



## RHODES

RHODES ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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# The New Eden Grove Complex

**Rhodes University's multi-million rand Eden Grove complex was officially opened in April this year.**

The massive futuristic external structure is like no other building on campus and as such, it links the University's old-style ivory towers to the new millennium as well as connecting the old campus with the new St Peter's campus. The main entrance is grand, with glass doors designed to allow more natural light in, one of the University's requirements. Inside, the fittings are impressive, with glass and spotlights adorning the structure, making it look like an upper-class shopping mall. Site manager Royston Bowles said if the building had wings "it would probably take off".



The Eden Grove complex is fully operational and has relieved pressure of lecturing space and has therefore vastly improved Rhodes' service to students. The complex houses a dining room and two carpeted auditoriums seating 450 and 150 students respectively, with state-of-the-art sound systems and comfortable, modern swivel seats. The top floor includes seminar space that can be divided into three halls through partitions. The theatres have hi-tech computers which make visual teaching a pleasure and eliminate the overhead system, which students sitting at the back find difficult to read. Both the Registrar's division and Cory Library have moved into the building.

The complex houses a 90-machine computer laboratory. This new lab will relieve pressure on the already congested computer labs on main campus.

While the building may be modern in comparison to some of the University's other assets, the roof was specifically designed to blend in with the surrounding architecture. Due to the fact that so

much natural light is allowed in, the building has a distinct feeling of space, creating a lovely atmosphere for what will become the hub of student activity on campus.

About 60 percent of the R21 million spent on the construction and servicing of Eden Grove has flowed into Grahamstown's economy. Rhodes Estates division director Les Reynolds said "There is a wonderful spin-off for Grahamstown. This was achieved through the use of local contractors CM Heunis and Johnny Bowles, the purchasing of materials like bricks and cement locally and through the workers spending their wages here". Co-ordinator for the building contractors, Neels Heunis, said only sub-contractors for the specialised services not available in Grahamstown were hired from out of town. A total workforce of

about 100 people was employed, although at peak times about 200 people were working on the project.

The name Eden Grove was originally attached to a property on the south west side of Grahamstown adjoining the Botanical Gardens and the Military Headquarters, now the site of the main campus of Rhodes University. In April 1884 the Eden Grove property was purchased by Bishop Allan Beecher Webb, Bishop of Grahamstown, as the future home of the fledgling Community of the Resurrection of Our Lord.

A contemporary description reads: "Eden Grove stood in a pretty nook in the hills on the south west side of the city ... On the property were two cottages well back from the road (Somerset Street) and a lodge at the drive gates. The largest or 'long' cottage was a single storey building with a stoep covered with flowering creepers. It looked eastward over a garden with an orchard and flowerbeds.

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## Rhodes University Investec Business School

Professor **Gavin Staude (1963)**, who has been head of the Department of Management at Rhodes University since 1982, was appointed Director of the newly established Rhodes University Investec Business School.

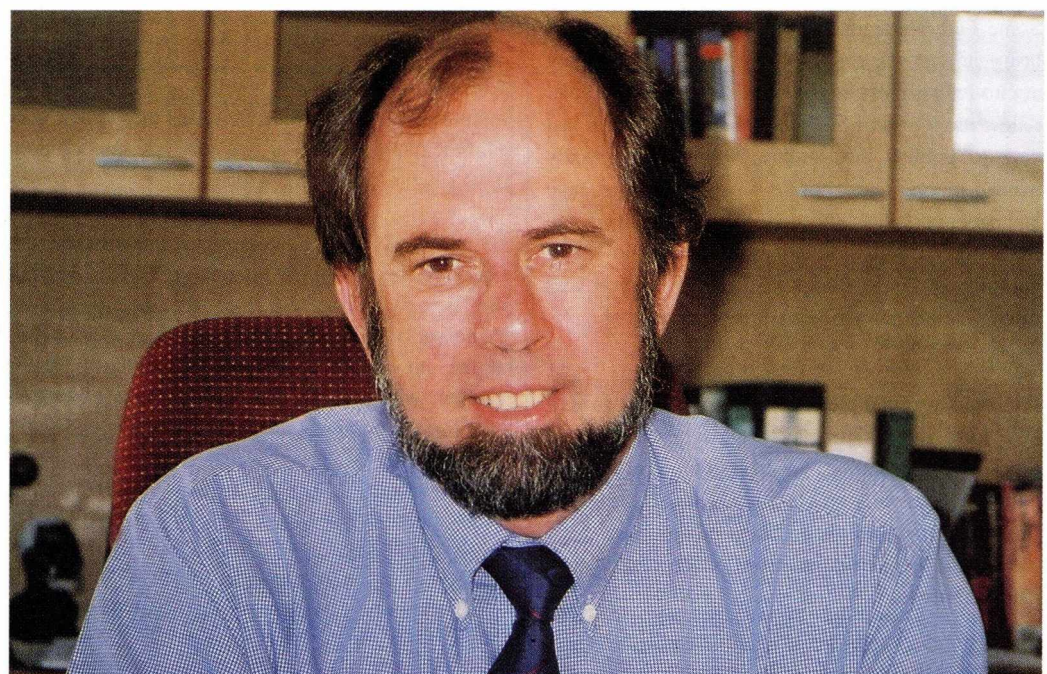
Since 1991 Professor Staude has also been Visiting Professor at Durham University in the United Kingdom, where he spends one to two months each year in their Business School, teaching a course on strategic marketing in the full-time MBA programme. He has also taught courses at the University of Cape Town and the University of the Witwatersrand Business Schools and has been a consultant on management development for companies in South Africa and the United Kingdom.

