy of Tertiary Education in Windhoek where he is working towards a D Phil on the frontier theme in southern African literature. Dorian, who was a history major under Professor Winifred Maxwell, wrote the following poem when he heard of her recent death (Rhodes Review 1984):

Terminus Steam

*Flying Scotsman, iron maiden
puffing away across campus
through the lecturing landscape of
history with its frontier settlements
from Versailles to Transkei
Charlemagne to Chaka,
its monasteries and laagers,
sun kings and cattle killings.
You have arrived at this station
and let off terminus steam.
Your brilliant furnaced mind
ahead of time, raced on its own track
pistoning past booms of prejudice,
rocketing through small law points
and signals that flashed warning,
steaming through school-text sidings
with water-tight towers of thought,
spitting sparks at us
clattering and shaking in your
whistling wake.*

Susan Gower (Lipworth 1979) and husband **Cully (1976)** have been living in Sydney for four years and have a baby son. Susan reports on other OR'S they have met : **Peter Bendelstein (1975)** and his wife, Gail, and **Gillian Hatt (Yeates 1978)** who is also married and working as a librarian for the Catholic College of Education. Her first baby was born in March.

Professor T F W Harris (1938) is now Visiting Professor in Physical Oceanography at the University of Auckland, New Zealand.

Bill Holderness (1974) is back at the University of Bophuthatswana in Mmabatho after eight months study leave at London University. While there he and his wife Rosalind and two daughters spent time with **George Harcourt-Vernon (1964)**, **Felix (1973)** and **Kathleen Kelly, Peter and Heather Brand (both 1973)** and **Sheena Stewart (Vaughan 1970)**

Audrey Kloppers (Hermans 1947) was a high school teacher for 15 years before becoming a pastel portrait painter. She has two grown-up children. Audrey was widowed in 1982, and is now studying again, doing a B Sc at the University of Zimbabwe in Harare.

Alan Lamb (1974) owned his own retail pharmacy in Witbank until 1979 when he went to Wits Medical School. He qualified as a doctor at the end of last year and is doing his internship at Baragwanath Hospital near Johannesburg.

Sue Law (1978) taught at Tamboerskloof Primary School for two years after leaving Rhodes. She then spent six months working at the Hout Bay Hotel before going back to teaching — this time at a convent for deaf coloured children, the Dominican School for the Deaf. At present, Sue is on holiday in Europe.

Erica Lemmer (1980) is working in Pretoria as secretary/personal assistant to the chairman of MIM, a publishing company. She has recently completed a Psychology Honours degree part-time through the University of Pretoria.

Vincent Leszek (1978) is currently doing a PhD in botany at the University of Natal (Pietermaritzburg). He and his wife **Muriel (Frank 1978)** have a small son, and would love to hear from old friends. Their address is 78 Charles Barter Road, The Grange, Pietermaritzburg.

Charles Martin writes from Mt Eliza, Victoria, Australia that an OR reunion was organized by **Peter Dunning (1951)** at the home of **Neville King (1963)**. Present, among others, were **Mike Hanley (1949)** and **Glynn Isaac** with his wife **Frances (1929)** and son **Reese** who is a Pulitzer prizewinner.

Graham Miller (1963) and his wife, **Elizabeth (Dummett 1963)** are living in Australia. Graham writes :

"Having practised geology in many parts of the world including Namibia, Zambia, Australia, Papua/New Guinea, Fiji, Thailand and Iran with Getty Oil and other corporaten organizations

specialising in uranium and gold, we are now domiciled in Mudjee, a beautiful rural town in a well-known wine growing area within the foothills of the Blue Mountains — I practise as a geological consultant in Australasia, and travel extensively overseas. Our two daughters are now adult, the eldest at university in Sydney and the youngest at boarding school and nearing matric".

Rex Moys (1938) is living in Kokstad, having retired after a long career in Black education. Rex was teaching at Healdtown until becoming a meteorological officer in the SAAF during the war. In 1945 he returned to teaching at the Frank de Villiers Training School for in-service refresher courses. He was promoted to the Inspectorate in 1960, serving in Butterworth, Krugersdorp and Soweto.

Vincent Murphy (1961) has three generations of Rhodians in his family : his mother-in-law, **Lillian Craig (1929)**, he and his wife, **Margaret (Blackie 1961)** and now their son **Robert** who is studying for a B'Com. The Murphys live in Harare.

