

# newsletter

Old Rhodian Reunions

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# New Vice-Principal joins Rhodes family



IN this edition Old Rhodians will note that two special reunions are being planned for September in addition to the usual annual reunions being held at various centres around the country.

If you are an ink or inkette of the 1941 vintage or were at Rhodes between 1962-1966, please make every effort to attend your special reunion. These are always very successful and nostalgic when old friends and colleagues meet. Please remember to keep in touch by giving this office your change of address and, when next you visit Grahamstown, call in at the Public Relations Division -we would be delighted to see you!

DR Michael Smout, formerly Vice-Rector (Development) of the University of Durban-Westville, took up his post as Vice-Principal of Rhodes on May 1. Dr Smout was born in London during the Blitz. He was brought up in Natal and worked at the University of Zimbabwe from 1968 to 1976. He worked at the University of Durban-Westville from 1977 until his appointment as Vice-Principal at Rhodes. He obtained his MSc in Urban Geography from the University of Natal and his PhD in Urban Geography and Planning from the University of London.

In 1973 he was awarded a Commonwealth Academic Staff scholarship for post-doctoral study in the United Kingdom and completed his MA at the University of Newcastle in 1975.

Throughout his academic career, he has maintained close contact with the planning profession and has worked as an associate with both Zimbabwean and South African planning firms conducting research, preparing plans for submission and offering opinion in planning courts.

Dr Smout was appointed Vice-Rector (Development) at Durban-Westville in 1987 and has acted as Rector on four occasions since then. He has served on the Human Sciences Research Council main committee for Geography and Environmental Planning, the liaison committee of the Natal Parks Board and has also been a consultant to the Development and Services Board in Natal. Dr Smount is married to Anne and they have two sons.

# Gold Fields Biotechnology Centre established

A DONATION of R750 000 from Gold Fields has led to the establishment of a Biotechnology Centre at Rhodes.

The centre is involved in the practical and commercial exploitation of biological systems, mainly in the fields of Microbiology and Biochemistry. For example, research done in these laboratories on the fourth floor of the Zoology and Entomology building, has been applied to the treatments of effluents and waste waters. The Centre is also involved in the recovery and production of valuable chemicals and vaccines, the use of molecular biology for animal breeding, and antibiotic production.

Professor John Dunc head of the Department Biochemistry and Microbiology, said Rhodes offered the country's first biotechnology postgraduate course in 1988. Gold Field's Chairman and Rhodes Governor, Dr Robin Plumbridge, said Gold Fields has a special interest in the establishment of this Centre with its potential for research into the field of mineral biotechnology. Great advances have already been made in 'bug leaching', which is the biological extraction of gold and other metals from refractory and low grade ores.

Dr Plumbridge opened the Centre on Thursday, April 11.

# 25 YEAR

## REUNION

This reunion is aimed at Old Rhodians who were at Rhodes about 25 years ago. In fact it is 25 years for the class of 1966. All Old Rhodians are encouraged to come and meet old friends in Grahamstown.

For further information there are regional organizers who can provide additional details.

#### Cape Town

Jenny Lewis (Forbes) 021 - 68 57426 (H)

#### Port Elizabeth

Justin Bosman 041 - 33 7575(H); 41 4194 (W)

#### Bloemfontein

Rev Paddy Glover 051 - 47 3649

#### Durban

Dr Tickey Forbes 031 - 78 4451 (H)

#### Johannesburg

Cass Bunkell (Thornley) 011 - 88 62892 (H) Sherry McKinley (Hewlett) 011 - 78 39082 (H) Hugh Duncan-Brown 011 - 83 94310 (W)

#### East London

Jane Potgieter 0431 - 43 0734 (H)

011 - 61 52821 (H)

NOTE: IGI Universities Boat Race on Kowie River Sept. 4—8

One of the major problems in organizing an event like this is that addresses have not been kept up to date. Please help us to compile an up to date address list. The intention of the reunion is to make contact with old friends. Please 'phone your friends and persuade them to attend.

There are only three events planned at this stage:

- Friday Arrive in Grahamstown.
- Saturday Informal Old Rhodian Union meeting at 6.00pm chaired by Dr Eily Gledhill. This will lead into a cocktail party hosted by Dr Henderson, followed by the dinner to be held in one of the dining halls.
- Sunday A church service.

Please book your accommodation early - the deadline is July 31, 1991. Please contact Mrs Lesley Harper on telephone 0461 - 2 2023 extension 138 for accommodation. Costs

- Full board and lodging in residence R70 per person (no tax) per day
- Dinner on Saturday night R20 per person
- Graham Hotel: Between R135 and R145 (double) and R115 (single) for bed and breakfast.
- Grand Hotel: Bed and breakfast R120 (single) and R155 (double)
- Settlers Inn Motel: Bed and breakfast R115 (single) and R160 (double)

If you don't want to stay in residence bookings can be made at one of the hotels through Mrs Lesley Harper.

#### Golf anyone?

The Volkskas Universities' Golf Day is to be held in Durban on Friday, November 15 and Rhodes has been invited to field a team. Anyone interested in participating should contact Ed Walsh at 031 - 368 1612 (W); 731 776 (H) or Bernie Wheeler at 031 - 482 261 (W); 724 796 (H).

# **☆ NEWSFLASH ☆**

#### 1941 Cape Town Reunion

INKS and Inkettes - 50 years on! Basil Rubin (1941) says a few Cape Town Old Rhodians are thinking of holding a reunion dinner in Cape Town on Wednesday 4 or Thursday 5 September, which is close to the local Old Rhodian Reunion on Friday, September 6. They have an enthusiastic, if small, nucleus in the city and would be delighted to hear from any 1941 Ink or Inkette who would be interested in attending. Obviously spouses are included. Please telephone or write to:

Basil Rubin, P O Box 2956, Cape Town, 8000
Telephone 021 - 41 91770. Telefax 021 - 41 91002.

Reunions

#### Bloemfontein

Thursday, September 12 at Harison House, St Andrew's School at 7pm

Contact: Mr Roy Gordon: Telephone 47 7831

#### Cape Town

Friday, September 6 at 5.30pm at the WPCC Impala Club. Contact: Mrs Kitty Cruise:

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#### Durban

Friday, September 13 - proposed venue 'abroad the Jolly Roger' on Durban bay.

