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90 years on – Rhodes marks the event

Rhodes celebrates its 90th birthday this year and the weekend Saturday 10 to Monday 12 September will see many activities designed to mark the occasion.

On the Saturday evening there will be a "Founders' Ball" for alumni and staff. It will probably be held in Kimberley Hall and, we hope, will be a grand affair. Arrangements are being made for a very special meal that will include our own labelled wine, a band that will play "our" kind of music (guests will be asked to nominate their favourite tunes beforehand) and a cabaret. The charge will be R 100,00 per couple.

To book tickets for the Ball, please contact Jenny Purdon, Public Relations Officer, at tel: (0461) 31 8516; or by fax to (0461) 31 1902; or on e-mail at adjp@kudu.ru.ac.za. Jenny will also be pleased to answer any queries you may have about the weekend.

Alumni who live away from Grahamstown and would like to stay in residence for a nostalgic weekend are most welcome to do so. They will be accommodated in Oriel House (single rooms, of course) at a rate of R 60,00 per night, bed and breakfast or R 85,00 per night, dinner included.

For accommodation reservations, please contact Lesley Lowry, Residence Officer, at (0461) 31 8138.

On Founders' Day itself – Monday 12 September – there will be a series of events on campus.

The Council meeting for September will be held in the morning. Many VIPs, past and current donors, and other supporters of the University will fly in to

Grahamstown for the day. In the morning they will be taken on a tour of the campus and will view the University's new documentary and fund-raising films. During a celebratory lunch in the Mother Cecile Memorial Hall on St Peter's Campus, guests will be put in the picture about the University's plans to build a new library complex at Eden Grove and the Vice-Chancellor will officially launch the Rhodes Centenary Fund. Arrangements will be made for alumni and staff to view the documentary film in the Arts Major lecture theatre.

At 15h00, the University community and guests will gather for a special service in the Chapel of St Mary and all the Angels (frequently referred to as the Rhodes Chapel), on St Peter's Campus. This will commemorate Rhodes' 90 years of service to the peoples of South Africa; pay tribute to the vision and tenacity of Rhodes' founders; remember all Rhodians who lost their lives fighting for their beliefs; and honour those who stood up for academic freedom in the dark days of apartheid. Prayers will be said for the continuing development of Rhodes in its task of meeting the needs of the new South Africa. The day will end with a garden party on St Peter's Lawns.

For catering purposes, Jenny Purdon would like to know as soon as possible which alumni intend to join us for the garden party.

At 17h00, after the garden party, Convocation and the Old Rhodian Union will hold their AGMs at a venue on St Peter's Campus. Two exciting projects which will do much to enhance awareness of



Professor Guy Butler (right) was one of five people who was awarded Honorary Degrees by Rhodes during the graduation ceremonies held in April and May. See pages 5 - 8 inside.

Rhodes among its various publics are tied to the University's 90th birthday.

Survey and films to be produced

They are a supplement to be published by the *Financial Mail* on 15 September and two films to be used in different ways to convey positive information about Rhodes.

The survey in the *Financial Mail* will be published during the week of Founders' Day. The *Financial Mail's* own staff will write the survey and take pictures. Its size will depend upon the advertising support obtained.

One of the films will be about 12 minutes long and is intended specifically for fund-raising. It will outline the important role played by Rhodes in education and social upliftment, and will explain the

University's need for funds.

The second film will be a 30-minute documentary on Rhodes over the past 90 years. It will be a rather nostalgic look at the University, of special interest to alumni and staff. Both films are being produced by Chroma Productions of Johannesburg. The director, Rob Purdy, is an Old Rhodian. The cost of producing the films is being met by the Governors.

NNTV have already agreed in writing to flight the film during our birthday week. Those of us who live in Grahamstown are hoping that our television sets will be able to receive that programme by then!

The video will be made available for screening at Old Rhodian reunions in South Africa and overseas. Generally in PAL format, the film will be transferred to NTSC for use in North America.

Film is memento

Rhodes' birthday film will be on sale from 12 September 1994. It views the University from both an historical and contemporary viewpoint, with comments from students, graduates, staff and others connected with Rhodes. It also outlines the role the University is playing in the reconstruction and development of South Africa.

Costs, per copy, are as follows:

In PAL format (inc VAT)	R 50
In NTSC format	R 100
Add, for packaging and postage:	
Anywhere in South Africa	R 3
Anywhere, by surface mail	R 5
By airmail	
to neighbouring countries	R 19
to UK and Europe	R 25
to North America	R 30
to Australia	R 35

When ordering, please state format required. Cheques should be payable to "Rhodes University - Video". Orders should be sent to Mrs Jenny Purdon, Public Relations Officer, Rhodes University, 6140 Grahamstown.

Rhodes Centenary Fund aims for new library complex

To coincide with its 90th anniversary, the University will launch the Rhodes Centenary Fund on Founders' Day 1994. Its objective is to raise a large sum of money over the next ten years, for the establishment of a new complex to house library, lecture hall and conference facilities. "This represents the most significant single capital project on the Rhodes campus for many years", says the Vice-Principal, Dr Michael Smout. The objective is to complete the complex in time for our 100th anniversary in the year 2004, when the buildings will be officially opened.

The complex will be erected on the Eden Grove site purchased recently from the Provincial Administration. This piece of land joins together the current main campus with that of St Peter's so that, when developed, it will redefine the central hub of the University. The project will be built in three or four phases. The agreement for the sale of the land, which was signed by Rhodes, the State

and the National English Literary Museum, stipulates that provision be made for new premises to be rented by NELM.

The first phase must be commenced within four years and it is envisaged that NELM and the Cory Library for Historical Research will be the first to move their collections to the new complex. Climatic and security controls will include humidity and fire regulators, fumigation capabilities and facilities for limiting access to authorised people. Such measures are sorely needed for the many irreplaceable items in the Cory and NELM collections.

Space will then be provided for the libraries of the Law and Education departments. The libraries of Music and Divinity will probably follow, greatly enhancing the quality of teaching and research in these disciplines. "This could form the nucleus of a library facility dedicated to the Humanities", says Dr Smout.

Such a move would free much-needed space in the existing central library, which will continue as the main facility for the faculties of Science and Commerce.

The provision of a new and technologically up-to-date teaching facility and conference venue is presently being evaluated. It would include the most up-to-date teaching aids and facilities for simultaneous translation. Rear-projection equipment and sophisticated video and audio-visual aids would permit lighting conditions in which students or delegates could take notes during illustrated lectures. A spin-off would be the potential of hiring out the venue during slack academic periods.

The Centenary Fund will be formally launched by the Vice-Chancellor on 12 September. At that stage a special brochure will be available providing further details of the projected buildings and their applications. A firm of architects has been commissioned to

provide input on the initial concept and some tentative artist's impressions. The architects finally chosen for the project will face new and unusual challenges since the complex will have to blend harmoniously with the different styles of its immediate neighbours: the Baker-designed administrative buildings, the St Peter's Building, itself beautifully restored a few years ago, and the Albany History Museum. The complex will be the most visible first impression to anyone entering the campus from Lucas Avenue. Says Dr Smout: "The four faculties on each side of Lucas Avenue will be effectively drawn towards each other by what will be the new centre point of Rhodes".

The financial resource needed to accomplish the desired result will be massive. Hence the decision to launch an appeal for funds a full ten years before our centenary. "We shall need every bit of that period for fund-raising", says Dr Smout.

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"The project is also a fitting way in which to celebrate our 90th birthday", he adds. "While not perhaps as emotive as a half- or full-centenary, it is, nevertheless, an important milestone."

Every donation, whether large or small, personal or corporate, bequest, pledge or legacy, will be gratefully received. Old Rhodians throughout the world are asked to assist where they can in spreading the word. Our graduates have traditionally won influence out of all proportion to their relatively small numbers and will exert this in large measure, we hope, to the benefit of their *alma mater*.

The next issue of the Newsletter will incorporate the leaflet mentioned earlier. It will provide fuller details on the planned complex and outline the many different ways in which the University community can assist the Centenary Fund. It will also give information about the account to which monies should be sent.

The U K Old Rhodian Bursary Fund

Old Rhodians in Britain continue to support Rhodes through the United Kingdom Old Rhodian Bursary Fund, donating £ 500 again in 1993.

This year's fund-raising efforts will be centred on just one gathering – a reunion-cum-braaivleis in September.

The organising committee plan a number of attractions for ORs of all ages, their families and friends. This is an opportunity to get to know other ORs living in the UK, meet Dr Michael Smout, Rhodes' Vice-Principal, and Mrs Anne Smout, and to enjoy good

food in relaxed country surroundings. Family and friends are welcome!

Wors, sosaties and SA wines will be plentiful and advance orders

will be taken from those who want to take some home. Details are obtainable from Murray Graham on 081 574 2197 or at 27 Dormers Wells Lane, Southall, Middlesex UB1 3HX. Remember to give him your address and telephone number.

Donations to the Bursary Fund should be by cheque, payable to the treasurer.



This photograph (left) of the 1970 2nd Soccer Team was sent in by Rob Jones (1970). It shows: top row, from left: Rudi ?, Gary Isenberg (1970), a Theology student, Nick Siopis (1968), Jannie Mans (1968), Jimmy Anderson (1969), Geoff Burton (1969) and, in the front row, from left: A Theology student, Peter Kester (1970), Udo Kannegiesser (1970), Rob Jones and Anthony Carr (1972). Anthony was killed in action during the Rhodesian war.

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Graham's Town Series

The Graham's Town series was created by professors Guy Butler and Winnie Maxwell as an avenue for the publication of diaries, collections of letters and other

material relating to Eastern Cape personalities in the nineteenth century.

This special offer gives you the chance to acquire a beautifully

bound and presented set of seven volumes of our history. (Unfortunately, volume 6 was published without a dust cover). Proceeds from the sale of sets will go towards the cost of future volumes of the Series. The Series is available from the Grahamstown Publicity Association, 63 High Street, 6140, Grahamstown (see page 12).

Titles offered are:

- Vol 1 *The Journal of John Ayliff* 1821 - 1830 (Edited by Peter Hinchliff).
- Vol 2 *The Journal of William Shaw* (Edited by W D Hammond-Tooke).
- Vol 3 *The Journals of Sophia Pigot* (Edited by Margaret Rainier).
- Vol 4 *The Reminiscences of Thomas Stubbs* (Edited by W A Maxwell and R T McGeogh).
- Vol 5 *The Reminiscences of Richard Paver* (Edited by A H Duminy with L J G Adcock).
- Vol 6 *The Reminiscences of John Montgomery* (Edited by A Giffard).
- Vol 7 *The Journal and Selected Writing of Tiyo Soga* (Edited by Donovan Williams).



The Chapman Gold Bursary was won this year by Martin Donnelly, photographed here with Mrs Jean Chapman (left).

Reunions in 1994

Bloemfontein

Wednesday 7 September at 7pm

St Andrew's School, Kellner Street, opp. Hydromed Hospital

Contact: Roy Gordon (1960)
Telephone: 300 436(h); 477 831(w)

Cape Town

Friday 9 September at 5.30pm

The Sandenburgh, Cape Technikon, Keisergracht Street.

Contact: Dr David Hart (1974)
Telephone 215 420(w); 448 1006(h)

Durban

Friday 16 September at 6.30 for 7pm

Scully Hall, University of Natal Club, Francois Road, Glenmore

Contact: Mike Barker (1952)
Telephone: 466 1632 (h)

Contact: Bert Wicks (1966)
Telephone: 23 5193 (h)

All Pietermaritzburg ORs are invited to attend this reunion

East London

Thursday 8 September at 5.30pm

Rhodes University EL Division, Church Street

Contact: Dr Steve Fourie (1974)
Telephone: 22 539(w)

Johannesburg

Friday 9 September

Kaif Krawl at Wanderer's Club ballroom

Contact: Rose Ridgewell
Telephone: 788 5543(w)
All Pretoria ORs are invited to attend this reunion.

Kimberley

Thursday 8 September at 7 for 7.30pm

Kimberley Club

Contact: Mark Fletcher (1983)
Telephone: 81 3221 (w)

Port Elizabeth

Thursday 8 September at 5.30pm

Walmer Country Club

Contact: Neale Emslie (1978)
Telephone: 504 7911(w) after 11.30am

United Kingdom

10 September

Braai at: St John's Lodge, Church Street, Crowthorne

Contact: Murray Graham (1943)
Telephone: 574 2197

Address: 27 Dormers Wells Lane, Southall, Middlesex, UB1 3HX, England

Zimbabwe

Bulawayo

Saturday 10 September

Contact: Raymond Louw (1974)
Telephone: 63 567

Harare

Monday 12 September

Contact: Kim Wadman (1989)
Telephone: 727 308/9(w)

Mutare

Tuesday 13 September

Contact: Jean-Ann Carroll (Palmer 1951)
Telephone: 60945



Seen at the Brisbane reunion held on Saturday 5 March 1994 are, from left, Ray Thompson (1958), Bernard Barron (1949), Graham Miller (1960) and Angus Holland (Staff 1969 - 1988)

Braai in America

The Rhodes Charitable Trust sponsored a South African barbecue dinner on 23 October 1993 in Newton, close to Boston, Massachusetts. About 30 people attended, from Rhodes and Natal and friends. People came from New York City, Connecticut, Pittsburgh (Pennsylvania) and from many parts of Massachusetts to enjoy a traditional South African braaivleis and good company. The authentic delicious boerewors and biltong were donated by Trekker Foods (Portage, Michigan), while the fine South African wines were donated by M S Walker, wine importers, of Somerville, Massachusetts. **Helena Champion (Meeuwissen**

1971) made the sosaties and chicken curry to much acclaim.

Tim Champion gave a very interesting talk on the outlook in South Africa.

The conversations were animated. Snippets covered the whole gamut, from residence life in the 60s and 70s to working in Iran in the 70s, to business life in the 90s. The evening was a great success and all present voted to hold the dinner annually. If you would like to assist in the organisation please contact Helena Champion, P O Box 412, Beverly, MA 01915, USA for details. Dinners are also being planned for the Pittsburg and Bloomington, Illinois areas.