Diane Murray (Stock 1966) qualified for the Certificate in Education at the University of Manchester in 1968. She taught at Kitwe Boys High in Zambia before joining the Rhodeana Corporation in the Education and Training department. Diane emigrated to SA in 1976 and married the following year. She is now in the Education and Development Unit at Anglo.



Dulcie Ribbink, daughter of the famous Sir George Cory, first professor of chemistry at Rhodes, sent us this photograph, taken earlier in the year in Founders Hall. Beneath the portrait of Sir George are (left to right): **Paul Teeton**, a first year student this year, his mother **Joan Cory Teeton (Ribbink 1953)** and grandmother **Dulcie (1921)**.

Terence McCarthy (1967) has been appointed first professor of pharmacy at the University of Port Elizabeth.

Alan McCulloch (1980) is now working in the Antarctic policy section of the Australian Dept of Science and Technology in Western Creek, Australia.

R M Palmer-Owen (Marshall 1944) has returned to the fold and is working in the Rhodes Library.

John Pitt (1928) is retired and living in Wootton by Woodstock, near Oxford. John first went to Oxford as a Rhodesian Rhodes Scholar in 1929, where he studied forestry. He joined the Colonial forest service in Tanganyika in 1933, where he remained, apart from his wartime military service, until 1950, when he was posted to Gambia, Sierra Leone, Brazil and eventually back to Oxford where he lectured in the forestry department at the University for 15 years. In 1975 he retired and took over the editor and secretaryship of the Commonwealth Forestry Association. He married in 1939 and has two sons and four grandsons.

Roger Price (1961) gave up pharmacy in 1967 to found the radio paging industry in SA. He emigrated to Sydney, Australia in 1981 where he is a consultant to the largest Radio Common Carrier in Australia.

Elizabeth Pugh (1974) worked in the UCT libraries for 8 years while obtaining a BA and a higher diploma in Library Science through UNISA. She now works at the Cape Town City Library.

John Reid (1960) is living in Swakopmund where he is employed by Rossing Uranium in geology and mine engineering. He is married to **Marie (Benyon 1965)** who has held several successful art exhibitions in SWA / Namibia.

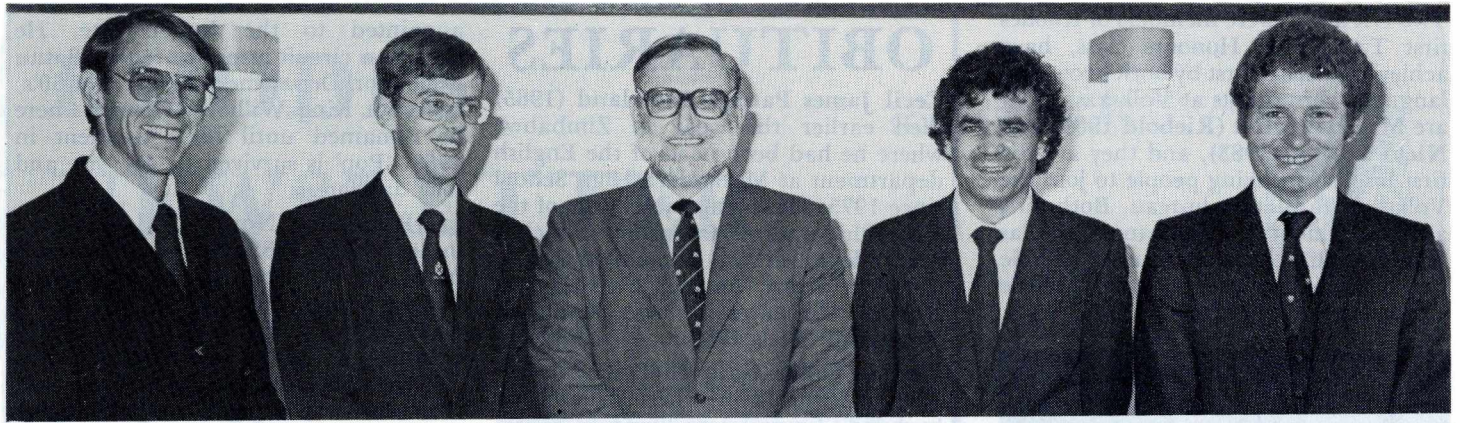
John Robertson (1976) is teaching at Christian Brothers College in Kimberley.