Contact: Mr Mike Barker: Telephone 816 2775 (W); 466 1632 (H)

#### Johannesburg

Friday, September 13 at the Wanderers Club at 6.30pm. All Pretoria ORs are invites to attend this reunion.

Contact: Mrs Liz Hadwen: Telephone 788 5543 (W)

#### Kimberley

Wednesday, September 11 at the Kimberley Club at 7pm Contact: Mr Richard Snyders: Telephone 3 1791 (W)

#### Namibia

Friday, September 13
Contact: Mike Strovan, P O
Box 11518, Windhoek.
Telephone 22 3263 (H); 22 1788
(W)

#### Port Elizabeth

Wednesday, September 11 at 6pm Contact: Mr Brian Horn: Telephone 40 32118 (W)

#### Pietermaritzburg

Thursday, September 12 at the Imperial Hotel at 5.30pm
Contact: Mr Rob Pennefather: Telephone 3 4421 (H); 45 3322 (W)

#### United Kingdom

Friday, October 11 at the 'King of Diamonds', Greville Street, EC1.
Contact: Mr Murray Graham: Address - 27 Dormers Wells Lane, Southall, Middlesex UB1 3HX, England. Telephone 574-2197

#### Zimbabwe

The Zimbabwe reunions will be held in September for this year. In 1992 they will again be held in May of each year.

Mutare: Tuesday, September 17 Harare: Friday, September 13. Bulawayo: Friday, September 27 Contact: Mr Harry Hall, 94 Central Avenue, Harare, Zimbabwe. Telephone Harare 72 5262

## **NOTICE BOARD**

## **Old Rhodian Union**

THE ANNUAL General Meeting of the Old Rhodian Union will be held in the Vice-Chancellor's Dining Room on Thursday, September 12, 1991 at about 5.50pm.

#### Agenda

- Minutes of the previous meeting
- Matters arising
- Reports and Financial Statement.
- Election of Office Bearers.
- **General**

Honorary Secretary

# **CONVOCATION Annual Meeting 1991**

Notice

THE FORTY-FIRST Annual Meeting of Convocation will be held in the Vice-Chancellor's Dining Room on Thursday, September 12, 1991 at 5.20pm

#### Agenda

- Notice of meeting
- Minutes of Fortieth Annual Meeting held on September 12, 1990
- The Vice-Chancellor's Report
- Election of six members of the Executive Committee, in terms of the Constitution, for a period of two years, to replace the following members who were elected on September 12, 1989 and whose terms of office are expiring: Dr HC Hummel; Mr PBN Jackson; Prof DEA Rivett; Mr RG Wynne; Mr MCV Ginn and the late Dr GM Gruber
- Transfer of funds, fixed deposit and savings account number 0023 6400 012, in the name of Convocation at the Grahamstown Building Society to the Rhodes University Museum

After the meeting members are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Old Rhodian Union. This will be followed by a Cheese and Wine party in the Orange Room, Rhodes University Club

Keith Hunt - Secretary

June 24, 1991

Note: Only those who are graduates of Rhodes University and Rhodes University College, and members of staff, in terms of the Rhodes University Act, may vote at the Annual Meeting. Members of the Old Rhodian Union who are not graduates are welcome to attend as observers.

## New Chairman of Council



MR Stewart Dorrington (1945), of King William's Town, who has served on the Rhodes University Council for eight years was recently elected chairman of Council.

Mr Dorrington replaces Mr LB Green who died in September last year. Mr Dorrington was born in Aliwal North in 1925. He was educated at Queen's College and became a radio operator/air gunner in 1944. He graduated

with a BSc and diploma in Leather Science from Rhodes in 1949. He joined the King Tanning Company in King William's Town in 1950 and retired from the company in December 1987 after 38 years of service, the last two spent as Senior Managing Director and Group Consultant. He is presently the chairman and managing director of Strategic Planning (Pty) Ltd in Bisho. Mr Dorrington is the Chairman of LIRI Technologies (formerly Leather Industries Research Institute) and of the Leather and Footwear Industries Association. He is also director of several companies and trustee of the All Saints College in Bisho. Mr Dorrington is also fluent in Xhosa. He is president of the King Golf Club and honorary life member as well as previous president and honorary life vice-president of the Border Squash Racquets Association and honorary member of the SA Squash Racquets Association. He is married to Beatrice (nee Poultney) and they have two daughers and two sons, all of whom are Old Rhodians - Stewart (1978), Graeme (1982), Lindsay (1975) and Roslyn (1975) who is married to Keith Matthee (1985)

## Founder's Day

Thursday, September 12, 1991

Programme

≥ 5pm

Annual Wreath-laying Ceremony, War Memorial, Great Hall

≥ 5.20pm

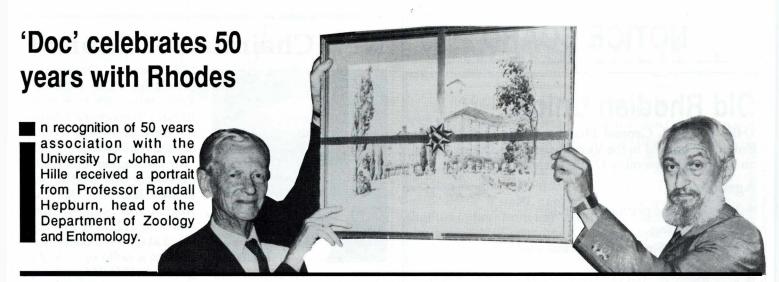
Convocation Annual Meeting, Vice-Chancellor's Dining Room, Rhodes University Club (Non-graduate members of Old Rhodian Union are welcome to attend as observers)

5.50pm

The Annual General Meeting of the Old Rhodian Union, Vice-Chancellor's Dining room, Rhodes University Club

6.15pm (approx)

Cheese and Wine party in the Orange Room, Rhodes University Club



## St Peter's to be restored

HE Rhodes
University
Council has
p a s s e d
plans for
the restoration and
renovation of St Peter's
Home, which will house
several of the University's
English language-centred activities.

St Peter's Home, which was built to house the Sisters of the Anglican Order of the Community of the Resurrection, became part of Rhodes in 1974, when the Grahamstown Training College closed and the University acquired the grounds and buildings.

The Home was designed by William White-Cooper who contributed much to Grahamstown's present appearance. It was erected in stages between 1887 and 1892 to provide a home for the Sisters and to accommodate an orphanage and St Peter's School.

Only one wing of the building has been used since Rhodes acquired it because of the unsuitable internal configuration for teaching or research.