1920s

Robert D'Arcy (1926) has moved to England to be near his daughter, **Patricia Porter (D'Arcy 1954)**. His son, **Robert D'Arcy (1958)**, recently clocked up 7 000 flying hours in the RAF. Robert (senior) remembers Grahamstown when *Grocott's Mail* cost two pence and when the seats in the two front rows of the cinema cost seven pence. **A B Theunissen (1928)** writes from Johannesburg to tell us that he was the Managing Director of Volkswagen in the 1960s. One of his daughters, **Marion Hofmeyr (Theunissen 1963)**, was recently ordained as an Anglican priest and the other, **Gillian Horsley (Maskell 1967)**, was National Director of NEST (New Era Schools Trust) with schools in Johannesburg, Tongaat and Cape Town. Gillian moved to Atlanta, Georgia in 1991 where she is Associate Director of Exodus, with four campuses in Atlanta.

1930s

Kenneth Fleming (1931) has moved back to Grahamstown after living in Port Alfred and thoroughly enjoys reading the OR news! **Victoria Leyman (Purchase 1937)** writes from Johannesburg to say that she is well and still has most of her faculties although names sometimes elude her! **Albert Niesewand (1937)** and his wife recently retired to a farm outside Tzaneen, having both reached the ripe old age of 80.

involved in an accident when his car was sabotaged. In 1949 they moved to Bombay and then back to Egypt. Their first son, William, was born in 1952 in England. Their second child, Hilary was born in Rhodesia. They spent seven years in Aden where Nicolette taught at the first English school. They lived in Beirut where Nicolette taught at the British Community School until they were thrown out during a revolution, and returned to England where their third child, Malcolm was born. They moved to Bangkok where Nicolette was the principal of the Bangkok British School from 1964 - 1970. In 1970 the family moved to Perth. In 1976 Bill died of cancer. Nicolette taught until 1983 when she retired and travelled around the world. In 1987 she moved to China where she taught oral English in a poor rural area. She returned to Australia in 1988 to write a book. In 1989 she returned to China but left for Australia after the Tiananmen Square massacre. In 1991 she was invited back to China to teach and on her return wrote an epilogue to her *China Books*. She has also written *A Third Helping of Rice* which has not yet been published.

Reginald Rose-Innes (1932) furthered his studies in the USA after leaving Rhodes. He and his wife **Jasmine (Gordon-Forbes 1933)** were married after the war and spent 13 years in Ghana where Reg lectured in Agriculture. They returned to England in 1968 where Jasmine published a book and Reg joined the Overseas Development Administration, based in London. Jasmine also taught art at various London Art Colleges and schools. They have a son and daughter and now live near Brighton in Sussex



Nicolette Quekett with Twink Sharpley during her visit to Rhodes

Mrs Nicolette Quekett (Bodmer 1936) visited Rhodes for the first time in March this year since leaving in 1938. Nicolette said she was overwhelmed by the kindness, hospitality and generosity of all her 'old' school and university pals. Nicolette may well hold the OR record for living in the most countries! After leaving Rhodes she was sent to Kenya by the South African Airforce (WAAFS), later joining BOAC. In 1946 she married John William (Bill) Quekett also in British Airways, in Kenya. During the course of their marriage they have lived in Bagdad, Cairo and Tripoli in Libya where Bill was

where Jasmine paints and exhibits her work.

1940s

John Darbyshire (1949) recently retired after 27 years with the Macaulay Institute for Soil Research, Aberdeen, Scotland. He was head of the department of Microbiology for 12 years. He is kept busy writing scientific papers and editing. He remembers Professors Omer-Cooper, Isaac, Twyman and Eales. **Rese Gibbon (Davies 1944)** has

retired to Cyprus after working on a Kenya tea plantation for 31 years. She has three married children and four grandchildren.

Tommy Hartzenberg (1949) and his wife **Kathleen (Whitfield 1949)** have retired to Port Alfred after 41 years at Kingswood College.

Margaret Lundquist (Forsberg 1949) and her husband have retired to southern Sweden after many years with the Swedish Foreign Service. They spent time in Berlin, London, Morocco and Hamburg with home-postings in Stockholm in between!

John Manley (1947) and his wife **Stephanie (Wallendorf 1947)** have emigrated to New Zealand to join their son **Peter (1979)** and his wife Liz.

Roy (1940) and **Elaine Parkin (Lawrance 1944)** migrated to Perth in 1987 to be closer to their children Derek and Bev who had moved to Perth many years earlier. Roy requalified as a barrister and solicitor of Western Australia and acts as a Consultant to a national legal group, concentrating on South African matters. He is on the Board of The Australia Southern Africa Business Council Inc in Perth, with the portfolio of bilateral trade, and is an accredited Migration Agent. While they both miss South Africa, they have settled well in Perth.



The Parkin Family down under; Elaine Parkin (Lawrance 1944), Roy Parkin (1940), Bev Hartley (Parkin 1971), Gavin Hartley (1971), Derek Parkin (1970) and Anne Parkin (Rossouw).

George Turnbull (1946) retired in 1989 after 38 years of teaching.

1950s

Rowan Algie (1958) has accepted a management position in Cape Town after 31 years in education, 20 of which were as headmaster of Komga Secondary, Hudson Park High and Wynberg Boy's High. **Jessica Chanter (Pascoe 1953)** lives in England, is married and has two children. She runs a Unit for dyslexic children in a local preparatory school. **Alan Dashwood (1959)** is the Director of the Legal Service of the Council of the European Union in England. His special area of responsibility is that of the Union's external economic relations, and common foreign and security policy including relations with South Africa. He sits in on meetings of the Council and answers questions from Ministers on points of Law and also acts as the Council's advocate in cases

before the European Court of Justice. His father **A S Dashwood (1922)** was killed at Bardia (North Africa) in 1941. He never saw the son born a few weeks before his death.

Otto Hempel (1959) has been married to Colleen for 30 years and has two children aged 27 and 29 and four grandchildren (a set of twins [boy and girl] aged four from their daughter and a boy aged three and a girl aged one from their son. He has been with PPC for the past 27½ years and is the Commercial Manager. They have lived in the Florida area for the past 20 years.

James Murray (1956) lives in Melbourne, Australia with his wife, Verity, and three children. He spent a few years in Natal as an advocate at the Natal Bar and as a part-time politician. James thoroughly enjoys all the Old Rhodian news and is keen to attend a reunion in Melbourne.

Neil McGill (1958) is a Superintendent of Education (Mathematics) with the OFS Education Department in Bloemfontein.

Selma Oosthuizen (Triegaardt 1955) says it's great being back in Bloemfontein after spending 15 years on the farm in Senekal. She really enjoyed getting together with four old Rhodes pals last year -

Bridget Tooley (Handley 1956), **Henry Watson (1955)** and **John (1956)** and **Kathy Whitehead (Cook 1955)**.

Ley Pentz (1959) started his studies at Rhodes and is still studying - he says he is one of those students who never got his act together at Varsity! He is a very keen musician and remembers being roped into a *Mikado* production by **Rupert Mayr (staff 1955-1987)**; names that come to mind in the cast are **Alan Dashwood (1959)** and **Hugh Lewin (1958)**. Ley lives in East London. **Tony (1957)** and **Bee Petter-Bowyer (Timberlake 1956)** are good friends with **Roger Henderson (1956)**. The three had a get-together last year after not seeing each other for thirty years. Tony and Roger were in the Bulawayo National Service together in 1962.

James Polley (1955) completed an Honours degree in theology at the University of Natal and a Masters degree in theology at Yale. He served the Methodist Church until

1976 in various parishes and then worked in the Department of Adult Education at UCT until 1986. He is Director of the Cape Town International Film Festival.

Barry Smith (1956) is an Associate Professor at UCT and has just completed a new major biography of the composer, Peter Warlock (1884-1930), published by OUP in England and launched by the British Museum, OUP and The Peter Warlock Society at a reception held at the British Library on May 11, 1994.

Valerie Tancred (Brigg 1951) has retired from teaching and together with her husband, Paul, has moved from Johannesburg to Fish Hoek.

M J Toet (Langridge 1958) has joined Wallace Laboratories in Harare as their General Manager.

Jennifer Tory (Neame 1956) and her husband John are lay ministers at St Joseph's Catholic Church in Durban. Her twin sister **Sylvia Neame-John (1956)** and her husband Gerhard visited South Africa from Germany for four months last year. They spent time with Jennifer and their brother **Graham Neame (1948)** who also lectured at Rhodes in the 1960s and now lives in Johannesburg. Sylvia has her doctorate in history and is converting her doctoral thesis into a book.

Jacobus (Koos) van Eeden (1955) and his wife Mary have finally left Ceres and the retail trade after 35 years. They have settled in Knysna where he has a business that specialises in the maintenance of timber buildings. He has met up with fellow Old Rhodians, **James Pannell (1955)** and **Peter Stoker (1955)** who also live in the area. **Henry Watt (1953)** retired from teaching after 34 years - 27 spent in Special Education. His last post was as Deputy Principal at a school for children suffering from epilepsy. **Ronald Wiggett (1956)** took early retirement from teaching and lives at Great Brak River. He has been joined by **Ron Dugmore (1949)**.

1960s

Cynthia Bardowicks (Jackson 1967) lives in Germany near Wiesbaden with her husband, Klaus, two sons and a daughter. **Barrie Barnes (1968)** lives in Hilton. He has left the Natal Drakensberg and works for the Natal Parks Boards promoting their environmental awareness programme for the Natal Midlands. **Leo Benning (1961)** achieved two SA records in Miyazaki, Japan last year, competing in the 10th World Veteran Athletic Championships. He competed in the Masters 60-64 year age group.

John Bissett (1964) is a Technical Manager - Crop Chemicals with Agricura in Harare.

Ian Blyth (1961) is lecturing at the Indumiso College of Education in Pietermaritzburg.

John Case (1962) has resigned from Bayer after working for them for 16 years. He and his wife **Ursula (Koch 1962)** have bought a nursery in Grahamstown and look

forward to moving back to the Cape. They have a son and daughter.

Trevor Evans (1967) has won the Black Management Forum (BMP) Progressive Chief Executive Officer of the Year award. Trevor is Group Managing Director of Nampak Limited. He is married to **Lynne (Bam 1968)**.

Peter Fey (1961) has moved to Zimbabwe after spending 12 years in Australia. He has taken up a two-year contract position with the Zimbabwe Geological Survey and is in charge of Geological Mapping and has just completed a project in the Zambezi Valley.

Peter Glover (1968) is the National Director of the Primary Science Programme – a non-governmental organisation doing in-service training mainly with black primary school teachers. Over 5000 teachers attended their workshops nationwide in 1993.

Michael Higgs (1961) has retired from a lecturing post at the Algoa College of Education, and is now minister of the North End Congregational Church in Port Elizabeth.

Paul Joubert (1966) spent eight years in the student counselling department at Natal University, Durban. He completed a Masters Degree in Counselling Psychology five years ago and is the General Manager of ARKEM, a speciality polymer company in Durban. He is married with two sons.

Peter Kalloway (1961) was appointed to the Chair of History of Education at the University of the Western Cape at the beginning of this year. He was formerly at the UCT School of Education.

Max Kowen (1964) lives in Johannesburg and runs a Personnel Consultancy specialising in the placement of Lawyers and Librarians.

Susan Lindsay (1969) has just been appointed Head of the Mathematics Department at Howick High School. She taught at Russell High School for 16 years.

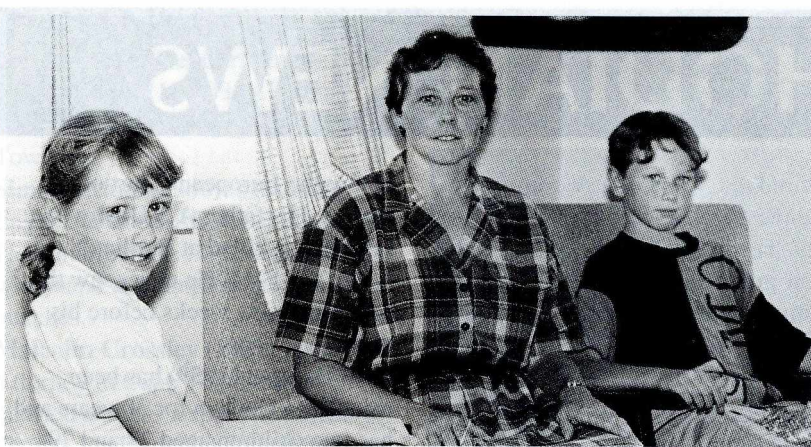
Paul Marsh (1961) has moved to London and taken up a management training consultancy position with the MAST organisation. He was appointed Headmaster of Hilton College in 1987 and has held the posts of Chairman, Natal HMC; Member of Natal Education Council and Member of the Natal Board of Education. He was founder Chairman of the SA High Schools Cricket Association.

Sharon McGill (Ashburner 1962) will be teaching English at Brebner High School in Bloemfontein in 1994.

James (1969) and **Janet Mullineux (Jessop 1970)** have moved to Wellington in New Zealand where James is Research Officer at the Law Commission.

Norma Presmeg (Parnell 1962) is an Associate Professor at Florida State University in the Maths Education Programme.

Claire Preston (McKerron 1966) visited Rhodes earlier this year after a break of seven years. She left in 1970 and completed a teaching certificate at Oxford. Claire met her husband, Michael, while he was studying at the Oxford Theological College and they married in 1978. They have a son, Tim (12) and a daughter, Sophia (9). They live in Epsom where Claire does remedial teaching and Michael is the vicar of



Claire Preston (McKerron) with daughter Sophia (9) and son, Tim, (12).

St Barnabas Church.

Tony Shuttleworth (1967) and his wife, Ann, together with their three children moved to Canada in January 1993. Tony works as an agent for a large financial services company called Primerica Financial Services and is requalifying as a lawyer.