Professor Staude holds a Master of Business Administration degree from Cranfield Institute of Technology in the United Kingdom and a PhD degree in Business Administration from Rhodes University. He has completed further programmes of study at the Cranfield Institute and at Boston College in the USA. Professor Staude has been on the staff of Rhodes University since 1968. He has written and co-authored numerous articles and three books.

will thus be possible to build in project management electives which will be of particular interest and relevance for certain market sectors, particularly those with close links to Rhodes University. These would include pharmacy management, managing the arts, museums, financial services and Internet marketing and e-commerce, as well as the footwear industry. The School will capitalise on the International Chair of Entrepreneurship, a joint venture between Rhodes University, the Port Elizabeth Technikon and the University of Limerick in Ireland.

According to Professor Staude, the course will be differentiated, integrated and intuitively logical, which will facilitate marketing of the programme in a somewhat cluttered market. Students will be required to write a work-based dissertation on some aspect of "excellence", thus contributing to the body of knowledge in this area.

In line with the Business Excellence model, all applicants will be required to write the Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) and there will be an appropriate minimum score for acceptance. The School will also offer certificate programmes for middle managers in general management, marketing and financial management.



Professor Gavin Staude (1963), Director of the Rhodes University Investec Business School.

The Rhodes University Investec Business School plans to introduce a Masters in Business Administration (MBA) degree based on the South African Business Excellence model, which is based on accredited quality models in the USA and Europe. This will be the flagship activity of the School, off which all other initiatives will hang.

The Excellence model is applicable to all organisations, whether manufacturing or service, profit or non-profit, private sector or government. It

Another activity will be "Impact Research", which involves the establishment of a Case-Writing Unit for publication as well as a teaching resource, and structured research along the lines of *Fortune* magazine's "Most Admired South African Companies". Strategic alliances with various business organisations will be forged and the establishment of a Leadership Development and Research Unit will be explored. Various management development programmes are also

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# Editorial

Although I will have made a career move to the commercial world by the time you receive this newsletter, I leave you in the competent hands of Kay Wentworth, the new editor of *RHODES* Alumni News. Although Kay is a graduate of the University of Port Elizabeth, she has lived in Grahamstown for many years and, having completed a number of courses here, has proven herself to be a loyal, *bona fide* Old Rhodian.



Kay Wentworth, the new editor of RHODES Alumni News.

You will notice that the newsletter has undergone a change this year. The citations and speeches of our Honorary Graduates now appear separately, in an unedited form. We made this change in response to many letters received from alumni – some people wanted to read the full citations and speeches, not just the summarised versions, and others expressed little interest at all in the Honorary Graduates’ words. By publishing the photographs and the full versions of their citations and addresses separately, we hope to keep both groups satisfied.

I hope you enjoy reading the newsletter, especially as it contains many articles about new and exciting developments on campus. Please make every effort to attend reunions being held in your area, and always let the Alumni Office know when your postal or e-mail address changes. For those of you who have access to the Internet, do visit our homepage ([www.ru.ac.za](http://www.ru.ac.za)), where you can now update your address details from the Alumni page, request information on long lost friends, join the 150 Club and order from our exciting range of memorabilia.

Some Old Rhodians missed the announcement in last year’s newsletter, and have enquired why they are no longer receiving the newsletter twice a year. Allow me to repeat that the decision was taken last year to publish the Alumni Newsletter annually instead of every six months. Increases in postage and paper costs, as well as the declining value of the Rand forced that decision upon us. We’d rather continue this service free of charge to you less often, than demand a fee or drop it altogether.

As usual, my final plea to you is to **keep in touch!** We “lose” many ORs every year when they move away without letting us have their forwarding address. If any of your OR friends are not receiving this newsletter, they are probably on our “lost” list – please ask them to contact our office so that they can be reinstated.