Over the years numerous plans for its renovation have been considered but all proved too expensive. When the former Vice-Principal, Dr Roux van der Merwe, arrived at Rhodes in October 1986, he took an interest in the building because of its splendid facade and its focal point on the campus.

He was looking for ways to use the building without major internal reconstruction when the Director of the Institutute for the Study of English in Africa (ISEA), Dr Laurence Wright, suggested that it house the University's English-centred activities.

The plans were passed and part funding was obtained from the Gold Fields Foundation, the Claude Harris Leon Foundation and the Johannesburg Consoldiated Investment Company.

The building will house the ISEA, the national headquarters and training centre of the Molteno Project for literacy in English in black primary schools, and the Dictionary of South African English. It will also include a small extension to the Rhodes Museum, whose curator, Mr Ken Robinson, has maintained an on-going interest in the building and was a prime mover in assuring its restoration. It is hoped the work will be completed next year in time to celebrate the centenary of St Peter's Home.

### **ORs abound in Fine Arts at Unibo**



Professor Estelle Marais (1962), Mr Johan Moolman (1976), Mr Colin Cole, Mr Andre Roodt (1981), Ms Diane McLean (1981) and Mr Richard Mather-Pike (1985) are all ex-Rhodes students who are now working in the Fine Arts Department at the University of Bophuthatswana (UNIBO). With them is Mr Poplar Mekwa.



#### South African Union of Jewish Students

התאחדות הסטודנטים היהודים דרום אפריקה

THE PRESENT SAUJS committee is trying to build up a collection of committee photographs from the inception of Hillel House to date. The photographs from the period 1973 to 1986 are missing and the committee is appealing to past SAUJS members who may have photographs from this period to contact Myron Michel, Oakdene House, Rhodes University, 6140 Grahamstown. Myron will be at this address until the end of November 1991 when his address will be 22 St Johnson Road, St Andrews, Bedfordview, 2008.

# -OLD-RHODIAN-NEWS



Ken Dimbleby (1936) had been married to Alice (Carter 1936) for 50 years when she passed away in June last year. In Alice's obituary in the November edition of this Newsletter we mentioned that she had written the 'Aunt Betty' column for the Weekend Post's Post Junior Club. The Dimblebys have had four generations successively involved in the newspaper business. Ken worked on the newspaper in Port Elizabeth for 31 years when he retired as Deputy Editor of the Evening Post in 1979. His son, Keith (1958), works for the Evening Post. Ken's father and grandfather were both with the Argus Newspaper. Ken served on the Rhodes University Council for 37 years from 1950 to 1986.

Jack Rennie (Staff 1931) and Bea celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in Grahamstown this month.

Robert Story (1931) featured in the Queen's Birthday Honours list in August 1989 when he was awarded the medal of the Order of Australia for service to conservation and national parks.



Harry Birrell (1946) and his wife, Sylvia, have retired from St Andrew's College and the Diocesan School for Girls in Grahamstown respectively, where they have both been teaching since 1971. Their daughter, **Debbie (1982)** is married to old Andrean, Murray Loggie, has two daughters and lives in Port Elizabeth.

David Curtis (1941) completed a BEd at Rhodes in 1979 while teaching at St Andrew's College in Grahamstown. He has since added an MA (economics education) from the University of London in 1988 to an MEd from Wits in 1983. From October 1979 until 1988 he lectured at Wits in the Department of Business Economics. In 1989 he was made director of the Academic Skills Programme (Commerce Faculty).

Barbara Dowell (1943) retired at the end of 1990 after more than 40 years at Durban Girls' College as teacher and deputy headmistress. While at Rhodes Barbara was captain of the women's swimming team and a member of her house committee. She later became a Natal squash player and received awards for her contribution to synchronized swimming.

Janice Farquharson (1946) has joined the Sunday Times as a columnist.

Jean Kathleen McCauley (1948) was widowed in 1983 and is now retired with three children and three grandchildren.

John Nelson (1944) recalls certain friends from his first year at Rhodes in Botha House. These are Mark Dovey (1944), Tips Muller (1944) and Keith Nicol (1939). During John's first year he joined the South African Artillery, was flown to Italy and finished the war there. He returned to Rhodes in 1946

and graduated in 1947. He then worked his passage to England as an assistant chemist on the Empire Victory. He taught at Clifton College for a year after which he worked in the chemical and fertiliser industry in England, Holland and Rhodesia for five years before returning to teaching in 1953. John taught in what was then Umtali and Lusaka for the following sixteen years. In 1971 he emigrated to Australia and for the last eight years has been director of studies at Scotch College, a private school of over 1000 pupils. He recently saw Jolyn Rymer (1944), a radiologist, in London and was visited by Mike de Wet (1949) a couple of years ago. John hopes that any of his old friends visiting Australia will contact him at 13 Helston Avenue, City Beach, Australia,6015 but - be warned - they are nonsmokers!

John Rex (1946) was a lecturer in Sociology at Leeds and Birmingham Universities from 1949 - 1964; the first professor of Sociology at the University of Durham from 1964 - 1970; professor of Sociology at the University of Warwick from 1970 -1979; and director and research professor in Ethnic Relations at Warwick University from 1979 until his retirement in September 1990. He was formerly chairman of the British Sociological Association and the International Sociological Association's Research Committee on Racial and Ethnic Minorities.

Colin Silcock (1949) has retired from Kearsney Col-

lege after fourteen years as headmaster. Colin was deputy headmaster at St Andrew's High in Blantyre, Malawi from 1960 - 1963. Later he was appointed deputy headmaster of Plumtree School in Zimbabwe and in 1966 became headmaster of Hamilton High in Bulawayo. He will also be remembered by many as a Rhodesian Schools' cricket selector and provincial rugby referee.

Andrew van den Aardweg (1948) was recently elected president of the Baptist Union of South Africa. He recently retired as Director Personnel of the Chaplain's Service of the SADF with the rank of Brigadier.



Sir Rupert Bromley (1953) has been appointed director of the Aggregate and Sand Producers Association of South Africa.

Lionel Melunsky (1950) was appointed a judge of the Supreme Court, Eastern Cape Division in April this year. After matriculating in Kimberley he attended Rhodes. Lionel was admitted as an advocate in the Eastern Cape Division of the Supreme Court in 1956 and appointed Senior Counsel in 1983. He was appointed as an acting judge in January 1991.