John Sibley (1968) left teaching in 1991 to take up a post as translator with Belgium's leading bank in Brussels. His work entails translating from French and Dutch into English. He still has regular contact with **Lyn Bridges (Buitendag 1966)**, **Rose Ely (James 1968)** and **Shelley Hieber (van Heerden 1970)** and hopes to visit South Africa in July or August 1994.

Cheryll Stringer (Chrystal 1967) and her husband run a desk-top publishing business in Harare. She is still in touch with a few Hobsonites – **Gail Lombard (Billson 1967)** lives in Hilton with her husband and three sons; **Sally Boule (Saunders 1967)** who lives in Cape Town with her husband and five children and has recently seen **Jan Mitchell (Airey 1965)** who is in Pretoria with her family of three children.

John Thing (1964) is a General Medicine Practitioner in Sandhurst, Surrey. He has two sons and enjoys playing golf and tennis. He also coaches junior rugby as a hobby.

Rozanne Thomas (Rosenthal 1967) has lived in Jersey for the past 10 years. She has two children aged 10 and 12 years. She worked in the UK in advertising for 10 years before "retiring" to have her children. She says she has not come across any Old Rhodians in Jersey.

Jenny Walsh (Bithrey 1962) has been married to Rod for 23 years. He is an Anglican priest in Cape Town. They have four children, the eldest of which has just graduated from UCT – she was reminded of her days at Rhodes on seeing Professors **Cliff Moran (1956)** and **Dave Woods (1959)** at the graduation ceremony.

John Williams (1966) married Mary in 1988! He has been in his present parish in Dorset, England since March 1994, having spent the previous three years in Southampton.

Fred Zartz (1961) has been teaching General and Jewish History at Carmel College, Wallingford in England for the past 12 years.

1970s

Margaret Bain (Rogers 1973) is the daughter of **the late Raymond Rogers (1944)** and **Moreen Preston (Warner 1945)**. She has

been living in Kitchener, Ontario for the past six years and moved to the States in 1993, where she lives with her husband, Steven, and two children, Gregory and Lucy.

Richard Benn (1975) lives in Sandton and is Manager of Corporate Finance at the Johannesburg Consolidated Investment Company (JCI). He is married and has a baby daughter.

Beverley Bernstone (1977) lives in Cape Town where she was a Senior Book Editor at Struik Publishers for a number of years. She then worked on a freelance basis on several important publications. Her interest in wine and wine writing led to a position as Assistant Editor on a hotel/restaurant trade magazine, with a wine brief. She also freelances for a wine club and enjoys training her border collie for sheepdog trials.

Elaine Bishop (1973) married in 1978, had a son in 1979 and a daughter in 1982 while living in Kimberley. She divorced her husband in 1988, reverted to her maiden name and moved to Cape Town in 1991. Elaine teaches at St Columba's CBC in Athlone.

Roderick Botsis (1973) has been elected Moderator Designate of the Presbyterian Church of Southern Africa from September 1994. Rod is married to **Mandy (Woodward 1973)** and they have two daughters, Hannah (9) and Rachel (3). He is the minister at the Bellville Presbyterian Church in the Cape. **Fiona Burns (Nightingale 1974)** married Rob in 1983 and they have two children. She taught at Queen Elizabeth Girls High in Harare from 1980-1985 and then went to Bible College in America from 1985-1987.

They recently moved to the UK where Rob has taken up a pastorate in an Assemblies of God church. **Elizabeth Burroughs (previously Morgan, nee Nel 1975)** is working at the HSRC in the Adult Basic Education Unit and loves the variety. She and her husband Richard have built a house on a 22-hectare plot north-east of Pretoria in bushveld country and are enjoying the sounds of jackals and dikops at night!

Jon Calderwood (1976) was head of Hartmann House for three years before he re-opened Springvale House Prep where he was headmaster for nine years. Jon was recently appointed headmaster of Peterhouse Girls in Marondera, Zimbabwe. He is married with two sons.

Charles Cartmill (1970) has been employed by Stellenbosch Farmers' Winery (SFW) in Stellenbosch for the past 21 years – his last position was Project Manager in the IS Division. He recently moved to George as Manager of the SFW Depot there. He is married to Tess and they have two daughters.

Mikkel Christensen (1971) is Project Leader on a capture-based fisheries management development programme in north-east Brazil. The work is financed by the German government. Mikkel is seconded to the Brazilian Ministry of the Environment. He married Martina on 10 February 1994.

Rob Clarence (1973) has been appointed Headmaster of St John's College in Johannesburg.

Anne Cosgrave (Gillooly 1974) has been living in Australia for the past 10 years. She requalified and now works in retail pharmacy.

Anne is married with four children.

John Cronje (1977) is married with two children. He is the Financial Manager at Leeudoorn, a division of Kloof G M Co Ltd. He was previously Financial Manager at O'Kiep Copper in Namaqualand for four years.

Charles Dixon (1979) teaches science and English in Butterworth after retiring from the Transkei Teacher's In-Service College.

Neil Dunston (1976) recently moved to Switzerland where he has been appointed to the Pharma Operations Manufacturing-International division of F Hoffman- La Roche Ltd in Basel.

Kathleen Emmerson (1979) moved to Perth six years ago when she started working as a Human Resources Advisor for a large retail company. She has settled happily in Australia but worries about all her friends in South Africa.

Neale Emslie (1978) joined the EP Herald in 1983 as a sports reporter and is still with them. He married Mary-Lou in 1989. They have twin sons, Gary and Chad, born in 1993.

Wendy Garman (Ward 1975) is married to Michael and has two children, a son, Russell (7) and a daughter, Janice (4). Wendy teaches mentally handicapped children at a school in Cape Town.

Mathias Gennrich (1977) is on contract in Germany with VW – international press is his responsibility. He is married to **Toni (Weber 1977)** who is slowly adapting to life as a hausfrau in Germany!

Jeff (1976) and **Barbara (Knibbs 1979)** Gowar live in Kenilworth, Cape Town.

Andrew Gray (1978) left hospital practice in May 1993 to join the Drug Studies Unit in the Dept of Pharmacology at the University of Durban Westville (UDW) as a lecturer in Pharmacy Practice. He is married to **Rosemary Anne (Burrows 1978)** and they have two daughters. Rosemary Anne is the pharmacist at Entabeni Hospital.

Gill Green (Moore 1977) is head of department at St Martin de Porres Comprehensive School for disabled children in Port Shepstone. Her speciality is teaching the deaf and she recently completed a diploma in special education for hearing impairment. She is married to **John (1973)** and they have two children, Christopher (16) and Alison (13). John is the Rector of St Katharine's Church in Port Shepstone. He is very excited about the Mlanganane Preparatory School which is attached to the Church and which is a 'bridging school' for teaching black children English.

Henry Harman (1973) is Principal at Krugersdorp High School, having recently left Capricorn High School, Pietersburg after 17 years. He says that **Doc de Villiers**

(1952), **Titch Cartwright (1968)** and **Sue Cartwright (Ross 1971)** are all still on the staff of Capricorn High School.

Gavin (1971) and **Bev Hartley (Parkin 1971)** have been in Perth since 1982. Gavin is the General Manager of one of the largest legal firms in Perth, which has many other South African expatriates (including Old Rhodians) as members. Bev is a computer consultant. They recently built a house close to the schools attended by their children (two boys aged 13 and 10 and a daughter of 15) and it was here that about 50 Old Rhodians assembled last year to welcome Dr and Mrs Henderson when they visited Perth.

Terry Hattingh (van Vuuren 1978) has moved with her family to Uitenhage where she is an Accounts Executive at the African Bank in Port Elizabeth. Terry has three children, twin boys (3) and a daughter (2).

Karin Hefftner (1976) is working for 3M in Sydney Australia.

John Henry (1978) decided to study medicine at Wits after military service and a short spell in pharmacy. John is a doctor in private practice in East London. He and his wife Diane have two children, Ryan and Caroline.

Mark (1973) and **Jacqui Jackson (Ashton-Smith 1972)** were married in December 1992 and live in Kent.

Rob Jones (1970) was appointed as a Teacher/Psychologist at Wynberg Boys High, Cape Town in 1975. After spending a dismal year in this position he moved into marketing. Rob spent the following 16 years in Marketing, Sales and Advertising. He now has his own business in Johannesburg which performs marketing support and distribution services for a number of corporate organisations. Rob lives in Sandton and is married with three children.

Priscilla Jordan (Estcourt 1977), married to Simon, has two sons. She is not teaching at the moment and is enjoying sculpture as a hobby.

Beverley Joubert (Thomas 1978) is a Museum Human Scientist at the Drostdy Museum in Swellendam.

Andrew Knight (1976) and his wife moved to New Zealand in September last year. He is working in Wellington on a six-month contract in the gold mining business and hopes for a more permanent position. He would be pleased to hear from fellow Old Rhodians living in Wellington or New Zealand. His address is: 29/2 Kamahi Street, Stokes Valley, Lower Hutt, Wellington, NZ

Desmond Low Kum (1972) works in the Internal Audit Department at Stanford University and has passed the Certified Public Accountants examination in California. He says that Stanford University which has about 14 000 students is a great place to work. He has met about six ORs in the San Francisco Bay area in the last few years.

Rob Maclean (1973) tells of a get-together on 20 March on the Breede River where ORs participated in a Wine Route Canoe Adventure. It was a successful and fun-filled day. All the couples who attended had met while studying at Rhodes!

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The minimum essential characteristics of Government

The Graduation Address at two of the Grahamstown ceremonies was delivered by the Vice-Chancellor, Dr Derek Henderson. He said, at the outset, that he believed, at this stage of his career, that he could claim to be something of a connoisseur of graduation ceremonies, having participated in them as student, lecturer, professor, dean and Vice-Chancellor. "On a number of occasions I have received degrees and later granted them", he explained. "This year Rhodes University will be presenting, at last count, 1 258 candidates for degrees and diplomas, the largest number ever, and almost 10% more than 1993. According to the Registrar's records I learn to my gratification that over the years I have signed close to 17 000 Rhodes certificates."

Speaking in what he described as "the shadow of the most significant election in our country's history, less than three weeks away." No speaker on a public platform can possibly ignore it, he said, but yet on an academic occasion such as this it behooves one not to express overt sentiments either comforting or discomfiting to any specific party. The parties themselves had spared no effort enunciating their programmes, and the political pundits had dissected and pronounced upon them in full measure, pressed down and overflowing, he commented. "I shall attempt to resolve this dilemma not by adding to the cacophony of electoral sound-bytes", Dr Henderson continued. "I propose rather to offer some observations on an important post-election consideration. In many respects winning the election is the exciting part. Translating the elevated sentiments of the party manifestos, policy statements and position papers into concrete, practical and positive results is where the really hard work begins".

Noblesse oblige

"The crucial business of governing requires one absolutely essential ingredient - sound and conscientious administration. Contrary to what many students and academics sometimes infer good administration is not just an Act of God. It has to be consciously willed and executed", said Dr Henderson. He added that dedicated administrators require a strong commitment to obligation and service rather than personal entitlement. He feels that the originally medieval phrase, *noblesse oblige*, while rather quaint-sounding to modern ears, sums up an all too rare attitude, where it was until recently a strong motivator. What it means is that privilege entails responsibility, he reminded his audience. "Would that there were a Bill of Obligations as strongly supported as a Bill of Rights: only with such an attitude widely espoused can paper entitlements be translated into visible results", he mused. Turning to the subject of administration in government as distinct from administration in general, the Vice-Chancellor said that he believed that two levels of priority could be clearly distinguished. "Amongst the top priorities, without which no government worthy of the name can

function are Public Order, Justice, Fiscal Probity and Protection from external threats, he said. Dr Henderson told the packed auditorium that, without an unequivocal commitment to public order no civilised society of any consequence can survive for long. "In recent months", he said, "we have witnessed a frightening deterioration of public order, or domestic tranquillity as the United States Constitution so felicitously phrases it. The causes have been both political and criminal. Nothing so saps the morale of ordinary people than unpredictable threats to the safety of their persons or property. Anarchy is no basis on which to sustain any acceptable form of communal life."

On the subject of Justice, Dr Henderson said that it is essential to ensure a viable and credible system for its administration. This would ensure, at the very least, that the maintenance of order does not degenerate into tyranny, he noted. A judicial system which can address both criminal and civil matters while ensuring that contractual obligations are at the root of successful commercial activity and which guarantees security of property is a necessary guarantee of personal liberty, he said.

"The absence of fiscal probity does more to undermine confidence in clean and efficient government than almost any other single factor", Dr Henderson said. "Governments are entrusted with taxpayers' money, usually a good deal of it. They must spend it, and be seen to spend it, on, and only on, the purposes for which it is intended. The provision and maintenance of a sound currency is an important facet of this responsibility." He believes that all modern governments fall short in this sphere although some at least have the grace to be ashamed of it. "Countries with the least inflation are in general the most prosperous. In more robust days 'debauching of the currency', as it was unequivocally described, was emphatically condemned."

In order to protect a population from external threats, armed forces commensurate with the perceived dangers must be kept in an adequate state of modernity, be efficiently trained and at a state of readiness, Dr Henderson said. He pointed out that a state with weak and inadequate protection is a constant temptation to unscrupulous and rapacious

neighbours. He reminded those present of the words of the Fourth Century Roman military expert, Vegetius: *'Qui desiderat pacem, praeparet bellum'*; 'Let him who desires peace, prepare for war'. "What I have described", he said, "are the minimum essential characteristics of government. Only a government can provide them and any government which neglects



Dr Derek Henderson

them will fail." Once these essentials are secured one may turn one's attention to other services of lesser priority, important though these services undoubtedly are, he added. These would include the provision of housing, health and social services, education and scientific research, transport, power, water and communications and can, in principle, be provided by government at either no direct user cost or low cost, by private enterprise either on a pay-as-you-go or an agency basis, or by a mixed system of government and private business.