## Lisl Griffioen

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PS:

*Don’t forget that Rhodes’ Centenary is drawing nearer – the year 2004 will see many special reunions and celebrations.*

# Letters to the Editor

## Dear Lisl

This is about “My Coffee Party”. We all got our degrees in 1934, so you can realise that we are now pretty ancient!

The oldest is **Mary Fletcher (Walker)(1934)**, 86 years, who lives with her family at Mutare. She is suffering under the strain of Mugabe’s constant threats to seize farms without recompense. She was noteworthy because of her extraordinarily beautiful hair, a lovely mane of red-gold wavy hair. Quite gorgeous.

The rest of us had no distinguishing features. **Lorna Martyn (Whitaker)(1932)** lives in a retirement home in Pietermaritzburg. She has the extraordinary total of 32 grandchildren. Her eldest daughter married a man who already had children and Lorna simply regards them as part of the family.

**Norah Stone (Crowther)(1932)**, 84 years, lives in Port Shepstone. Not a very comfortable place. The district of Umzimkulu has always been a bone of contention between Zulus and Xhosas. There are always feuds and murders going on there.

**Faith Seigel (Symons)(1932)** (that’s me), also 84. I also live in an old age home where I have a very pleasant cottage and a sizeable garden. The home is 90% Afrikaans with a literally different outlook and culture. I long for good English conversation or a game of bridge! Fortunately I am totally at home in Afrikaans but I have realized how totally different we all are. I read voraciously and do as much gardening as my various aches and pains permit. I have just recently discovered someone here who lived in Grahamstown for 11 years – a potential gold mine!

Sorry I am unable to type but my generation learned to type only if one was going to be a typist. Most of us regard computers with horror so we can’t even type on one of them.

I look back so happily to my years at Rhodes. The fact that one is surrounded by one’s peers makes for such a comfortable feeling. The disillusionment when one leaves and is confronted by Joe and Jane Soap takes some getting used to!

Yours sincerely  
**Faith Seigel (Symons)(1932)**

## Dear Lisl

Thank you so much for sending me the Rhodes Alumni newsletter – what a wealth of fond memories it calls forth. Obviously the person who said the happiest days of one’s life are one’s school days never went to RHODES!

As news of one’s contemporaries decreases, the obituaries become more interesting. One knows that one is now really old when the dashing young Professor of Classics of one’s first year (1940) dies at the age of 90 years, and the Professor Omer Cooper who dies at the age of 66 is not the Professor one knew, but his SON!

Your newsletter does a great job.

Yours sincerely  
**Joy Abrahams (Wood)(1940)**

## Dear Lisl

I need some information on a contemporary of mine in Cradock and a Rhodes student between 1940 and 1943. St Elmo Wilken, the son of Cradock’s location superintendent, was at Rhodes with me and in 1942 he applied for a job at “Porter’s Reformatory”.

For any help I would be most grateful.

Sincerely  
**Jeffrey Butler (1940)**  
[jbutler@wesleyan.edu](mailto:jbutler@wesleyan.edu)

## Dear Ms Griffioen

I am possibly a very old Rhodian, although the qualification for such honour may be thin. You see I did my first year medicine at Rhodes in the way back days - 1943 - when this was possible. Since then, unfortunately, medical students are no longer able to luxuriate in the wonders of youthful and joyous Rhodes, at least as I remember it. It was a wonderful year of true Campus at its best. When I went to Wits to do the other five medical student years, the difference was marked. It was a hard-working live-in-digs type of life and there was little contact with students who were not medical. After I qualified MB BCh, completed my internship, and did several clinical years’ experience, I ended up as a lecturer in the department of Clinical Pathology for five years. Then I specialised as a Clinical Pathologist and that’s what I have been doing ever since. I am still actively involved as a specialist consultant to a large medical laboratory in Port Elizabeth.

Two of my children qualified at Rhodes, so my wife and I have many memories of social events there from time to time. We particularly enjoyed having sherry in the tent at graduation and enjoying the hilarious humour of dear Professor Addleson, who, alas, has since died.

I was a member of the first Rhodes Development Board and took a keen interest in the subsequent building up process that this initiative set in motion. So I still have a very soft spot for our University.