Grahame Todd (1953) is a senator in Swaziland and lives with his family at Big Bend. Grahame recently visited Grahamstown with

his wife and son to attend a local wedding



Martin Barker (1968) is the headmaster of George Randell High School in East London.

Rod Baumeister (1969) was ordained into the full-time ministry of the Methodist Church of southern Africa in 1972 and is currently serving in Kimberley. He married Rinette in 1973 and has three children.

Graham Botha (1968) was recently appointed managing director of FT Building Supplies in Johannesburg. He is a devoted six handicap golfer and spends his spare time on the fairways of Royal Johannesburg.

Keith Bryer (1963) has married Christina van Rensburg (a Stellenbosch graduate). They live in a Victorian stone cottage overlooking Kalk Bay harbour. Keith is in charge of the BP District Six Project.

Vyv Deacon (1962) taught at Selborne College, Cathcart High School, Pinelands High School and then returned to Selborne College. In 1984 he was appointed Headmaster of Duneside High in Walvis Bay and in 1987 was appointed Headmaster of Windsor High in Cape Town. Vyv is married to Pat, they have a daughter in her second year at the Cape Town College of Education, and a son in matric at Rondebosch Boys High.

Trevor Evans (1963) is the current president of the Plastics Federation (PFSA). After graduation Trevor joined the plastics division at Metal Box as a laboratory assistant.

He is now chief executive of the plastics division at Nampak and has recently been appointed to the Nampak main board. Trevor's interests are bird and game watching and trout fishing with his wife, son and two daughters. He also runs and cycles and has participated in a number of marathons and the Argus Cycle Tour.

Marilyn Glasser (Snyman 1969) together with her husband, Stephen, and son, Oliver, will be living in Perth, Australia for a few years.

**C L Hills (1965)** is a school master at Prince Edward School in Harare.

Andre Jaquet (1963) has written to let us know that the past three years have been hectic for him. Early in 1988, he became Head of the Namibia and Angola Directorate at Foreign Affairs, and was involved in meetings with an Angolan envoy to examine ways of ending the war in southern Angola. He was also involved in formal negotiations between South African, Angolan and Cuban delegations under the watchful eye of American and Soviet observers. During this time he travelled extensively.

He says it was exciting to be part of a team that made a contribution to the peaceful resolution of a conflict that had been on the international agenda for decades. He acquired intimate knowledge of the interiors of all manner of aircraft and has provided his children with airline slippers and cosmetics for the rest of their lives. Frequent trips did allow him to visit family in Switzerland though.

During 1989, much of his time was spent running between Namibia, Cape Town and Pretoria. He was involved in arranging for the release of political prisoners, facilitating the deployment of soldiers and bureaucrats, smoothing the way for the repatriation of 44 000 Namibians and setting in place elections in that country.

His involvement earned him the 1989 Award of Excellence as Diplomat of the Year.

Along the way he met numerous Old Rhodians: Jeremy Shearar (1949), who is in New York; Bob Cloete (1985) in Angola, who is soon leaving for a post in London; and Laurence Whitehead (1979), who organized a banquet at the independence celebrations. More recently he met Robert Botha (1985) and Maria de Freitas (1985). They were involved in arrangements to monitor the withdrawal of the last ten thousand Cubans from Angola.

Preston Moorcroft (1968) practises as an orthopaedic surgeon in Rotorua, New Zealand and would welcome contact from ORs of his era. Preston's address is Surgery, 82 Pereika Street, Rotorua, New Zealand.

Patrick Moore (1968) is married with two stepsons, aged 23 and 21 and an 11 year old son. After seven years as headmaster of a co-educational preparatory school in N E England he was appointed headmaster of York House School in Rickmansworth, Herts in 1990. As a member of the Incorporated Association of Preparatory Schools (IAPS) Patrick met two other OR headmasters at the annual conference in 1989. One was Peter Tame (1948), of Hoe Bridge School, Surrey and the other was Charles Shorman (1948), of St Martin's School, York.

Helen Neale (Carter 1969) has been living in England for sixteen years and after some years as a librarian is now a housewife with three sons, aged 11, 5 and 1 ½ years old. Helen says she loves living in England but misses Zimbabwe and the climate in Africa.

Andy Norval (1968) and his wife, Elizabeth, have two teenage sons and live in America where Andy is a professor in the Infectious Diseases Department of the Veterinary School of the University of Florida in Gainesville.

Alan O'Connor (1960) has been appointed Group Manager Engineering for Comark Holdings.

Ray (1961) and Sheila
Palframan (Campbell 1961)
recently celebrated their
25th wedding anniversary
with friends and family at
their home in King
William's Town.

Jenny Rathkolb (Davies 1962) and her husband, Gerald, together with their two children emigrated to the Virgin Islands in 1987. They run a very busy jewellery business on St Thomas, a popular resort island in the Caribbean.

Winston Sahd (1960) who recently bought the Queenstown Golf Club is the club's longest standing president. He hopes one day to have a massive nonracial country club for the whole community's benefit. Cynthia Tozer (Loxton 1966) was recently elected as Mayor of Bergville at a council meeting in October 1990. Cynthia arrived in Bergville together with her husband in 1980 and was elected to Council in 1981. She has represented the Bergville Council on the Executive Committee of the Tugela Basin Association and as a delegate on the Midlands Joint Services Committee and the Natal Municipal Association.

Niel van Wyk (1963) is director of the Chief Directorate, Na-

ture and Environmental Conservation in Cape Town.

Elaine Wansbury (Fingland 1964) together with her family has just moved to a farm 50km outside Nelspruit where Elaine will enjoy being a farmer's wife. They spent the last seven years on a fruit farm outside Somerset West where Elaine worked as an analyst programmer for Gants Foods.

Chris Wiles (1966) writes from Denver, Colorado to tell us that after a 'temporary' transfer to Australia in 1981 which lasted almost 10 years he finally made it back to

Pat Witherow (1960) made a shortlived attempt at professional golf after graduating. He then entered the real estate market in Vereeniging in 1963. In 1971 he became a commerical/industrial property consultant and in 1976 a partner in CG Peet and Witherow. In 1986 he formed the Pat Witherow Property Consultants. He is married with four children, one of which, Shaun, has followed him into the real estate business. Pat has been chairman of the Everton Health Committee for the past five years and is a member of Kloof Rotary. He plays golf once a week, off an eight handicap.



Helen Afxentiou (1978) is married to Norman Proctor and lives in Johannesburg.