Practical art

"Government", believes Dr Henderson, "is an essentially practical art. It is a very poor substitute for metaphysics or quasi-religious belief. 'What will work best in practice?' should be the operative question, rather than what conforms to a doctrinaire point of departure." Quoting the poet, Alexander Pope (*For forms of government, let fools contest, Whate'er is best administered is best*), the Vice-Chancellor pointed out that, whatever conclusions are ultimately reached by our political masters,

the systems for the delivery of the necessary public services can only be as good as the people chosen to administer rather than to legislate them. "In effect", he explained, "Pope is suggesting to us that fools in parliament are less of a menace than fools in the Civil Service. The first priorities of government will not be deliverable unless we have available people of the necessary calibre to serve in the police force; unless there are learned and incorruptible judges, magistrates and officials to operate the courts; unless there are Reserve Bank and Treasury officials with the requisite knowledge and backbone to counter the more extravagant follies of the politicians; and, finally, unless we have a fully professional army loyal to the government of the day."

Qualities of character

Priorities of the second category will likewise require doctors and nurses, social workers, teachers and researchers, builders and engineers whose first concern is to deliver the services, timeously and competently, for which they were engaged, he added. Apart from their obvious and specific professional competencies, such people should be further endowed with such qualities of character as courtesy, integrity, impartiality, industry, initiative, judgement and above all, a commitment to the interests of the people they serve rather than their own, he suggested. While the lack or neglect of these characteristics may be difficult to remedy, this has, in times past, been done, he said, remembering Sir Robert Peel, who, in the late 1820s, effected a major reform of the criminal law in Britain and established the Metropolitan Police. Later, Dr Henderson said, in the 1850s, a civil service commission reconstructed that service with a remarkable code of institutional morality. "As a result both the British police and civil service retained unparalleled and virtually untarnished reputations almost up until our own times."

Dismal track record

If these extra-professional characteristics of good administration are not encouraged or indeed are absent it is all too evident that we shall have to endure insolence, incompetence, venality, favouritism, idleness, passivity, imprudence and blatant self-serving", he said, "and there are examples, both in our own country or further afield on our continent. The dismal and familiar track record offers no yardstick or example to act as a guide for those

to come. What a tragedy it will be if our new masters simply pick up where the old ones left off. Africa has suffered too much from such plagues and we must see to it that there is no place for them in our future. We need administrators who put 'Your obedient servant' at the bottom of their letters and mean it. We are tired of nurses who toyi-toyi on TV while their patients are dying, of teachers who lay down their chalk while their pupils need some consistent instruction above all else. If there is still a place for such antics in the years ahead then we shall deserve the future we shall create. One can but hope and pray that a latter-day Sir Robert Peel will rise up to lay the foundations of a high-quality civil service."

"Rhodes University and the College from which it sprang must over the years have produced approaching 30 000 graduates and an astonishing number of these graduates have made enormous contributions to the service and betterment of society", Dr Henderson reminded graduands and their parents. "They have occupied positions of distinction in education, the churches, law, science, banking, business, the performing arts and latterly in the media. Virtually every major field of human endeavour for which Rhodes caters is represented. These graduates have possessed in full measure the positive characteristics on which I have dwelt."

Crucial decade

Dr Henderson said that the next ten years, which will take Rhodes to its centenary, will be crucial, not only on account of the transformed political scenario, but also because the University shall not escape a worldwide trend requiring more effective and efficient performance. Rhodes aims, he said, to come through those ten years a stronger and a better institution than it is to-day. "We have a long standing tradition of probity. We stand high in the eyes of our peers, potential employers of our graduates and of the schools whence our students emerge. Clearly there is more work to be done. Ninety is no score on which to rest on our laurels. We shall continue to flourish because our graduates by and large have attributes of knowledge and character which are in desperately short supply. We shall do best if our ethos and values, which stand in the mainstream of academic traditions, are not too crassly and shortsightedly interfered with. The goose will continue to lay the golden eggs as long as its diet is not drastically impoverished and impatient people resist the temptation to extract the product before it is properly formed."

Five Honorary degrees conferred

Rodney Davenport

“ . . . teacher, historian, liberal democrat, and campaigner for civil rights” – Professor Malvern van Wyk Smith, Public Orator

Rodney Davenport was presented for the Degree of Doctor of Literature (honoris causa) on Friday 8 April

Born in India in 1926, Rodney Davenport has been described by Nicholas Southey as the leading liberal historian of South Africa, and his great work, *South Africa: A Modern History*, as ‘the first really viable modern survey of South African history since the works of C W de Kiewiet and Eric Walker many decades before’. Davenport was educated in Britain, on the kind of curriculum that would have taught him not only a classic English prose but that kind of history which stresses the presence of the past. These remained lasting influences. Generations of students will bear witness to his insistence on writing well, on the recognition that history is first and foremost story, a narrative that has to be told well. Rodney Davenport came to Rhodes in 1943, where he took his degree with distinctions in History and French. Already it was contemporary and

near-contemporary history that attracted the young Davenport, and after a brief participation in the actual making of modern history in wartime Italy, he returned to work on a master’s thesis with, as its topic, *The Responsible Government Issue in Natal 1880-1882*. After taking a further degree at Oxford and teaching for some years in England, he returned to the University of Cape Town in 1953, where his doctoral research on the Afrikaner Bond not only pointed him further along the way of contemporary South African history, but equipped him to become a trenchant commentator on Afrikaner nationalism and the ideological and constitutional depredations of apartheid which were just then getting under way. All along his historical interests would feed into attempts to touch the public conscience, such as when he provided Margaret Ballinger, the so-called ‘Native Representative for

the Eastern Cape’ with ammunition to use against H F Verwoerd, or when at the Rivonia Trial he gave historical evidence in favour of the accused. In 1965 Davenport came back to Rhodes where, in 1976, he was appointed Professor and Head of the Department of History. At Rhodes all his interests came together, not only in the classroom, where he was a meticulous teacher, and in his students’ research projects, which were bye-words for clarity of conception and thoroughness of execution, but also in his public activities. He had become an authority on urban legislation, and his expert knowledge on land tenure and ownership made him a formidable city councillor to reckon with in the 1970s when the government attempted to impose forced removals on Grahamstown. That Fingo Village remained in the possession of blacks, and that our



townships escaped the worst depredations of the government’s obsession to paint South Africa white, must to a large extent have been owing to Rodney Davenport. His work, *South Africa: A Modern History* was first published in 1977 and, by now in its fourth edition, it has secured its place as a monument of South African

scholarship. “It is of a piece”, said Prof van Wyk Smith, when presenting him for his Degree, “with Rodney Davenport’s holistic conception of history, that he should have created out of the royalties on this book a postgraduate history scholarship at Rhodes, the first award of which was made this year.”

Govan Mbeki

“Journalist, historian, political prisoner and leader of the people”. –

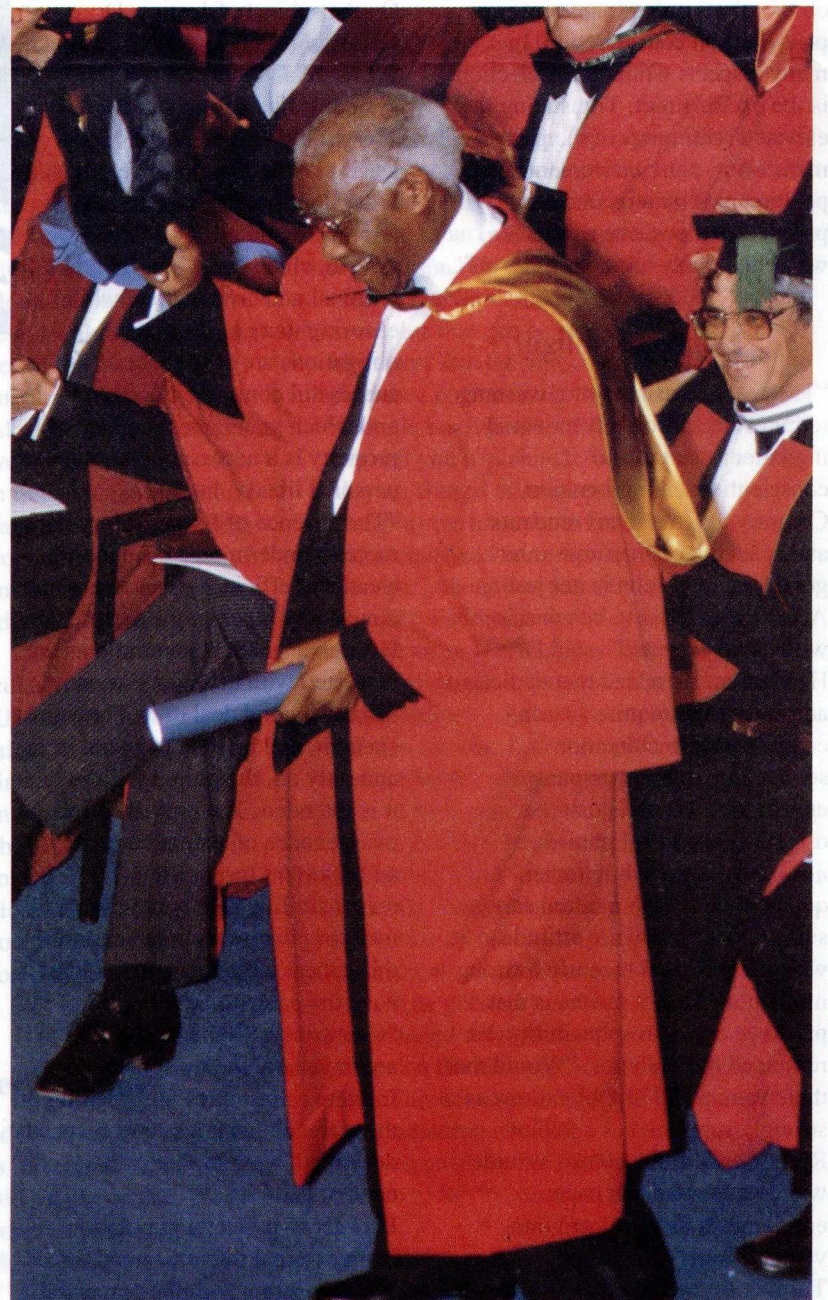
Professor Malvern van Wyk Smith, Public Orator

The Degree of Doctor of Laws (honoris causa) was conferred on Govan Archibald Mvuyelwa Mbeki on 8 April.

Govan Mbeki was born in 1910, which means that the whole of the Union of South Africa’s history has taken place during the lifetime of this remarkable man. While he is perhaps most famous as one of the eight men sentenced to life imprisonment at the end of the Rivonia Trial on 12 June 1964, this spectacular reputation threatens to obscure the talents and achievements which brought him in the first place to the position of leadership that exposed him to the state’s wrath. He grew up in rural Transkei and was later to study at Fort Hare, which he once referred to as “a bowl of learning from which my people drank deeply”. After he completed his studies there he worked at various teaching and journalistic posts, as he became more and more deeply involved in the resistance movement which intensified as the country moved inexorably towards the watershed of 1948. In 1940 he completed a BEcon degree through UNISA. He had joined the African National Congress as a student in 1935, and during the 1940s and 50s he took on ever-increasing leadership roles. That which he held, at the time of his arrest in 1963, was as a member of the High Command of Umkontho we Sizwe. If the government thought that, by imprisoning Mbeki, Mandela and their associates for life, it would

bring these remarkable careers to an end, it was hopelessly mistaken. Devastating and horrific as imprisonment was, perhaps the most astonishing part of Govan Mbeki’s career started now. His talents as writer, historian, economic analyst, political activist and teacher were brought to fruition in what has been called the ‘university of Robben Island’, a highly efficient clandestine enterprise which for a quarter of a century operated under the nose of the authorities, and ensured that virtually everyone who passed through Robben Island would be a disciple of Marxist socialism on leaving. Short on material and theory, the prisoners relied on Govan Mbeki as a memory bank aided by the fact that he was doing his Honours degree in economics while in prison. The full irony of all this is one only history will reveal, but it seems that a government intent on destroying its opposition by a policy of division and suppression, had actually brought all the leading liberationist intellectuals together in one place where they could – with difficulty, of course, but successfully – set up a self-generating and secure network of the purest Marxist historiography and materialist economics, largely unchecked and unchallenged by competing ideologies.

For Mbeki, Marxism was not merely an economic and political theory that could explain South Africa. It is crucial to realize, said Prof Malvern van Wyk Smith, while citing him for his award, that for Govan Mbeki and his fellow prisoners Marxism represented something of the faith of the early Christian martyrs, a belief system that promised survival and victory in savage adversity. “When I asked Govan Mbeki what had kept him going for 25 years in prison, he said, quietly but firmly, ‘We knew we were right. Marx’s idea of the struggle was our guiding star. Hope based on that certainty and an understanding of history taught us that no tyrant had ever survived long; even slavery was eventually defeated.’ Not surprisingly, when I asked him what had been the worst aspect of those 25 years, he did not mention doubt, the fear of failure – for his conviction seemed unassailable – but rather the sheer physical deprivation. What sticks in my mind is that for thirteen years he was, in common with other political prisoners, relegated to group F status, a condition in which, deprived of all privileges, he had mieliepap and water for breakfast, boiled mielies and water for lunch, and mieliepap and water for supper – for thirteen years!”, he said. Married for over 50 years of which half were spent forcibly separated



from his wife and ignorant as to the fate of his children, Govan Mbeki was accompanied at the ceremony by Mrs Mbeki. In Govan Mbeki, Rhodes has honoured not only an individual of

outstanding courage and devotion to a cause, but a man in whom the whole history of his generation’s struggle against the evils of apartheid finds a fitting representative, Prof van Wyk Smith said.

at Grahamstown and East London

Auriol Batten

“ . . . artist, botanist, ecologist and museologist.” –

Professor Malvern van Wyk Smith, Public Orator

This “scientist and artist” was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, (honoris causa), at the East London Graduation ceremony on 14 May 1994.