Geoff Smith (1966) and his wife **Felicity (Whitcher 1970)** are living in Centrahill, Port Elizabeth. Geoff also sends news of his brother, Ian, and sister, Felicity, both of whom, like himself, graduated from Rhodes with BMus degrees. Can this be a record? **Felicity (1972)** is now Mrs Lolliot, and lives in Stellenbosch. **Ian (1977)** lives in Durban and plays in the Natal Philharmonic Orchestra. Another coincidence for the Smiths — their aunt **Madeleine Curle (Clark 1935)** was head of St Mary's Hall while at Rhodes, and so was Geoff's wife Felicity in her day.

Tony Solms (1978) is the Methodist minister in Barberton. He is married to **Lynette (Odendaal 1978)** and they have two daughters.

Peter Storey (1959) has just been elected President-Elect of the Methodist Church of southern Africa, and is still minister of the Central Methodist Church in Johannesburg.

The Academic Support Services of the University of Natal (Durban) has an OR at the helm. He is **Peter Silva (1973)**.



The Department of Economics and Economic History at Rhodes produced four new doctors this year. At a post graduation lunch held in their honour in the Rhodes Club were (L to R): Professor Geoff Antrobus, Head of the Department of Agricultural Economics, Fort Hare University; Dr Gavin Keeton, who will be working for the Development Bank of Southern Africa in Johannesburg; Professor Mike Truu, Department of Economics, Vista University, Port Elizabeth, formerly Head of Department of Economics & Economic History, Rhodes University, who supervised the four doctoral students; Dr Chris Torr, Department of Economics, University of Natal (Pietermaritzburg); and Dr Joe Wallis, Lecturer, Department of Economics & Economic History, Rhodes University.

Peter who lectured in both divinity and education at Rhodes, is responsible for the overall organization and future planning of academic support at the University of Natal. He was joined this year by **Cathy Damerell (1976 and 1983)**, formerly with the Rhodes Liaison Office in Johannesburg, who completed her Honours degree in English-second-language at Rhodes last year. Senior tutor on the programme is **Tony Bijker** who has tutored at Rhodes and lectured at Zululand and UNISA.

Robert V Taylor (1980) was ordained as a priest in the Church of St Luke in the Fields, New York City at the end of last year.

John Thacker (1965) received his B Vet Sc from the University of Pretoria in 1970 and is now in private practice in East London.

Clifford Thurtell (1974) writes from Canada to say that after seven years with the Natal Provincial Administration working as a computer programmer, he emigrated to Canada where he is employed in Vancouver as a systems analyst with a forestry company. He intends to spend next year travelling around the world.

Chris Thomas (1983) is teaching at Queen's College in Queenstown.

Todd Clan Gathering

For the first time in twelve years the four Todd brothers and their families got together for one week over Christmas. The venue was Kingswood College, Grahamstown where **Gordon (1953)** is headmaster. He and his wife **Biff (Birrell 1953)** were the hosts. Both their daughters and their husbands were also present — **Jenny (1977)** and **Geoff Cowan (1977)**, and **Gill (1975)** and **Jon Forder (1972)** with their young baby, David. **Alistair (1954)** came out from Australia with his wife, Joy, and both children, Grant and Sharon. Alistair is headmaster of the Scots School in Albury, New South Wales. **Neil (1956)** who is still a housemaster at Plumtree School in Zimbabwe was also there with his wife, Sue, and two sons, Andrew and Ian and one daughter Alison and her

husband, Brian Ashburner. **Ronnie (1962)**, now headmaster of St Charles College, Pietermaritzburg, completed the family gathering with his wife, Pat and three daughters, Lisa, Carla and Ashleigh.

John (1963) and **Wilma (Theron 1964) Tindall**, after 10 years with the Audio-visual section of the Cape Education Department have moved to Bophuthatswana where John is joining the Agricultural Development Corporation of Bophuthatswana (Agricor). He is to design and equip a video studio; find and train staff for it and then make video tapes which Agricor can use as an extra aid in their training of farmers.

Brian Trinder (1982) is working as a pharmacist at King Edward VIII hospital in Durban.



Miss Viola Thwaits ... dedicated teacher for nearly half a century.

Viola Thwaits (1940) retired recently as headmistress of Oriel Girls' School in Harare. Her teaching career has spanned 42 years, 23 of which have been spent at Oriel. She took charge of the school when it opened in 1961, and steered it through the post-independence transition. Many former OR pupils will remember her with affection and respect.

H O (Pete) van Rooyen (1964) is a professor in the Department of Computer Science and Information Systems at

Unisa. He has two daughters. His father **B van Rooyen (1934)** died in December 1982 in Mossel Bay where he and his wife were living.