David William Alcock (1977) is living in London and working as an actor in theatre. He completed a production of 'Road to Mecca' in 1990 which toured England for three months. He and **Stephanie Berelowitz (1984)** live in West Hampstead.

Greg Alvord (1971) and Debbie (Granger 1972) live in America with their two children aged nine and seven who are well on the way to becoming typical Americans. Greg teaches general science at the Junior High School in Wauchula. He finds the school has much less scientific equipment than those in Zimbabwe. Greg is also president of the Lions Club of Avon Park. Debbie supervises the Guardian Ad Litem programme for two counties in their judicial circuit. Volunteers are used to represent the best interests of children involved in child abuse and neglect cases and in custody cases where the Judge is unable to decide which parent should be the primary residential parent. She finds the work challenging and interesting but says that the high incidence of abuse is frightening.

Rob Ambrosio (1976) left South Africa in 1986 and worked in London as a dispensing assistant for six months before applying for membership of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain. He had to attend the one year conversion course for overseas pharmacists and after the final examinations and a six month pre-registration period, he was able to add MRPharmS to his name. Rob has travelled extensively, skiing in winter and sunbathing on Mediterranean islands in summer. He is now the Superintendent Pharmacist of Curtis Chemist. Rob would welcome any Old Rhodian who might like to contact him on telephone number (London) 081 - 874 3779. While in London Rob has met the following ORs, Judy Hill (1977), Barry Snyders

(1978) and his wife, Sue (Bullen 1977), Eric Schoemaker (1981), 'Ferdie' Frankel (1975) and Heather Dean (1978).

Alison Barker (1978) married Mark Baterip and lives in England where she was teaching. They have a little boy.

Stephen Buckland SJ (1971) returned to Zimbabwe in 1974 after graduating with a BA(Hons) and in 1976 joined the Society of Jesus. In 1985 he graduated with a Master of Theology degree at London University. Stephen then returned to Zimbabwe and was ordained into the priesthood in 1986. Since 1988 he has been teaching philosophy to candidates for the Roman Catholic priesthood at the Regional Seminary outside Harare and is due to spend some time in Canada this year for the final part of his Jesuit training in preparation for final vows.

Robert Cheong (1974) and Janet (Low 1972) live in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. They have two children, a son aged seven and a daughter aged four years.

Marc Cattaneo (1978) is married to Margarita and manages a professional association management centre in Geneva.

Andrew Coates (1977) is married to Steve (Lawrance 1976) who has been working as a pharmacist at Rosebank Clinic in Johannesburg since 1985. Andrew is presently with First National Bank as their senior financial manager - Group Financial Control Division.

Robert Cragg (1979) worked in the Johannesburg office of Arthur Young and Company for three years, and was then transferred to the New York office of Ernst & Young where he is currently a senior audit manager. He is married and has a son, Bryan. He is in regular contact with **Gary Isaacson** (1979) who is married with a daughter, **Ron Evans** (1978) and **Rob McCullough** (1982).

Andrew Phillip Cowell (1979)

worked with the Zimbab-

wean Government's Depart-

ment of Social Welfare in Bulawayo from May 1984 until December 1989. In January 1990 he moved to Beit Bridge and has since been promoted to the post of District Welfare Officer in Chipinge. Andrew finds rural social work much more varied and exciting than that of a big city. In Beit Bridge he has found himself acting as a PRO, gynaecologist and labour officer! He works with Charles Inggs (1976) who is the secretary of the Chipinge Rural Council. Andrew would like to share these words by Ralph Waldo

'To laugh often and love much, to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children, to earn the approbation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others, to give one's self; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived - this is to be successful'.

Emerson with all ORs:

Julia Denny-Dimitriou (1978) has joined the industrial public relations consultancy, Jan de Beer and Associates, as senior consultant.

Mrs J M de Klerk (Dowthwaite 1973) lives in Johannesburg and is the deputy chief subeditor on the Sunday Star.

Lynne Eulnton (Bowker 1978) is married to Tim and lives in Harare. Lynne spent three

years at the Rosebank Bible College in Johannesburg after graduating and then returned to Zimbabwe where she married Tim. After a stint in Johannesburg when it was Tim's turn to attend the Rosebank Bible College they returned to Zimbabwe. Lynne feels there seems to be a vast shortage of 'relevant' Christians in the business world which is why Tim went back into the working world after his college training.

John Fletcher (1979) was recently awarded his doctorate in law from Cambridge University. John has been frequently seen on our television screens singing "Country Roads" in the Nissan advertisement. In May he recorded the New Year's Eve show for TV1 and in October he will release a Christmas record with three children's choirs to raise funds the nationwide "Reach for a Dream" project that helps terminally ill children. On the classical side John is to perform four Mozart masses at the City Hall in Cape Town and the State Theatre in Pretoria. John says music is merely a hobby and his advertising career will have to come to an end when he is a member of the bar.

Lance (Sporty) Goodale (1973) started his working career in banking but now lives in Cape Town and owns a wholesale business supplying the building industry. Sporty is married and has three daughters.

Joe Gates (1971) has been elected president of the Institute of Life and Pension Advisers.

Josephine Hardwick (Cook 1971) taught maths in Zimbabwe from 1976 to 1982. They came to South Africa in 1983 where Josephine taught at Queenstown Girls High School for one year while her husband taught at Queen's College. They then moved to East London where Josephine taught until 1986 when her son, Paul, was born. She is now a full-time mother and a parttime teacher.

Alexander Hartley (1975) is the new science master at Christian Brothers College. He is a keen sportsman and represented the Orange Free State at swimming for eight years. While at Rhodes he was awarded colours for swimming. He is also a qualified junior rugby and senior cricket coach.

Trevor Hastie (1973) is the coauthor of a book entitled Generalized Additive Models which was launched at the recent conference of the American Statistical Association in Anaheim, California. Dr Hastie has given seminars at various universities including ones in Italy and London. He was a speaker at the Centenary celebrations of the Combined **Australian Universities** which included touring the country and giving addresses at all the Australian universities. He has recently returned from seminars in New Zealand and Yugoslavia. He has been a research scientist in New Jersey for the past five years and is married and has two children.

Steve Henderson (1978) and Cathy (Matthews 1978) have two daughters and live in Cape Town where Steve is the minister of Bergyliet Congregational Church. Cathy teaches part-time.