Auriol Ursula Batten was born in Pietermaritzburg and spent her first quarter century in Natal. Her remarkable achievement is, of course, her work as a botanical artist and in what is perhaps her best known and most sumptuous book, *The Flowers of Southern Africa*, she ascribes her interest in art and botany to two inspiring teachers: “Painting flowers had always been my greatest delight since as far back as 1928 when I came under the influence of a dedicated art mistress, Miss Elsie Currie.” A few years later, she says, “an equally dedicated botany mistress at the Girls’ High School in Pietermaritzburg, Miss Biddy Jameson, introduced me to *The Flowering Plants of South Africa*. Completely enchanted by the wonderful combination of art and botany” in this work, she says, “I resolved to become a botanical artist”.

Dr Batten was described by Prof Malvern van Wyk Smith as having “always remained both scientist and artist”. Her *Flowers of Southern Africa* is more than just a superb collection of illustrations of our flora in that each of the book’s one hundred plates is a perfect composition in its own right: the floral subject, in spectacular colour and accurate detail, is set against a minutely pencilled background evoking a favourite setting or a memorable sighting”, he added. Her international standing as a botanical artist has been confirmed by the award of the Gold Medal of the Royal Horticultural Society, and at least one species, the *Albucca Batteniana*, is named after her. Dr Batten’s achievements are not confined to the laboratory and the studio; she launched, in 1947 a pottery course at the East London

Technical College and, in 1952, was drawn into the ambit of the East London Museum, with which she has remained actively associated as a hands-on assistant in contributing to its displays, a close associate of its former Director, Miss Marjorie Courtenay-Latimer, and a member of its Board of Trustees. In 1993 the Museum honoured her with a retrospective exhibition that displayed her striking achievements in ceramics, water colours, oil paintings, and pen and pencil drawings.

She has, fortunately for all nature lovers, come to play a pivotal role in ecology and nature conservation in the Eastern Cape. She was a founder member of the Border Wildflower Society which played a leading role in the proclamation of Potters Pass Nature Reserve, and she is the Administrator of the Cape’s representative on the Bridledrift Dam and Potters Pass Nature Reserve Advisory Board. Professor Roy Lubke has written: “No one has been more energetic than Auriol Batten in the identification of plants in the reserve which are found in few other places in the Border region. Nor has anyone been more enthusiastic in conducting botanical excursions for societies, scientists, and students to this special reserve.” For these and many other activities on behalf of the people of East London and the Border, she was awarded the Citizens’ Citation for Art and the Environment by the Mayor of East London.

Her ability to open our eyes, inform our minds, delight our senses, and protect our heritage made Rhodes’s honouring of her as much of a reward for her as a privilege for the University.



Dr Auriol Batten at the East London garden party after she had received her degree.

Guy Butler

“ . . . professor, poet, playwright, and campaigner for the public good”. –

Professor Malvern van Wyk Smith, Public Orator

His many former students will be especially pleased to know that Professor Guy Butler had conferred upon him the Degree of Doctor of Literature (honoris causa) at the Grahamstown graduation ceremony on Friday 8 April. A few weeks previously he had been honoured with the Freedom of the City of Grahamstown.

Frederick Guy Butler was born in 1918 in Cradock. What in most lives would merely be the first biographical detail, has in Guy Butler’s case a very special significance. The Karoo terrain underlies his writings to an extraordinary extent, and has provided the base from which he has confronted the world and developed his life-long concern with what it means to be a South African.

In 1953, when taking the chair of English at Rhodes, he said: “In a countryside which tends to dwarf mankind, I developed a passion for man-made objects, or things which provide a link between the past and present: Bushman paintings, beads and implements; Boer War sangars on the koppies surrounding the town; the old frontier, the Great Fish River, which thundered below our garden after the summer storms; the house we lived in, which had been a coaching inn when Kimberley was a boom town”. Some forty years later he said: “What do I mean by the Old Karoo? I mean a time before the

triumph of the internal combustion engine over horses and oxen . . . when Karoo towns were racially easy-going places without buffer strips and barbed wire fences patrolled by conscript-filled Casspirs”. Between these utterances there stretches a remarkable public life. Guy Butler first arrived at Rhodes in 1936 where, apart from the decade of 1940 to 1950, during which he saw war service in North Africa and Italy, two years of study in Oxford, and the beginning of his academic career at the University of the Witwatersrand, he has made his life and his fame. He became Professor of English at the age of 34. His development of the Rhodes English Department into one of the best in the country; his memorable teaching of English literature from Shakespeare to Settler diaries; his campaign for the building of the Rhodes Theatre in which performances of his own plays have been among some of the unforgettable occasions; his initiation of the Departments of Drama, Journalism, and Linguistics and English Language; his role in

establishing the 1820 Settlers’ Monument as the centre of another venture with which his name will always be associated, the National Festival of the Arts; his founding role in the establishment of the English Academy of Southern Africa, the Institute for the Study of English in Africa, the National English Literary Museum, Historic Grahamstown, and the Shakespeare Society of Southern Africa – all these have been part of a multifold enterprise with a single theme: which is to draw the contours of a liberal South Africanism. More than 30 years ago, he concluded a paper on South African place names with the following comment: “Our country has been named by us all, it belongs to us all, we all belong to it. . . . Our dead have left their names side by side on (the same) map; a mountain range can be one, although its peaks may be called Gaika’s Kop, the Hogsback, and (die) Katberg; one ocean washes Mosselbaai and George and Knysna; and the blood in all our veins is red”.

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Michael O’Dowd

“Economist, educationist, businessman and political philosopher”. –

Professor Malvern van Wyk Smith, Public Orator

Michael Conway O’Dowd, was awarded the degree of Doctor of Laws (honoris causa) on Saturday 9 April.

To meet Michael O’Dowd is to become immediately aware of a formidable intellect, said Prof Malvern van Wyk Smith when presenting him for the award of his doctorate. “I had barely sat down to talk to him a few weeks ago when he was quoting Cicero at me.” He has spent his lifetime at the intersection of law, economics, education, politics, and the social responsibility of big business. Born in Johannesburg in 1930, he was educated at St John’s College and the University of Witwatersrand, from where he graduated with an LLB cum laude in 1953. His career has centred on Anglo-American and its numerous satellites, of several of which he has been a director or chairman, and he is at present an Executive Director of the parent corporation. For the past 20 years he has been Chairman of the Anglo American and De Beer’s Chairman’s Fund. As such he is the moving spirit behind channelling millions of rand per year into projects which range from schools and community clinics to Academic Development Programmes and major building ventures at universities. Thirty years ago he put forward the so-called O’Dowd thesis, which



was that economic growth would eventually destroy apartheid. In the end it was perhaps economic collapse as much as growth that destroyed the regime’s ability to carry on, but his belief as expressed in his book, *The Growth Imperative*, is still that ‘economic growth is the correct path to follow’, not only to confirm the gains made from the demise of apartheid, but also to ensure the success and survival of any democratic system to come in its place. Underpinning his thinking is a good old-fashioned bootstraps work ethic, expressed in a trenchant no-nonsense prose: “We have to understand that we have to earn our living in the world. We have to rid ourselves of the idea that we are so

rich that if everybody had their rights we would have no more problems. This is nonsense. We have to rid ourselves of the idea that the world owes us a living, or will reward us for being good. That is nonsense. We have to rid ourselves of the idea that we can find solutions by robbing or oppressing each other, a process that can only make us steadily poorer, providing for an ever diminishing group of robbers.” “I am sure”, said Prof van Wyk Smith, “that such pragmatism, guided by the principles of social justice which Michael O’Dowd has pursued throughout his career, will have to be an essential ingredient in the making of a new South Africa.

Democracy – possible but difficult

The Graduation address on Saturday April 9, in Grahamstown, was delivered by Michael O'Dowd, Chairman of the Anglo-American and De Beers Chairman's Fund. Dr O'Dowd had later conferred upon him the Degree of Doctor of Laws (*honoris causa*).

After congratulating the graduands and diplomands, Dr O'Dowd said that they should, while justly rejoicing at their achievements, particularly remember those who have overcome difficulties arising from poverty, from bad school education and from bad living conditions and socio-economic conditions *en route*. "But", he said, "we must also remember those whose difficulties have been different. We see, at university graduations, heavily disabled people obtaining degrees, and others whose disabilities are less obvious whom we may not notice, but who had personal problems and barriers to overcome. They, no less than those whose difficulties were social, deserve special honour." Dr O'Dowd continued by saying that he had initially wondered whether it was possible to give what one could regard as a conventional graduation address on a conventional subject so soon before the election. He had thought that perhaps there would have been something to be said for doing so, just to remind us that life goes on. "Nevertheless", he said, "I came to the conclusion that it is not possible. We stand at an

extraordinary point in history, on the threshold of tremendous change and at this point in history I think that it is not actually possible to talk about anything other than that, and so that is what I am going to do. Obviously in the midst of an election campaign I am not going to say anything which reflects on the merits of the different contending parties, which is political in that sense. Rather to talk about the nature of this historic watershed. We are standing on the brink of South Africa's first ever in history democratic election, and this means that South Africa is poised, or appears to be poised, to become one of the world's democracies. To join – this is an important point – to join a, not exactly a community, but a very large and very important group of countries in the world which are democracies, and although most of these countries are rich – much richer than we are – we should also not forget that among the world's democracies is the Republic of India, one of the world's biggest countries and also a country which is very poor – so that democracy is a widespread institution and there are a lot of them out there. It is important to remember this because becoming a democracy is not to

break into unknown territory, it is not to go into unknown ground, it is to walk in the footsteps of many, many other countries. And let us not forget that every country in the world, without exception, which is today a democracy has in fact gone through this transition. No country was a democracy from the start and indeed at the beginning of this century there was no country in the world which would have passed muster as a democracy by the standards which we apply today." Dr O'Dowd remembered that at the beginning of the last century there was no country which was even a semblance of a democracy, with, possibly, "some very, very tiny exceptions. Now I think this change of course is something that every reasonable and right-minded person must welcome", he said. "It means the end of a system which was both unjust and unviable and it means embarking on a system which can be just and can be viable", he added. But he thought that it is extremely important that in these circumstances we do not become taken up by euphoria. History teaches that transitions to democracy are not simple and that they are not necessarily successful, he pointed out.

"I think it is true to say that of all the attempts to institute democracy that have happened in the history of the world, the majority have failed. At the same time a large number have succeeded, so we are not attempting the impossible. Democracy is not something that you just decide to have and you have got it; we are attempting something which is possible but difficult. We should not forget all those failures, and we should not forget those countries who have attempted to institute democracy and failed; some of them ended up in a worse state than they were before. At the same time we must not forget all the successes, and I would warn in the very strongest terms against thinking that we can write off the experience of other countries in what history has to teach us on the claim that we are unique. Which we are; every country in the world is unique, as is every individual human. But remember that when human beings claim on the greatness of their uniqueness – that the ordinary experience of other people doesn't apply to them we lock them up, because that claim when applied to individuals is known as insanity. The same is true of countries.

Every country is unique, every country; every institution roped to democracy has been slightly different and, in those countries, the form of democracy has been slightly different. Failures, too, have differed. This neither means a lack of general principles, nor of general experience." "If we succeed" said Dr O'Dowd with confidence, "our success will be a little bit different but very much the same. If we fail our failure will be dismally similar to some other failures. We must not ignore the experience of others; we must not embark on any idea that you can wipe slates clean, that you can throw everything out, that you can start again." "I think," concluded Dr O'Dowd, "that one can learn from past difficulties and become more likely to succeed. Remember when the Titanic sailed. Had the people in charge said that she was a vulnerable, sinkable, ship embarking on a dangerous voyage in a sea full of icebergs, she would probably have reached the other side in safety. The Titanic was sunk by complacency and euphoria; if we are sunk, it may well be by the same causes."

Accelerate the downfall of stereotypes

Speaking at the East London Graduation Ceremony, Old Rhodian Mluleki George, said that he would have "invented an excuse for not coming", were it not that the occasion presented a "unique opportunity to share some of my experiences and outlook in life, with a key component of our society like today's graduands". Speaking to graduands and their parents, the well-known sports administrator and politician said that his life had been characterised by many challenges, where the cost of error was very high. He had as a result become very selective in his acceptance of invitations. He added, however: "As somebody who values the contribution of Rhodes University, in this area, in the past few years, and one who wants Rhodes to not only continue but to upgrade its presence here, I am indebted to Dr Henderson for making me part of this first post-democratic elections graduation ceremony". Mr George aimed his graduation address at accelerating the downfall of the stereotypes that have effectively divided this country into two, through the co-existence of a First World community next door to a Third World community. "Africans have a responsibility to make some of their rich traditions and customs available to their fellow South Africans, who through their long history of isolation from them, have missed out on what we have on offer here. The past few months have confirmed my belief in the goodness of mankind in general and the people of this region, in particular. In spite of our ideological differences, we have always managed to rally together when faced with broader issues and I can cite the last referendum and the recent elections as examples, in that regard", he continued. "Given our reputation as the political hotbed of radicalism, we are proud to say that our region has managed to ride the political

storm, that has bedevilled many areas, and continues to be free from the internecine violence that has turned man against man elsewhere, in the country."