Mary Vaughan (1937) won the R200 prize in the English Association's 1983 short story competition. Her first novel, "Myitso" was based on her experience in Ghana, where she and her husband, Harry Roebuck lived for a time. Harry is an engineer and his work has taken them to many fascinating parts of the world. One of Mary's radio plays was chosen by the SABC to represent South Africa at the Prix Italia in Lecce, Italy.

Robert Weatherdon (1968) was recently appointed Principal of Fairbairn High School in Goodwood, Cape Town. He was previously Principal of Oude Molen High School in Pinelands.

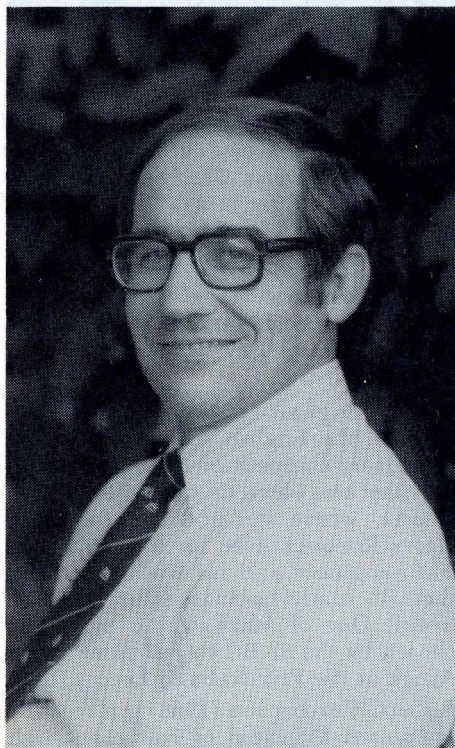
Ann Williams (1974) was nominated for The Star's Tonight! award in February. Ann trained as a TV producer with Ken Kirsten and in addition to being involved in production and presentation, has also been a continuity announcer since the inception of TV, having joined the SABC direct from Rhodes.

John Wilson (1975) returned last year from a three and a half year stay in the USA, living in San Francisco, Palm Springs and Los Angeles. While in the States, John obtained an MBA from Golden Gate University. John, his wife Gail and their two sons live in Sandton where John works at the Barclays Centre for Management Studies.

A G Woodford (1980) has returned from Cambridge University after graduating with a Master of Philosophy. He is a temporary lecturer in International Relations at Wits while studying towards a PhD in constitutional reform within South Africa.

Isobel Wrench (Scott 1957) lives in Zimbabwe where her husband is a tobacco farmer at Norton and president of the Zimbabwe Tobacco Association. They have two daughters and an adopted son **Neil Scott Marlborough** who graduated at Rhodes last year and is currently studying for his LLB.

Two OR'S who were members of Rhodes first Translation Honours class, have achieved another first by both becoming language consultants at Volkskas. They are **Martine Elliot (Riebold 1983)** and **Nicki Forster (1983)**, and they are the first English speaking people to join the Volkskas translation bureau. Both girls are also fluent in German. Volkskas regards their appointments as a valuable step in the bank's increasing share of the English speaking market.



Dr R Wood

Dr Richard Wood (1964) is the author of a magnum opus entitled "The Welensky Papers". Sir Roy described the publication in a letter last November to East London columnist, The Chiel :

"Valerie and I went to London last Wednesday, when Harry Oppenheimer (The Sir Ernest Oppenheimer Trust sponsored the research for, and the publication of the book) presented me with the number one copy of the special edition. It's a magnificent production in keeping with the quality of all the things that have been turned out by the Ernest Oppenheimer Trust, but what has really surprised me is the quality that Richard Wood has shown as a historian. Of course the book will contain a great deal of boring material about constitutional arguments that will only interest the historian or the critic, but in fact this man has written a very readable book. How he strung together the story is his own secret, but I personally do believe that he has the makings of a first-class historian. I shall be very interested to see what the reaction is in this part of the world. HO in his remarks at lunch made it very clear how much he had been impressed by the book; and from what I have known of him down the years, I think I can say without fear or favour that he is not inclined to butter people up".

OBITUARIES

Cecil James Patrick Buckland (1965) died earlier this year in Zimbabwe where he had been head of the English department at Marandera High School since 1975. He was also in charge of the Rifle Club and of Hampshire Hostel at Marandera. He was a member of the shooting team during his days at Rhodes. He leaves his wife, **Mrs S M Buckland (Eells 1968)**.