Colin Kenyon (1979) who has been with AECI for almost nine years is the Research Fellow at their Research and Development Department.

Ronnie Kingwill (1972) was recently appointed Eskom's

regional manager for the Eastern Cape. After graduation Ronnie worked at Coopers and Lybrand for eight years during which time he visited London and Europe for 18 months. He joined Eskom in 1985 as a Financial Systems Manager. Two years later he was promoted to Distribution Financial Manager. He was subsequently appointed Regional Manager of the central Transvaal region and occupied that post until his transfer to East London.

Greg Poole (1977) and Marcelle (Zwanikken (1978) live in Durban where Greg works as a pharmacist and Marcelle cares for their little girl.

Enrique Reichhard-Barends (1979) is married with two children and lives in Chile.

Bernd Stiehler (1978) and Shirley Trautman (1979) live outside Oxford and have been running a marketing consultancy in England since 1986.

Roy Snyman (1976) will take up the duties of Rector of the Collegiate Church of St Mary the Virgin in Port Elizabeth in October.

Jennifer Thompson (1971), professor and head of the microbiology department at the University of Cape Town, was recently given the award for her 'considerable achievements in the field of microbiology'. This award is presented annually to a woman who excels in her particular field of interest. Jennifer is considered a pioneer in biotechnology (the use of biological organisms for the production of useful products for industry, medicine, agriculture) and plant genetic engineering. Success in this field would mean scientists could grow, from seed, plants which are resistant to

viruses, insects and even drought.

Koos van der Merwe (1976) has been appointed Master of the Supreme Court in Grahamstown.

Gary Ward (1973) and Mary Rose (Low 1973) are living in Brisbane, Australia where Gary works for the Brisbane Town Planning Department and Mary is a career guidance counsellor for an education college.

Richard Ward (1970) who has been a senior lecturer in the Mathematics Department at Durham University, England has been awarded a Readership.

Bernie Wheeler (1976) and Kerry (Wensley 1976) live in Durban and have three daughters. Bernie is the regional sales manager for Natal, for Revertex Chemicals and Kerry is a senior teacher at St Mary's DSG in Kloof. Bernie and Richard Turnbull (1975) have formed a partnership in a Biokinetic and Health Centre in Durban called Body Dynamics.



Janet Barker (Hodgkiss 1983) lives in Cape Town and is married to Nigel, an old Witsie.

John Bradshaw (1981) and Karen (Wrench 1981) married in 1989 at Kenton-on-Sea. Karen was awarded a scholarship from the Royal Exhibition of 1851 to study at Cambridge University. Only ten of these scholarships are awarded annually to countries of the old commonwealth. When John has completed his PhD studies in Computer Science at Cambridge they plan to return to South Africa.

Andre Boshoff (1980) and Anne (Matthews 1980) have two boys. Andre works at the Lotzaba Forests at Lothair in the Transvaal.

Andrew Dorrington (1981) is married to Linda (Warren 1983). They have recently returned to South Africa after several years travelling and working overseas. Andrew was employed in the company / finance department of a large London firm of solicitors and Linda was employed in the marketing department of another firm of solicitors. They have settled in Johannesburg with their daughter born in October 1990. Andrew works for a firm of attorneys and Linda is studying psychology honours this year through UNISA. While they were in London they frequently saw Gordon (1982) and Judy Crowther (Southall 1984). Gordon is an assistant pastor of a central London church and Judy teaches at an exclusive girls' school near Sloane Square in London. They also saw a great deal of Paul Apostolis (1981) who is completing his articles of clerkship to qualify as an English solicitor with a London firm. Paul recently married an English barrister. Philip Finestone (1980) studied

medicine in Pretoria after graduating from Rhodes with a BSc and now works at Tygerberg Hospital.

Jeremy Harvard (1981) has been a freelance editor in TV news and current affairs in London since mid-1988 apart from a period editing news for the BBC in Jerusalem in the early weeks of the Gulf war.

Eureta Janse van Rensburg (1989) has been appointed a research officer associated with the establishment of South Africa's first Chair of Environmental Education at Rhodes. Eureta holds an MSc in medical science from the University of the Orange Free State and an honours degree in psychology from Rhodes. She has recently completed an MEd in Environmental Education at Rhodes and has been awarded the prestigious Loewenstein Trust Scholarship for doctoral research in environmental education.

Julian Knight (1980) and Jane (van Blommestein 1980) are living in Pretoria after having moved from East London where Jane was teaching art at Clarendon Girls High School. Julian is practising as an attorney and Jane is currently teaching at Pretoria High School for Girls. They have a daughter, Harriet, who is three years old.

Carolyn Lange (1981) has been appointed to the position of assistant product manager of Parke-Davis. After graduating she spent a year in retail pharmacy before broadening her experience in three major hospitals in London. On her return to South Africa, she joined the pharmaceutical industry as medical information officer and is currently studying towards an MPharm degree as well as a part-time diploma in marketing management.

Harry May (1982) graduated in 1986 and then completed two years military service as a Law Officer in Namibia (then South West Africa). He joined Arthur Anderson and Associates in Johannesburg in February 1990 as an income tax consultant and is presently studying through UNISA for the diploma in income tax. He plays for the 'OVOST' (our very own soccer team - mostly ORs) which is doing very well.

Rushman Moneli (1988) has been appointed a junior lecturer in Xhosa at the Port Elizabeth campus of Vista University.

Claire Pickard-Cambridge (1980) is a sub-editor at the Business Day newspaper in Johannesburg.

Hilary Pickard-Cambridge (1981) is working for Stephan Welz and Company in association with Sotheby's in the silver and jewellery department.

Paul Raynham (1982) has been appointed promotions officer at the Institute of Banking in South Africa. He is responsible for the organization of seminars and is also engaged in the marketing of the Institute's services.

Hanno Rumpf (1982) served as SWAPO's information officer for Austria and Germany based in Bonn until 1989. He returned to Namibia in 1989 to take part in the election process. He was appointed to the post of permanent secretary of the Ministry of Wildlife, Conservation and Tourism by the Public Service Commission of Namibia after the elections.

Clive Sawyer (1980) worked as the Cape bureau chief of Style magazine for three years after which he joined the Argus in 1988 and is now bureau chief of the Tygerberg Bureau and news editor of the Northern Argus, a new regional newspaper published by the Argus.

Mr K Sirestarajah (1986) is with the Faculty of Education at the University of Venda.