Local Initiatives

Mr George believes that the Border area was among the first to tackle the economic development issue in a comprehensive manner. The Border-Kei Development Forum (BKDF) ranks highly in our achievements, as a collective, he added. "The phase of Reconstruction we are now embarked on will benefit greatly from the lessons learnt through such an initiative and, hopefully, we will be able to breathe new life into the project and once again down-play our political considerations while we channel our energies towards our common problems. This province, once again, has taken the lead in moving fastest in the integration of the various education departments, through the efforts of the Regional Education and Training Forum (RETF) which, even though it has now slowed down, remains an important initiative". Mr George said that several other beacons needed no description, including the Independent Business Enrichment Centre (IBEC); the Independent Teacher Enrichment Centre (ITEC) and the Institute for Social and Individual Development in Africa (ISIDA). The region is also well-represented in sport and political leadership at National level, he said, and he expected "that the situation would improve with the improving quality of the graduands which Rhodes continues to produce". "With the transformation that is so essential in the development of true South Africanhood, institutions are starting to realise that they cannot exist as islands or factories for the elite", Mr George continued, "but they have specific social responsibilities

that will ensure that they are visible within the communities, in which they are based". "The thriving squatter settlements and the high levels of illiteracy are a few of the challenges that institutions should be seen to be involved in. We look forward to an era where research done at local institutions starts reflecting the realities of the area". As a non-resident university Rhodes (EL) should incorporate skill-based programmes in its curricula and develop graduands who would see no reason to leave the area after graduation, but remain to plough back their expertise in the surrounding communities, Mr George said. He thinks that another area of need involves remedial education for matriculants. Border Sport, particularly, rugby, has a specific need for a University in their immediate environment, he feels. "Other South African provinces continue to have an edge over Border, in terms of the player-base available, because they have universities in their jurisdiction. For this reason, we look forward to the development of Rhodes' East London campus into a fully-fledged university which would actively recruit top players", he added.

Careers in Sport

"Until recently" said Mr George, "sport has been seen merely as an extramural activity and not the multi-million rand industry that it is. Today's sports administrator sees sport as a business and thanks to lessons like 'marketing myopia', sport is now defined as part of the fitness and leisure industry. It is a product that needs to be packaged attractively; promoted and distributed widely as well as priced competitively". Mr George quoted American boxing promoter Mr Don King as saying that, in sport like elsewhere in business, one does not get what one deserves but what one negotiates! "King

demonstrates his point by saying that in boxing, one creates the product out of the raw materials; two fighters. King then finances the deal as an investment and arranges its distribution. Through such activities, he creates market demand. We know of business examples that can be immediately translated into sport like the launch of two similar products, concurrently, by the same company. A single boxing stable like Mr Mzi Mnguni's can sell you a Welcome Ncita and offer you a Vuyani Bungu as an alternative!" "In sport we have room for qualified technicians and administrators", said Mr George, adding that the salaries are very competitive. "Positions in sports medicine and sports psychology can obviously not be filled by ex-sports people but need trained personnel. Physical preparation alone does not win matches. Mental preparation and physiotherapy are part of the menu." One of the longest-serving African customs is Circumcision school where a boy goes for a four or six week internship and comes back a man, Mr George continued. "This new man must give up his old ways and material possessions and behave like a grown-up. Before he goes on his way he is formally empowered through receiving advice from elders on the new standards expected from him. This scenario has much in common with the graduation ceremony." "We certainly see graduands as different people to the freshmen and women they arrived as, and expect new standards of behaviour and skills from them; responsibilities like sharing skills and becoming a guiding light". We would like to believe", he said, "that the 'inputs' from Rhodes have so much value added to them, that the 'outputs' bear very little resemblance to the inputs, in terms of quality. Go therefore out there and make a difference. Be assertive without being aggressive and be careful out there!"



This is the Rhodes Unievrsity College "A" cricket team of 1934. The then players are, from left to right (back), K G Dimbleby, K M Fleming, J C McConnachie, C M S Gardner, R E M Blakeway, J C Olver, (front) R R Mitchell (Hon Sec), O H Rein (Vice-Capt), H D Freakes (Capt), E Q Davies and I D Busse.

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They were: **Richard (1978)** and **Claire Saner (Talent 1975)**, **Malcolm (1978)** and **Lindy Henry (Cooke 1978)**, **Andy (1970)** and **Alison Berrange (Harmoth 1970)**, **Rob (1973)** and **Sandy MacLean (Krige 1974)**, **Kim (1979)** and **Sharon Teversham (Heuer 1979)**, **Ronnie Kingwill (1972)**, **Dave (1973)** and **Brenda Smit (Sceales 1974)**.

Joe Macleannan (1977) and **Dave Macleannan (1979)** live in Colorado at the foot of the Rocky Mountains. Joe recently returned from a six year post-doctoral stint in Germany to rejoin the physics faculty at the University of Colorado. He does fundamental research on liquid crystals. His wife, Renate, is a meteorologist and retired German astronaut. Dave moved to Colorado after teaching computer science at the University of the Transkei. He is now a Software Engineer developing communications programs for networked computers. Dave's longtime companion, Tracy, is also a meteorologist and she plays serious rugby! Their dogs are called Karroo and Impi. Colorado is a climbers' and hikers' paradise and the brothers invite all members of the Grahamstown Geriatric Climbers Club (G2C2) to visit them there.

Bill Malkin (1970) is a marketing and sales manager and lives in Chester, Cheshire with his wife Lyn and three sons, Brett, Greg and Matthew.

David Mather (1970) has moved to Cragleton, Cheshire as the minister of the United Reformed Church after spending eight years in Kent.

Tiana Matus (de Villiers 1975) moved to Cape Town from the Transvaal in 1991. She had four children in six years which she says renders the brain a little shattered! Tiana recently started two new business ventures – a Bed 'n Breakfast in Claremont and a new concept with regard to client relations in the corporate business world.

Arjan Meijers (1974) was appointed Senior Assistant Superintendent of Education in the library service of the Cape Education Department in January 1994. **Colleen Meinert (Keevy 1960)** also works in the CED library. Arjan who lives in

Durbanville still remembers **Miss Dick (Staff 1966 - 1980)** as well as **Lenore Schafer (Callaghan 1965)**, **Liz Pugh (Hawkrige 1958)** and **Carole Allardice (1971)**. Other friends that come to mind are **Godfrey Meintjes (1966)** and **Christo Botha (1962)** who were both then Afrikaans teachers at Kingswood College. Christo is a priest in Switzerland and Godfrey is a Senior Lecturer in the Afrikaans en Nederlands department at Rhodes.

Eric Meyer (1975) is the Medical Affairs Manager for Searle in Australia and New Zealand. **Barbara Miles (1977)** says she is still single and having *major* fun. She works for Nestle and was recently transferred from South Africa to Hungary as the Marketing Manager, Chocolate and Confectionery on a three-year secondment.

Peter Mullineax (1975) is a Deputy Headmaster at Point High School in Mossel Bay. **Gavin O'Connell-Jones (1973)** is married with two children and lives in Johannesburg where he is MD of a computer company specialising in the development and supply of computer software to the mining industry.

Derek Parkin (1970) migrated to Perth in 1978 and is a partner in an international firm of chartered accountants. His work involves travelling frequently to Europe and the USA as well as South East Asia and the other States of Australia. He and his wife, Anne, have two sons and a daughter aged 16, 15 and 9 respectively. The elder son Ryan is already 6ft 2ins and is a member of the Western Australian Schools rugby side.

Anne Pedersen (Morley 1977) is married to **Peter (1983)** - they have two daughters, Kirsty and Kerryn and live in Cape Town. She resigned from teaching in 1988 and now works as a part-time representative for World Books. Peter is lecturing Men's Physical Education and Geography at the Cape Town College of Education. **Michael Perks (1974)** is Regional Director for the Scripture Union and lives in Port Elizabeth. **Colin Millar (1974)** came out from Houston, Texas last June and they spent a wonderful day together in Cape Town. Colin runs his own business in Texas.

Arthur (1973) and Melissa Rice (Paterson 1985) were married in 1992 and have a daughter, Sinead, born in November 1993. Richard completed his geology degree at Wits and Melissa graduated with a BSc (Hons) from UNISA in 1992. **Kim Riley-Hawkins (1974)** married an American she met after teaching for seven years in California, at the Vic Falls. They live in Denver where they are both teachers. They have a son of about 18 months and plan to return to Zimbabwe after the birth of their second child.

Lynne Sanderson (Brame 1972) has been living in California since 1981. She would love to hear from any Old Rhodian friends/acquaintances who could either write to her, or telephone if living in California. Her address is: 1015 Northoak Drive, Walnut Creek, California 94598. Telephone No. (510) 939-9716.

David Schooling (1970) has moved to Howick after spending five enjoyable years as a Methodist Minister in Eshowe. He and his wife Phyllis have two children, a daughter, Kim, who matriculated at the end of 1993 and has joined Scripture Union and Barry who is in Std 8.

Dene (Geraldene) Simpson (1973) took up the sport of canoe racing six years ago, and has since won every major South African ladies championship event. In 1992, with South Africa back in the international sporting arena, Dene was one of three ladies to accompany the SA canoe team to Europe on a pre-Olympic tour. She was selected into South Africa's first Olympic team since 1960 and competed at the Barcelona Games in 1992. At the end of 1992 an old white water canoeing injury to her shoulder was exacerbated whilst participating in the Zambezi River White Water Rafting Challenge necessitating extensive surgery. However, a carefully planned comeback after injury in 1993 saw her placed as 2nd lady in the Berg River marathon by mere minutes, win the Breede and Fish River K2 events, and in May 1994 she won the SA title in the 42km flat water marathon event. She is a member of the South African canoe marathon team which will participate in the 1994 world championships in the Netherlands during September.

Robert Stark (1974) decided to come out of hiding when he saw the photo of the Struben boys on the razzle in our December '93 edition. Robert is second from the right. He furthered his studies after leaving Rhodes and has spent many years teaching in the Transkei. He married **Karen (Baxter 1977)** in 1979 and they have four children, twin boys in 1982 on Robert's birthday, a daughter in 1985 on Karen's birthday and another daughter in 1988. They were living in Indwe but recently moved to Fort Beaufort as Robert will be teaching at Healdtown. Robert is a 'fairly substantial gentleman' these days and would welcome at first hand seeing what the ravages of time have wrought on his fellow ORs over the last two decades. ORs can contact him at 23 Grahamstown Road, Fort Beaufort or 'phone 04634 32960.

Peter (1977) and Vivienne Stevens (Davis 1978) have two sons, Gavin (6) and Dryden (4). Peter is HOD (Maths) at Muir College Boys' High in Uitenhage.

Nicholas Suggit (1978) is married and lives in Surrey, England. He is Training Manager for St John Ambulance. They recently bought a new house and are settling down in middle-class suburbia!

Robert Taylor (1977) visited Rhodes earlier this year while he was on sabbatical in South Africa after an absence of 14 years. Robert has been living in New York since 1980. He obtained his Master of Divinity and was ordained as an Anglican Episcopal priest at White Plains in 1983. He then did interim work until 1988 when he moved to St Peters Episcopal Church. Robert is the Founder and President of the St Peters Community Outreach Programme which employs 35 people. St Peters is the fastest growing church in the diocese of New York. From South Africa Robert will travel to Jerusalem where he will spend a month and then on to a parish in the Caribbean where he plans to write a book. He returns to his parish in Peekskill in New York in July.

Eric (1977) and Sue Truebody (Bazeley 1977) live in Winston in the Transvaal and have two children, Melissa and Tristan. Eric is a Director at Bowman and Gilfillan and Sue is an Industrial Relations Advisor at Nestle.

Christopher van der Spuy (1974) lives in Cape Town where he is a partner in a Management Consulting Practice together with **John Jacobs (1966)**.

Mariette van der Walt (Le Roux 1973) is married to Trevin and has three sons. Trevin is the Deputy Headmaster and Mariette is the head of the English Department at Kimberley Girls' High School.

Nick van der Walt (1973) obtained his PhD at Bath University. He has extensive international management consulting experience with leading firms in Europe, Africa and Australia. Nick has moved to the Albany campus to take up the Chair of International Business in the Department of Management Systems at Massey University after leaving the University of Auckland where he taught at the Graduate School of Business.

Valerie Viljoen (Dubrey 1972) is married to a freelance writer and lives in Port Elizabeth. She has two daughters and teaches mathematics.

Pierre von Geusau (1974) is married to Sue and they have two sons. He is working as a Trade Consultant at the Korea Trade Centre in Johannesburg. Pierre is involved in developing and promoting trade and investment between SA and Korea.

Kelvin Watson (1978) lectures History at Vista University, Port Elizabeth and is on sabbatical in 1994 to work on his PhD which he is doing through the Rhodes' History Department. He is married and has two daughters.

Keith West (1972) has moved from Bloemfontein to Port Elizabeth and says that it is such a pleasure being back in the Eastern Cape. He is looking forward to renewing old friendships.

Anne Willis (Barnard 1976) is married with three children and is teaching in Port Elizabeth.

Neville Workman (1979) and his wife **Gill (Hoare 1979)** have moved from Woodridge College in Thornhill to Maryvale in the Transvaal where he is the Principal of Maryvale College.

Martin (1977) and Diana Wucher (Mullins 1977) live on a 9000 hectare cattle farm just north of Windhoek. Martin is a dentist in Okahandja. They have three children, aged (8), (5) and (3).

Alison Young (Tregido 1979) is married to an architect and has two children, Stuart (2) and Nicola (3 mnths). They returned to Harare last year after a two year contract in Botswana.

1980s

Errol Abrahamson (1981) is a lawyer in Somerset East. He is married to **Debbie (Gibbs 1978)** and they have two children, Zita (3) and Marc (1).

Stewart Alcock (1986) completed his LLB at UCT and is doing his articles in Cape Town this year.

Susan Alcock (Toseland 1984) is married to Graham and they live in Port Elizabeth. She is Environmental Services Manager for Waste-Tech, Eastern Cape and has been with them for 6½ years. She enjoys her challenging job and sends her regards to all her old friends from Biochem and Microbiology and those who were with her in Beit House.

Lynne-Marie Ally (1986) is employed as a Social Worker at the Dept of Welfare, East London and has a six year old son who started school this year.

Glen Alter (1985) married Heidi Spence in 1992. They live in East London where he works for Deloitte and Fouche as a CA. They have no children as yet but have started the natural progression of buying a house and a cat!

Penny Amm (1980) taught in Zimbabwe for eight years before moving to England in December 1992 to teach at a private prep school for boys in West Sussex.

Paul Anley (1982) is Business Manager of Parke Med, a division of Warner Lambert.