Eleanor Craig (Gane 1941) died in July 1983 in Stutterheim, where she and her husband, Jimmy were living in retirement. Eleanor served in the SAAF during the war and it was in Pretoria that she met her husband, a sergeant in the RAF. They were married in 1944. After the war, Eleanor and Jimmy emigrated to Zambia where their six daughters were born. The family grew up in Port Elizabeth; and Eleanor taught at Collegiate and at Theodore Hertzl. While in retirement she continued to teach, this time coaching Black teachers in biology.

Miss Joan Daves (1933) who was head of the Archives in Cape Town for many years, died in Cape Town in January.

Anne Szendrei (Cunningham 1941), survived by husband **Mike Szendrei (1947)** and a son and daughter.

Errol Hort (1958), a senior English teacher at Dale College in King William's Town, collapsed and died in the classroom in May this year. Errol was a well-known figure in drama productions, including Gilbert and Sullivan, during his student days, and had continued this interest during the whole of his long teaching career at Dale.

Charles Herrison, formerly Professor of French at Rhodes, died suddenly at his home in Cannes, South of France, in October 1983. He retired from a Canadian University and went to live in Cannes some six years ago.

Sue Lippstreu (Puth 1946) died in Port Elizabeth in March. Sue had a long history of heart trouble, which did not however curtail her many interests. She leaves her husband **Rolf (1944)**, two sons and five grandchildren.

In our last issue we stated in her obituary that **Phoebe (Hendrickz) Meyer** had served under Professor Morton in the Education Department. We have since learnt that in fact she served in Afrikaans/Nederlands under Professors Dingemans, Louw and Antonissen.

Wilfred (W A M) Mollatt (1939) died in December 1983. He retired from the Ministry of Education in Zimbabwe as Chief Inspector of Schools.

Alan 'Pop' Lister (1925), one of the E Cape's best known educationalists, died in East London. Alan Lister spent 14 years teaching at Graeme College (1928-42) during which time he married Evelyn Johnson. In 1943 he was appointed headmaster of Selborne Primary, where he remained for ten years, until he was

appointed to the Inspectorate. He became a circuit inspector for the Bantu Education Department in the mid-50's, based in King William's Town, where he remained until his retirement in 1969. 'Pop' is survived by his wife and four daughters.

Ian Peter 'Pip' Norval died in Harare in September 1983. Ian was at Rhodes from 1929-32, when he was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship. He was awarded a Commonwealth Fellowship in 1936. He became a plant pathologist with Tobacco Research in Zimbabwe, and after the war he and his wife Irene bought a tobacco and maize farm where they lived until Ian's retirement six years ago. The couple had four children, a son and three daughters.

Dr John (J D) Peter (1943) died in August last year in Victoria BC, where he was Professor of English at the University of Victoria. John was born in Queenstown and graduated with a BA LLB at Rhodes. He received his BA and MA at Cambridge before moving to Canada in 1950. He was a highly regarded scholar, the author of books of criticism and a regular contributor of critical essays to books and periodicals. His first novel "Along that Coast" won the Doubleday Canadian Novel Prize. He has since had three more published. John married **Barbara (Girdwood 1944)** and the couple had five children.

Julian Place (1957) died in January after a long illness. Julian was in partnership with a Grahamstown firm of attorneys, and was active in many community projects such as the Albany Sports Complex. He was a past Chairman of the Grahamstown Round Table and of the Grahamstown Freshwater Angling Club. He leaves his wife, **Lynn (1974)**, daughter **Susan (1979)** who married last year, and a son. His other daughter, Jane was killed in a car accident shortly before her father's death.

Hannetjie Rivett-Carnac (Steyn 1938) wife of the late Teddy Rivett-Carnac, survived by two sons and a daughter.

Lorna Slater (1929) died in June last year when she was run over in Port Elizabeth while returning from visiting a friend in hospital. After qualifying at Rhodes, Miss Slater taught for four years, when poor eyesight made her leave the profession. In 1943 she joined the Social Services Association (later the National Institute for Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of Offenders) as its director. In 1956 she was appointed National Director of the Institute at its head office in Durban. For the next 15 years her life was dedicated to NICRO, where her clear-mindedness, insight and sheer hard work made the organization well-known and respected throughout the country. In 1970, she retired to Port Elizabeth where she involved herself in mental health and later in writing a book, "The Story of Sidbury". She had almost completed her second book "The Story of Alicedale" when she died at the age of 74.