Bruce Stewart (1984) writes from England to say that, although he enjoyed doing his LLB at Leicester University, Rhodes offers students a more human and real education, not to mention improved academic standards.

Greg van der Lingen (1980) and Shona (Douglas 1983) live in Eastlea, Harare where Greg, a minister without charge in the Presbyterian Church of Southern Africa, is co-director with a part-time Anglican priest in a public relations and advertising consultancy. He is also secretary on the Religious Advisory Board to the Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation and produced a series of half-hour radio discussion programmes for broadcasting during 1991. Shona recently completed a Diploma in Training through the Institute of Personnel Management in Zimbabwe.

Mike Ward (1981) and Carolyn (Croft-Goodison 1984) have been living in Sandton where Mike has been working as a systems analyst for Synertech and Carolyn a senior analyst at SA Breweries. They are now in Australia for an indefinite working holiday.

Mark Weimers (1983) has been appointed to Boksburg North Methodist Church and will be in charge of two congregations - Boksburg North and Beydene in Beyers Park.

Edward West (1986) worked as a financial reporter on Business Day before joining South African Transport last July. He will report on transport companies and the business side of the industry.

**Desmond Wilke (1980)** has been appointed the principal of Hopetown High School in the Cape.

Mike Wright (1982) teaches physics, mathematics and computers at St Andrew's College in Grahamstown.

Alan Yates (1981) is the senior DP auditor for Caltex Oil in Cape Town.

# -OBITUARIES

Mr Alan Barker (1930) in East London in February 1991. He was born in Adelaide in 1913 and completed his schooling at Graeme College in Grahamstown. He began his teaching career at Templeton High School in Bedford in 1934. Shortly after moving to Selborne College in 1939 he joined the army and saw active service as an artillery officer in North Africa and Italy. Afterwards he returned to Selborne College and was appointed vice-principal in 1954. He was appointed headmaster of Cathcart High School in 1955, of Kimberley Boys High School in 1958 and returned to Selborne College the following year to succeed Mr Jock Perry as principal. He held the position until 1968. Mr Barker leaves his wife, Mrs Esme Barker, two children, Martin and Elspeth and four grandchildren. His son was appointed headmaster of George Randell High School in 1990.

Colonel Francis 'Bart' Bartlett (1928) in Port Alfred in December 1990 at the age of 81. Colonel Bartlett was educated at Graeme College and **Rhodes University College** and served his articles with the law firm of Espin and Espin, where he was later made a partner. As a soldier, Col Bartlett served as a private with the Rhodes Company of First City in 1928 before receiving his commission in 1932. He served in Madagascar and Italy in the second world war, where he was wounded and captured. He was held prisoner until the end of the war. Col Bartlett was made honorary colonel

of the First City Regiment in 1964, a position he held until 1989. He is survived by his wife, Ruby, two children and four grandchildren.

Miss Lydie Baumbach (1976) on February 9, 1991.

Mr W J (Bill) Bosch (1931) in Weltevreden Park in August 1990.

Miss Margaret 'Madge' Ethel Brock (1922) died in Cape Town in January 1991 at the age of 89. Miss Brock was associated with Collegiate School for Girls for 35 years, as a pupil, then a teacher, headmistess of the junior school and headmistress of the senior school. Miss Brock was a keen tennis player, playing into her 80s. Jack Cope (1981) in England in May. He moved to England in the early eighties and lived in Hertford. Jack was known for his short stories, books including 'The Prisoner of Zend" and "The Rainmaker", and his editorship of Contrast magazine from its inception in 1960 until 1980. An honorary degree was conferred upon him in 1981.

Miss L M 'Betty' Gyde (1923) on February 19, 1991 in Harare at the age of 87. She will fondly be remembered as the headmistress of Pretoria Girls' High, Harare Girls' High and Chisipite schools in a teaching career that spanned several decades.

Mr J A Lord (1926) in Cape Town on May 7, 1990.

Mr Harry Lundie (1921) in Pietermaritzburg in 1989.

Brigadier Ronald Martin (Staff 1950), OBE, a former Registrar at Rhodes, died on March 11, 1991 in Port Alfred. Brigadier Martin was born in 1896 in Essex, England. When he had completed his schooling, he attended the Royal Military Academy in Woolwich for two years. He was also a student at the Military College of Science where he passed the final examination of the Advanced Class. He devoted 31 years of his life to the British (Royal Artillery) and Indian Armies. During this time, he specialized in research, design, development and inspection of armaments and connected equipment, first in England and then India. He retired from the army in 1947. He then came to South Africa and was appointed as Assistant Registrar at Rhodes in 1951 and became Registrar in 1960. He retired from that position in 1966.

Mrs Ruth McGibbon (Streeten 1934) in Worcester on May 12, 1991. Ruth had undergone a successful hip replacement operaton at the Princess Alice Orthopaedic Hospital in Retreat, and died unexpectantly of pulmonary embolism 10 days later. Her brothers, David and Frank travelled from the USA and England to join her husband, Victor, and friends at the funeral to share cherished memories of Ruth.

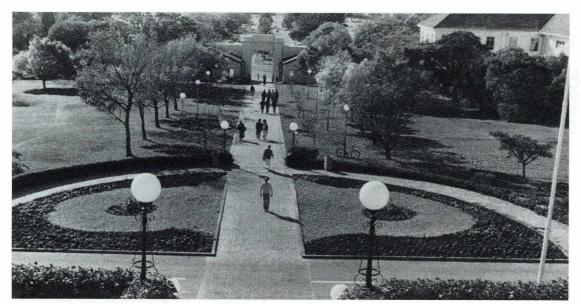
Mr Vernon Mills (1966) died suddenly in England in November 1990.

Mr R E L 'Dick' Moore (1939) died suddenly in October 1990 after a short illness bravely borne. Dick graduated from Rhodes with a BA before seeing action in Madagascar, North Africa and Italy during the war, sustaining a serious leg wound. He returned to Rhodes to do a UED in 1946 and played cricket and hockev for Rhodes. He was the first sub-warden of Matthews House and served on the SRC during the time when lan Smith (1938) was president. Dick left Rhodes and taught for a total of 43 years in Zimbabwe, including 25 years at Eagle School where he was the headmaster from 1968 - 1973. He played provincial cricket for many years and always maintained his keen interest in the game. He leaves a widow, Jean (Grunow 1942), a daughter and a son, Patrick (1968) who followed in his father's footsteps and has been teaching for 20 years, the last eight as headmaster.