Jonathan Armstrong (1986) is the Financial Manager of Bosal Central Africa in Bulawayo. He is married with three children and sends his best regards to all his ex-Retief partners in crime!

Rag Royalty in 1962



From left to right: Eve Horwitz (Gray 1959), Dimitri Philactou (1960) and Gill Moorcroft (Williams 1961). Gill is married to Errol (1957) who is a Senator for Natal with the portfolios for land, agriculture and environment. Eve lives in Johannesburg but we seem to have lost track of Dimitri – does anyone know of her whereabouts? Please write and give us details.

Judy Bailiff (Ross 1981) works in the accounts department of a construction company in Harare. She married in 1986 and has two children, Gavin (4) and Kylie (1) and a step son, Chris (18). She plays hockey for a local club and teaches swimming in her spare time.

Vanessa Barkuizen (Giani 1984) is married to James and lives in Gonubie. They have two children.

Perry Beningfield (1981) was called to the Eastern Cape Bar after qualifying as an Attorney, Notary Public and Conveyancer and practises in Port Elizabeth.

Mark Berndt (1985) enjoys teaching at Cambridge High School, East London. He married Janet in April 1993.

Jeremy Bernstein (1984) graduated from Medill School of Journalism at North Western University, Chicago with a Masters Degree in 1992. He is Managing Editor of Environmental Policy Alert (a bi-weekly publication on environmental legislation, policy and implications) in Washington.

Ronald Beyers (1983) has been appointed Assistant Academic Director of St Alban's College, Pretoria.

Melissa Blackmore (1985) is a dolphin trainer at Seaworld, Durban. She is studying towards a BCom degree at UNISA.

Gavin Botha (1986) writes from Pretoria to say he is still working towards that *first million!*

Catherine Breitenbach (1988) teaches English second-language, French and history at St Charles' College in Pietermaritzburg.

Stephen Bruce (1984) is a qualified Chartered Accountant and working for KPMG Aiken & Peat as a Manager in the Bisho office. He married a school teacher in 1991 in East London and lives in Beacon Bay.

Giles Buswell (1980) commenced practising law for his own account in the partnership of *Henkes Buswell* in Claremont, Cape Town in March 1991.

Robyn Campbell (1988) has been teaching accounting, maths and business economics at Sea Point High School since 1993.

Patrick Capel (1986) teaches at Selborne College and is studying part time at the Rhodes University East London Division.

Niki Charalambous (Koullas 1980) married in 1988 and has two sons. She is the Director / Company Secretary of a business development consultancy company based off-shore in Cyprus.

Saleem Chicktay (1981) worked for one year for Delta Airlines as a Computer Consultant. He immigrated to Canada in August 1993 and now works as a Systems Consultant for LGS Consulting in Toronto. He would like to hear from any ORs who remember him. His address is : 620 Jarvis Street, Apt 610, Toronto, M4Y 2R8, Canada.

Martin Coates (1982) recently returned to Chimanimani as Estate Manager of Charter Estate with Border Timbers. He married in April this year. He sees a fair amount of **Rich (1981)** and Fiona **Hanley** and **Chris Bell (1980)**.

Norman Collins (1985) is doing his MSc in Botany at UCT. He is studying the environmental factors affecting the essential oil of Buchu (*Agathosma betulina*).

Eddie Connell (1984) is working

as a Geologist at Western Deep Levels Gold Mine, Carltonville.

Lara Cowley (1988) has left the Rhodes library and moved to Cape Town.

Simon Crane (1986) is teaching English at Carter High School in Pietermaritzburg. He has started a wind band and umpires cricket matches.

Malcolm Crossley (1981) is an Attorney in Cape Town. He is married and has a son, Alexander (2) and a baby due in July 1994.

Susan Davis (1987) is involved in an Adult Literacy programme and translation work in Bloemfontein.

Nicholas (1983) and **Laura Dean (Denton 1983)** have a son and daughter and live in Perth, Scotland. He is in the computer business and she has a career in pharmaceuticals.

Barry (1984) and **Jacky De Blocq van Scheltinga (Wardell 1985)** are expecting their first child in July 1994. He works as a Senior Personnel Officer on the Free State Geduld Mine (AAC) and they live in Welkom.

Karen Dendale (Bailey 1982) is married with two daughters and lives in Durbanville.

Ian (1980) and **Susan De Klerk (Haikney 1982)** were married in April 1990 and live in Bedfordview. Ian is a Senior Geologist at Anglo American head office in Johannesburg and Susan worked for Genmin for four years. As a result of Susan being retrenched in 1993 they decided that it was time to start a family. Their first child was due in June 1994.

Paul (1991) and **Winsome de Wet (Jackson 1987)** live in Johannesburg where Winsome teaches.

Janine Dor (Brauer 1985) went to Israel in 1987 with SAUJS and stayed. She later joined a Kibbutz in Hazorea. She met and married an Israeli, Raz, who is studying Agronomics at the Technikon in Haifa.

Gianna Doubell (Abbate 1982) is completing her BCom through Unisa. She did a teachers' diploma and now has her own business – Doubell Machines. She travels overseas to international trade fairs with her products. She is married and has two children, Dane (10) and Tamika (5).

Darryl Egnal (1984) says that after having worked as a writer/PR consultant in various public relations companies and magazine publishing houses, he has decided to join his brother in the USA and start a new phase of his life/career in 1994.

Joanne Evans (1985) completed her articles at a law firm in Cape Town and now works at Santam MVA department in Cape Town.

Kimberley Farrow Franklin (Farrow 1987) married **Roy (1990)** in April 1993 in the Rhodes Chapel. Kimberley is a freelance copywriter, illustrator and PRO. Roy is with an accounting firm and recently passed the first part of the CA board exam. They are expecting their first surprise package in September this year!

Mark (1983) and **Allison Fletcher (Moss 1983)** live in Kimberley where Mark is an attorney. They both studied Law at Rhodes and Allison lectured in the Law Department at Rhodes after practising briefly as an Attorney.

Vivienne Fowler-Watt (Hedges 1985) married Andrew in Zimbabwe in August 1993. They are both teachers at Cranleigh School in Surrey, England.

Janinne Franke (1983) is on a six-month contract in London working for Walker International, then she moves on to San Francisco for a further six-month contract for the same company.

Sean Fraser (1985) is the Children's Editor at Struik Publishers, Cape Town, commissioning and editing children's books (fiction and non-fiction).

Keith Gemmell (1982) is an Accountant in Hout Bay.

Ian (1981) and **Janet Gendall (Maclaren 1982)** were married in August last year. Ian completed his MSc Exploration Geology course in January 1994. They have moved to Argentina where Ian has a two year contract with the Gencor Group. Janet will attend Spanish classes before attempting to practise pharmacy again!

Darryl Goldman (1981) has been married, is now divorced and incredibly happy! He is the Hospital Administrator at St Augustine's Hospital in Durban. Darryl obtained his MBA from the University of Durban-Westville.

Bomkazi Gqaza (1985) is working at the Biochemistry Lab in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Transkei.

Lisl Griffioen (1988) is happy to be back in good old Grahamstown after a six-month stint in Johannesburg which she hated!

Georg Gruber (1985) works in brand management with multi-national, Procter & Gamble. He has been with them in Vienna since early 1992. Before his final exam in 1991, he was an SABC Radio & TV correspondent in Europe, including the first coverage of the Cannes Film Festival. He

still enjoys flying and drinking wines from around the world!

Deborah Hadley (Blair Hook 1983) left SA in 1991 to go back-packing in Europe. She got delayed in London for two years working as Operations Manager for Reuters Health Computing. She married Wayne in 1992 and they now live in Portland, Maine, USA. They spend their spare time enjoying skiing, triathlons and travelling around the States.

Alan Hales (1982) is the Manager, Group Wellness at First National Bank, Bank City. Wellness is a new concept in South Africa and he will be setting up a national programme, to improve health and wellness throughout the company.

Patrick Harris (1984) obtained his MSc in marine biology at the University of North Carolina, Greenville, USA. He is studying for his PhD at the University of South Carolina and working as a Marine Biologist at the Marine Resources Research Institute at Charleston.

Richard Hasler (1985) was awarded a PhD degree in Anthropology from Michigan State University in 1993 and now lives in Zimbabwe.

Nicola Headley (1987) is a biokineticist and obtained an MA (cum laude) in 1993. She is doing a PhD at UPE and has obtained a scholarship to visit Germany for research purposes in July 1994.

Paul Hefler (1981) is married with one daughter and is a computer programmer/contractor in the UK.

Nola Herrmann (McBean 1986) married Dean (a civil engineer) in September 1993 and lives in Harare. She manages a small suburban retail pharmacy and spent the whole of 1992 travelling overseas.

Stephen Hill-Haas (1983) moved to Cape Town in 1991 and obtained his M Comm in Economics from Stellenbosch University in 1993. He lives in Johannesburg and was appointed as an Economist for the Development Bank of Southern Africa in January 1994.

Pumza Hlekane (Wana 1985) married **Chris (1988)** in August 1993 and works at the Daveyton Pharmacy.

Brett Hodgson (1987) has completed his accountancy articles in Pietermaritzburg, and is studying part-time through UNISA and the University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg. He has recently been appointed to a senior post with a Pietermaritzburg manufacturing concern. He has also played rugby for the combined Universities of Natal and for the Natal Tertiary Students XV against the touring Oxbridge side.

Craig Hodgson (1988) completed his BCom (Hons) in Marketing at UNP and is now working for Vandenberg Foods. He married in April 1993 and lives in Pinetown.

Kim (1987) and **Kim Hodgson (Boucher 1986)** were married in Queenstown in November last year. He works for Liberty Life in Pietermaritzburg and she works for Umgeni Water.

Shane Hodgson (1981) is a registered Psychologist working in the fields of manpower planning, affirmative action and manpower development for Durban Electricity. He is unmarried and lives in Kloof.

If you wrote and gave us your news and it does not appear in this edition of the OR News – please be patient – it will be published in the December edition. We have had a wonderful response from ORs and have run out of space!!

Obituaries

Mr Peter Cullen Bowles (1934) in Harare on 24/12/93. He studied Law at Rhodes (1934-36), emigrated to “Rhodesia”, and married in 1939. He joined the Prince Alfred’s Guards in 1941 and went to Egypt, but was invalided out and returned to Salisbury where he started a law firm, which later became Bowles and Condy. He retired in the mid-eighties and is survived by his wife, son and daughter. His son **Brian (1961)**, is an OR, as well as his father, **Prof C W Bowles (1931)** who was Master of Rhodes University College, and grandfather **Prof “Boots” Matthews (1918)** who started the Survey Department. **Mr Dudley Clear (1927)** in Port Elizabeth on 24 April 1994 at the age of 84. **The Hon Mr Justice Johannes Dante Cloete (1935)**, aged 76 on January 9, 1993. He was Judge President of the Eastern Cape Division of the Supreme Court of South Africa from 1976 to 1987. He graduated with a BA degree in 1937, with distinction in Logic, and completed the LLB degree in 1939, with distinction in all subjects. He was called to the Bar of the Eastern Districts local division in 1940 and for two years was also a part-time lecturer at Rhodes. In 1942 he moved to Johannesburg, where he practised as an advocate for 12 years. In 1943 he married **Miss Valerie Harries (1936)** of East London. They had two sons, Tom and David, both of whom followed their father into the law. In 1955 Advocate Cloete was elected as Convocation representative to the Rhodes Council, a body he served for 22 years. He was Chairman of Council from 1963 to 1976. The University conferred the degree of Doctor of Laws (honoris causa) on him in 1977. He was appointed Judge President of the Eastern Cape Division of the Supreme Court in 1976, a position he held until his retirement in 1987. He was President and Vice-President of the Old Rhodian Union for many years and an honorary Vice-President. **Miss Margaret Aytoun Drury (1933)** on 18 May 1993. She was born in 1910 in Grahamstown, where she attended school. She qualified as a teacher and taught for a year in Pietermaritzburg and in the late 1930s left for London. During this time she met the work of Moral Re-armament and gave the rest of her life to serve God. She spent World War II in England, working as a land girl to help produce food. After the war she returned to South Africa. She had a firm faith in Jesus and a huge heart for her family and friends. Richard, her nephew, and his wife Helene, recall her cheerful, free spirit, always available to help where needed and how she selflessly nursed her mother and brother Tom during their last years. **Dr Robin English (Staff 1984 - 1994)**, a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Chemistry at Rhodes, died suddenly on Wednesday 13 April 1994 at the

age of 45. Dr English grew up in Rhodesia (Zimbabwe), where he received his early schooling. He also attended Stow School in the United Kingdom. He held BA (Honours) and Masters degrees from Cambridge University, and a PhD degree from the University of Cape Town. He spent some years as an industrial chemist before becoming science instructor at Markham College, Lima, Peru, in 1972. During his time in South America he travelled extensively and became fluent in Spanish. He returned to South Africa in 1974, and joined the Department of Chemistry at the University of Cape Town. During his time there he completed the PhD in Chemistry. In 1978 he moved to the University of South Africa as a Lecturer and later Senior Lecturer. He joined the staff of Rhodes University as a Senior Lecturer in 1984. He was a Foundation for Research Development (FRD) rated scientist and maintained an active interest in research. He had recently returned from an international conference in Beijing, China, and a period working with an expert crystallography team at the University of California, San Diego. He leaves his mother, Mrs Kitty English of Somerset West, a brother and two sisters and two sons, Paul (13) and Richard (11). **Reverend Johann Jacques Els (1986)** in Pinelands, of cancer, in April 1993. The Reverend Mr Els served the community of Grahamstown from 1980-86. **Mr Roland Fick (1945)** aged 64, on 5 December 1993 after a long illness. He was a lecturer in the Mathematics Department in 1966. He was a keen chess and bridge player and had extensive knowledge of music and loved gardening. **Professor Vernon Forbes (1942)** on 18 November 1993, aged 88. Professor Forbes was a scholar, writer and traveller and had an honorary doctorate in literature conferred on him by Rhodes in 1989. He headed the Geography Dept from 1942 to 1970. After graduating from Cambridge, he studied geology and petroleum technology at the University of California, Berkeley, in the USA. He worked in a gold mine in ‘Rhodesia’ prior to becoming vice-principal of the Rajkumar College in India. He is survived by four children. His wife Kit died several years ago. **Miss Gladys Stilwell Fox (1918)** in Willowvale on 17 October 1993. She was born and schooled in East London. She worked in Pretoria as a public servant and for the Defence Force during the war. She later moved to Durban where she worked at King Edward VIII hospital and then at Wentworth hospital. She played golf until her seventies and took up ballroom dancing at the age of 75, achieving Gold Medal standard at Arthur Murray. She started a book club 40 years ago, which she ran until her death, and helped various charities. **Miss Jeanette Heathcote (1976)** was killed in a car accident in

Johannesburg on 8 February 1994. **Dr Jan Hofmeyr (1974)** died in a skiing tragedy in the French Alps at the beginning of the year. He was a general practitioner in Reading and is survived by his wife, Janet, a son Paul, (6) and daughter Kathy,(4). **Professor Chris Hummel (1953)** On Friday, February 4, Rhodes lost a distinguished alumnus with the death from cancer of Professor Hans Christoph Hummel, “Chris” to his many friends; “Doc” to a generation of students. Born of Austro-German parents in 1934 at Mufindi in Tanganyika, he and his family were interned in Rhodesia with other German expatriates during World War II. He was educated at Prince Edward School Salisbury (Harare). Chris came to Rhodes in 1953 and graduated with a first class honours degree in History in 1956, after which he was selected as a Rhodes Scholar for Rhodesia. At Oxford he read History in the Honours School. In 1960 he was British Council Scholar at Wilhelm University Munster in Westphalia, and in 1961 completed a PGCE at what is now the University of Zimbabwe. From 1962-1971 he taught history and other disciplines, before being appointed lecturer in the History department at Rhodes in 1972. In 1975 he was awarded a PhD, through London University. His interest in biography led to four contributions to Vol 6 of the authoritative Dictionary of South African Biography. He was an invited speaker at many conferences both in South Africa and abroad, and visiting lecturer at the University of Western Ontario, Canada. Undoubtedly the crowning glories of his published scholarship are his edition of *The Frontier War Journal of Major John Crealock* produced for the Van Riebeeck Society in 1989 and his translation of and commentary on The Journal and letters of the Reverend F G Kayser for the Graham’s Town Series published in 1990. Chris was a devoted Old Rhodian; as a committee member of the ORU and subsequently president, he played a major role in rejuvenating the ORU and established the now flourishing 150 Club as a potentially rich source of bursary funding. He was a member of the National Monuments Council and of the Grahamstown City Council’s Aesthetics Committee. A devout Christian, he served as a member of the Parish Council of the Cathedral of St Michael and St George. His friends, colleagues and his pupils all suffer a tragic loss, but so much greater is the loss which his wife and family suffer by the passing of a man who was a devoted husband and father, who believed in family in the widest sense. We extend to Susan, to his children and to all his family our sympathy and love. *Tribute by Andrew Cook* **Mrs Nora Kane (Hoffman 1920)** in Bulawayo in October 1993. She wrote a book and a series of articles on the history of Zimbabwe. With her deep interest in children, she also

wrote a series of African fables for use in schools and several of these were broadcast by local radio. She was also a teacher, a committee member of the Rhodesiana Historical Society, the Soroptomists and a member of the Hopelands Trust for handicapped children. **Miss Bernadette Langford (1989)** died in the Heidelberg tavern tragedy in Cape Town, aged 22. She obtained her BA degree at Rhodes and had just completed a further year of study at UCT. **Mr Ken Robinson (Staff 1963)** Rhodes and Grahamstown lost one of its most artistically gifted citizens with the death of Mr Ken Robinson. Mr Robinson (71), died in Port Elizabeth on Monday 21 February. “Mr Rob”, as he was known to generations of students was born in Yorkshire. He began his studies at the Royal College of Arts in London; these were interrupted by World War II, during which he served as a Navigator in the Royal Air Force. He returned to the Royal College of Arts in 1946. In 1949 and 1950 he studied at the British School at Rome, Italy, as an Abbey Scholar. He lectured in painting at the Gravesend School of Art in England and later in lithography and engraving at the Hammersmith School of Art in London, before taking up a post as tutor at the Jamaica School of Art in Kingston, Jamaica in 1958. Mr Robinson returned to England in 1961 and lectured at various art schools. He was appointed Senior Lecturer in Fine Art at Rhodes in 1963 and Lecturer in Theatre Arts in the Department of Drama in 1966. He was appointed Theatre Director in 1978. He retired from lecturing in 1985 and in 1986 took up the Honorary Curatorship of the Rhodes University Museum. Apart from his portrait of Reza de Wet, Ken Robinson also painted portraits of Miss Kitty Richardson, then headmistress of Victoria Girls’ High School, Judge Norman Addleson, Bishop Bill Burnett, and, most recently, a portrait of Dr Derek Henderson, Vice-Chancellor of Rhodes University, which now hangs in the Founder’s Hall at the University. He leaves his wife, Jean, children Laura and James and a grandchild. **Professor Francois Swart (1983 - 1985)** died of cancer in Johannesburg on 16 January 1994 at the age of 57. He was a former creative director of PACT and received numerous awards during his career, in particular for his work as theatre director. He headed the Rhodes drama department from 1983 to 1985. He returned to PACT in 1985 and remained as associate director, until last year when he resigned because of ill health. **The Rev Dr Cedric Edgar Wilkinson (1928)** in Pinelands, Cape Town on 12 November 1993 at the age of 83, and in the 63rd year of his ministry. He obtained a BSc with distinctions in Physics and Mathematics from Rhodes. While working towards his MSc degree he offered for the Ministry. He graduated with a MSc in Mathematics in 1932. He then

served for two years in the Witwatersrand Circuit, before going to Durban in 1934 as Assistant to the President of the Conference. He was ordained in 1935 and married Miss Olive Locke of Grahamstown in the same year. They had three children, John, Anton and Carol. At the end of the War the Prime Minister, General J C Smuts, presented him with a citation on behalf of King George VI, and he was awarded the Protea War Service Civilian decoration. In Durban he began his notable pulpit and broadcast ministry. Many of his addresses have been published in his books *The Comings of Christ, The Sign of Victory, Christ the Lord of All Life, Over to You*. In 1944 he moved to Pietermaritzburg to minister at the Metropolitan Church. This was followed in 1947 by a move to Bloemfontein where he was minister at Trinity Church and Superintendent of the Bloemfontein Circuit. The family moved to Cape Town in 1955 where he served for six years at the Metropolitan Church, Greenmarket Square and as Superintendent Minister of the Metropolitan Circuit. During this period, in 1958, he served his first term as President of the Conference. In 1961 he began a ministry of 15 years at St John’s Church in Port Elizabeth. For nine years he was also Chairman of the Grahamstown District, and in 1970 again President of the Conference. In 1969 Rhodes awarded him an honorary Doctorate in Divinity in recognition of his outstanding services as a Christian leader. Upon his retirement at the end of 1975, he and Olive moved to Pinelands. Olive’s health deteriorated in later years and he nursed her with devotion until she died in 1989. After undergoing open-heart surgery he enjoyed a decade of health and strength. He will be remembered for his devotion and the richness of his preaching; for his deep humility, old-world courtesy and thoughtful consideration. **Dr Patrick Wise (1954)** in December 1993 in Cape Town at the age of 73. A former music critic on *Tonight*, organist, choirmaster, critic, composer, but above all a devoted teacher, he contributed immeasurably to musical life wherever he went. His teaching career took him from England to Alexandria in Egypt (where his pupils included the future King Hussein of Jordan) and finally to South Africa. He taught first at St Andrew’s College, Grahamstown, then at Outeniqua High in George, before arriving in Cape Town to take up a post at Fish Hoek in 1964. He became Head of Rondebosch Boy’s High School in 1967. He retired in the early 1980s but remained a vigorous champion of music in Cape Town. For almost 20 years he played at the Metropolitan Methodist Church, and established a reputation as a recitalist and broadcaster. He enjoyed a close-knit musical family life and leaves behind Flori, Vetta and Paul.

Over the years we have had numerous requests for Rhodes memorabilia and at last we have heeded your calls! Rhodes University has an Alumni Shop which will be run by the Grahamstown Publicity Association and which will sell various items, such as glassware, pens, wallets, compact mirrors, beer mugs, ash trays, T-shirts and other items. Our current stock list looks like this:

MISCELLANEOUS		
1.	Graham's Town Series (see p 2 in June 1994 Newsletter)	R 85,00
2.	Pental pen & pencil set	R 31,70
3.	Parker clutch pencil	R 16,50
4.	Parker ballpoint	R 13,20
5.	Parker rollerball	R 16,20
6.	Mini-sewing kit with mirror compact	R 13,00
7.	Brass keyring	R 19,50
8.	Brass letter opener	R 40,10
9.	Magnified compact mirror	R 14,50
10.	Wooden Oak pen & pencil set boxed in oak with brass plaque	R 138,00
11.	Pouch key ring	R 21,50
12.	Travel alarm and calculator	R 70,60
13.	Gift wrap – purple (50cm x 70cm)	R 3,35
14.	Gift wrap bags	
14.1	150mm x 100mm	R 3,40
14.2	150mm x 240mm	R 3,50
14.3	200mm x 260mm	R 3,80
15.	Bow ribbons – silver	R 1,25
16.	Triangular keyring	R 11,20
17.	Telephone index	R 28,10
18.	Men's wallet (billfold)	R 24,00
19.	Cufflinks	R 74,50
20.	Rhodes Shield on wooden plaque	R 53,20
21.	White T-Shirt with purple print	S,M,L= R 20,00 XL= R 25,00
22.	White sweatshirt with purple print	S,M,L= R 45,00 XL= R 47,00

35.	Cheque book holder	R 77,00
36.	Ladies' money manager	R58,00



<i>All handcut crystal glassware in presentation boxes</i>		
25.	2 handcut crystal whiskey glasses	R 84,70
26.	Handcut Crystal decanter	R 162,80
27.	2 handcut crystal white wine glasses	R 77,65
28.	2 handcut crystal red wine glasses	R 82,50
29.	handcut crystal beer tankard	R 81,40
30.	2 handcut crystal beer glasses	R 87,25
31.	6 red wine glasses	R 74,50
32.	6 white wine glasses	R 65,00
33.	6 whiskey tumblers	R 54,65
34.	6 tall tumblers	R 63,30
38.	Large beer mugs & beer tankards	R 15,00
39.	Coffee mugs	R 8,50
40.	Ashtrays	R 8,00



- A. Items available from the Grahamstown Publicity Association, 63 High Street, Grahamstown, 6140
- B. Prices include VAT
- C. Make cheques payable to the Grahamstown Publicity Association
- D. Please include provision for Postage & Packing to ensure that your order is speedily executed.

	<i>RSA and Namibia</i>	<i>Overseas</i>
1 - 3 items	R 10,00	R 15,00
4 - 6 items	R 12,00	R 20,00
Graham's Town Series	R 14,00	R 20,00

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Convocation and Old Rhodian Union Annual Meeting 1994

- A) The Forty-fourth Annual Meeting of Convocation will be held jointly with the Annual General Meeting of the Old Rhodian Union in the Moot Room of the Law Department on Monday 12 September 1994 at 5.00pm.
- ### AGENDA
- 1) Notice of Meeting
 - 2) Minutes of the Forty-Third Annual Meeting of Convocation held on 13 September 1993
 - 3) Minutes of the General Meeting of the Old Rhodian Union held on 13 September 1993 and the of the Special General Meeting of the Old Rhodian Union held on Wednesday 23 February 1994.
 - 4) Report of the Vice-Chancellor
 - 5) Report of the President of the
 - 6) Financial Statement of the Old Rhodian Union for the year ended 31 December 1993
 - 7) Election of President of Convocation
 - 8) Election of President of Old Rhodian Union
 - 9) Election of Office Bearers of Convocation and the Old Rhodian Union
- (Note: Of the six elected members of the Old Rhodian Union Committee, at least four shall be members of Convocation which together with the President and Secretary of Convocation shall be the Executive of Convocation).
- B) Immediately following the Annual General Meeting there will be a **Special General Meeting of the Old Rhodian Union** for the purpose of giving effect to resolutions to amend

the Constitution.

Resolution 1 Clause 6

To add the words “The President of Convocation” after the word “Vice-Chancellor”.

This amendment deals with an inadvertent omission from the new Constitution which did not make provision for the President of Convocation to be a member of the Committee of the Old Rhodian Union.

Resolution 2 Clause 7

To substitute the words “Committee of the Union” for “Council of the Union”.

This is designed to distinguish the Committee of the Union from the Students Representative Council.

Resolution 3 Clause 13

To insert the following first sentence in Clause 13.

“The Committee may call a Special General Meeting.”

The present wording restricts the calling of a Special General Meeting to one requisitioned by at least 25 members.

C) The attention of members is drawn to the **Special Commemorative Service** to be held in the Chapel of St Mary and All the Angels at 3pm to give thanks for 90 years of achievement at Rhodes University and to commemorate our Founders and those who gave their lives for their beliefs. Tea will be served on St Peter's lawn after the service.

(Dr) K S Hunt,
Secretary: Convocation
Mr C A Lanham
Hon Secretary:
Old Rhodian Union
2 June 1994

In terms of the Rhodes University Act No 15 of 1949 the term of office of the following three representatives on the Rhodes University Council expires on 31 December 1994:

*Professor F G Butler,
Senator E K Moorcroft,
The Honourable Mr Justice
R J W Jones.*

All three candidates are eligible for re-election. Nominations should be signed by five members of Convocation and also the nominee should sign his acceptance of the nomination. Nominations must reach the Registrar by Monday 15 August 1994.

Yours sincerely
Dr K S Hunt, Registrar