Mrs Elizabeth May
Moubray (Dunlop 1923) in
Zimbabwe on August 7,
1990. She was a member of
the Rhodes University College tennis team in 1923 and
a member of the SRC in
1925. Elizabeth married an
Oxford graduate in 1927
and moved to Zimbabwe
where they enjoyed an exceedingly happy married
life of just over sixty-three
years.

Mr Fred Paterson (1968), a senior lecturer at the Cape Technikon school of pharmacy, died in October 1990 after being seriously injured in a bicycle accident. He is survived by his wife, Judy, and children Katy, 11, Jonathan, 8, and Marion, 5.

Doug Phillips (1960) in Cape St Francis on April 12 of a heart attack. He was Port Alfred's Town Treasurer for 20 years and recently resigned to take up a post at Cape St Francis. Young



#### Betty's garden

THESE new flower beds replace what was a staff parking area. The University continues to follow the "Gareth Singleton plan" for beautifying the campus. The flower beds were made possible through a donation from Miss L M 'Betty' Gyde (1923) who died on February 19, 1991.

people loved Doug as he was 'one of the boys' especially on the surfing scene. He was still an active surfer and his love of fishing, the sea and mostly the surf was instrumental in his decision to leave Port Alfred and settle in Cape St Francis as it is acclaimed worldwide as a surfer's paradise. One of Doug's sons, Dalton, has followed in his father's footsteps and has gained his EP colours for kneeboarding. Doug leaves his wife, Carol and four children.

Victor Schaefer (1925) shortly after his 84th birthday in Harare on February 12, 1991. Vic was a staunch supporter of the Old Rhodian reunions and attended them regularly. He was a kind, generous, thoughtful gentleman and a fine sportsman who played golf twice a week. He died as he lived. Having dropped off his wife for an appointment he was driving to the bank when he drew to the side of the road - and passed away - ever the gentle man concerned for others. He was humorous and patient as demonstrated by his daily reading of correspondence and the newspaper to his near-blind wife. He was

married to Iris 'for only 45 years', as she says, 'because he delayed their marriage because he went to England in 1939 and was not prepared to take a new wife to a blitzed London where he worked in an explosives factory'.

Mr M M Spence (1949) died in Vancouver on November 11, 1990.

Mr Miguel Eugene Hartvig (Mig) Sulter (1941) in Port Alfred in January 1991. Mig was born in De Aar in 1923. He was educated at the Kimberley Boys' High School where he matriculated in 1940 gaining the highest marks in Griqualand West. He studied land survey at Rhodes, breaking his studies during the last war to join the South African Air Force as a navigator. After the war he returned to Rhodes and completed his studies. In 1953 he married Dorothy Walton of Port Elizabeth. After spending seven years in Bloemfontein the family moved to Grahamstown where Mr Sulter worked for about 30 years to become the longest serving surveyor in Grahamstown. He was first president of the Institute of Professional Land Surveyors of the East-

ern Cape, served for several years on the committee and was also Eastern Cape Land Surveyors' representative on the governing body, the Federation of Institutes of Professional Land Surveyors of South Africa (FILSA) for six years. He was also elected to the local board of directors of the South African Permanent Building Society and served as chairman for the past 15 years. He leaves a wife, Dorothy, three children and seven grandchildren.

Professor Edgar Twyman (Staff 1973), who was vice-principal of Rhodes from July 1973 to June 1977, died in England on February 24. He was born on August 28, 1913. On completion of his school career, he attained a BSc (Honours) degree from Birmingham University. The following year he qualified for a Diploma in Education. He then read for an MSc in Mycology and a doctorate in Physiology. He was a Botany lecturer at Birmingham University for some time before being appointed head of the department of Botany at Rhodes in 1951. After twenty-three years at Rhodes, he was appointed vice-principal, a

position he held until his retirement in 1977, when he settled in England. During his career he supervised nine masters research projects and three doctoral degrees. He published widely in his field and served on various committees for the advancement of the sciences.

**Mr Michael Vorster (1949)** in Port Elizabeth on October 10, 1990.

Professor Michael Wade (1959) died recently in Jerusalem following a lengthy illness. He was 49.

Mrs Ella West (Staff 1967) was born on September 20, 1920 and died in Grahamstown on February 14, 1991. She was the secretary in the history department for much of the time that Professors Winnie Maxwell and Rodney Davenport were in charge. She worked at Rhodes until 1982 and enjoyed the esteem and affection of staff and students alike. Ella is survived by her husband, Jock, son Ian, daughter-in-law Sarah, and two grandchildren, Lindsay and Kirsten.

Mr Ronald Guy Winn (1950) in Zimbabwe on July 15, 1990.

## Prof Rennie completes 20 years of 1820 Settler research

A former vice-principal, Professor IV L Rennie, recently completed 20 years of painstaking research into one of the most famous 1820 Settler parties, the Pringle party, and a four-volume work is presently being printed by the University's printing unit. Professor Rennie retired from Rhodes in 1970 after a distinguished career. He was appointed professor Geography in 1937. Professor Rennie is himself a descendant of members of the Pringle party, the widow, Elizabeth Rennie, who came out with five children, and Robert Pringle, father of Thomas. There were 24 altogether in the party - 12 men, six women and six children. One of the widow's sons, John Rennie, was Professor Rennie's great-grandfather. He is the great-greatgrandson of Robert Pringle.

The Rennie family settled at Baviaans River in the Bedford District on the farm, Eildon. One of the anecdotes in the work is a hunting trip in which John Rennie found himself confronted by a lion which lacerated his back before being frightened away by the crowd of hunters. The lion's skull was later sent to Sir Walter Scott in Scotland.

The Director of the National English Literary Museum (NELM), Professor Andre de Villiers, said Professor Rennie's work was important because it laid out in great detail the social composition of the Pringle party as well as the vicissitudes that the party had to undergo in preparing for the trip to South Africa. It also dealt with the problems encountered after their settle-

ment in the Eastern Cape, and follows up with the fortunes of most of the original Settlers in the party. Professor de Villiers said that the work will be published in the first half of 1991 and 150 sets of the volumes would be on sale at R60 plus packing and postage.



Mr Billy Futter, a member of the Old Rhodian Union Committee, with his daugther, Sharon, at a party where members of the ORU Committee met OR bursary recipients.



Professor JVL Rennie with his grandson, Johan Maree (1981).

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