Yours sincerely  
**Basil Ellis (1942)**

## Dear Madam

An Old Rhodian friend, **Roy Parkin (1940)**, now of Perth, Western Australia, sent us a cutting of the last Old Rhodian newsletter. It shows a photograph, headed “Golden Oldies” (reproduced below), believed to be of the Rhodes Tennis Team of 1913, and asks for identification of any persons appearing in it. My husband, **Tony Dold (1940)**, and I are able to authenticate the identity of the man in the centre of the back row as being Tony’s father, **L. Melville Dold (1911)**. Interestingly to us, in this photo my father-in-law has a very strong resemblance to his great-grandson, who has recently matriculated from Kingswood College in Grahamstown. My husband and I have always maintained a strong interest in our *alma mater* and wish it well through difficult times.

Yours sincerely  
**Mary Rose Dold (Murray-MacGregor) (1947)**



Rhodes Tennis Team of 1913

## Dear Lisl

It is with regret that I will not be able to be present at the 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Reunion in July. I think it is a fine idea and would have enjoyed meeting old friends. I was at Rhodes from 1958 – 1961, prior to going to USA for two years. I will be in the USA at the time.

Is there any notice board or forum whereby it would be possible to exchange e-mail addresses? That would be a most useful means of contacting old friends. I would love to make contact with members of the *Blackfoot Club of 1960*, notably **Denis Clackworthy (1958)**, the Chairman who

ended up working for Siemens in Germany, and **Dunbar Moodie (1958)**, who ended up as Professor of Sociology at a USA university.

My good wishes for a successful reunion and greetings to all who may remember me.

**Ron Legg (1958)**  
[ronlegg@global.co.za](mailto:ronlegg@global.co.za)

The Editor replies:  
For security and confidentiality, our database information is not publically accessible; however all ORs are welcome to contact us when looking for friends.  
Email [alumni@ru.ac.za](mailto:alumni@ru.ac.za) or visit our Website:  
<http://www.rhodes.ac.za/services/mc/alumni.html>

## Dear Lisl

SEARCHING FOR  
CAROLINE ASHLEY-BELBIN

Anne and **Chris Wortham (1960)**, of Perth, Western Australia, would very much like to re-establish contact with **Caroline Ashley-Belbin (1960)**, or “Cash”, as we all knew her. We last saw Caroline when she came to visit us in Harare just before we left Zimbabwe in 1976. Would Caroline or someone knowing her whereabouts please e-mail us at: [cwortham@cyllene.uwa.edu.au](mailto:cwortham@cyllene.uwa.edu.au). Caroline and her sister **Elizabeth (1959)** were at Rhodes in the early 1960s.

Best wishes,

**Chris Wortham (1960)**  
Department of English  
University of Western Australia

## Hi Lisl

I recently attended a conference in the USA and met an Old Rhodian who is keen to make contact with old friends. She was known as **Gill Lisus (1966)** and was in Atherstone and John Kotze houses. Gill would love to hear from OR’s, especially Pam Cawood’s sister, Fe Sparrow, Anne Brink, Marian Walker, Dain Little and the Athies people from 1966. She can be contacted c/o PO Box 49316, East End, 4018.

Regards,  
**Bertie Wicks (1966)**

## Dear Lisl

*Reunion in Brisbane*

Could I, through your pages, ask any Old Rhodians in Brisbane to contact me so that we can get a function organised here? I know there are many Old Rhodians living in Brisbane and with the huge numbers of ex-South African families arriving here, I am sure there are many out there that would like to get together. I am willing to be the contact for all ORs living in Brisbane and the Gold and Sunshine Coasts wanting to get in touch and ready to get a reunion organised here. I can be contacted on 07-3378 7785 or via email at [sheilalevine@ozemail.com.au](mailto:sheilalevine@ozemail.com.au).

Yours  
**Sheila Levine (1978)**

## Dear Lisl

I’m STILL looking for my lost friend, **Grant Ferguson (1989)**, last living in Johannesburg. I just can’t believe that Grant has dropped off the face of the earth. I don’t suppose it would be possible to put something in the next alumni newsletter asking if anyone knows his whereabouts? I really want to find him!

Regards  
**Haley Harvey (1989)**



# Eden Grove

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Quite near one end of it, but facing southward, was the ‘Orange and Green House’, a double storey cottage with a balcony covered with a potato-flower creeper. At one end was a clump of sweet-scented lemon trees, under which one passed to reach the dairy at the back.”

Another contemporary says: “We were struck with the beauty of the spot, a bowery dell in which orchards of fruit trees appeared to be surmounted with woods of incense-bearing pine and eucalyptus, which gave back their fragrance to the South African sun, a sort of little Garden of Eden about which troops of angels might be imagined to revel.”

The Sisters of the Community retained the name Eden Grove for the land on which St Peter’s Home, their mother house, and other buildings (including the Grahamstown Training College) were later constructed. When Rhodes University acquired the property from the Sisters in 1975, it too retained the name of Eden Grove.

# Business School

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planned, which might include, for example, a two-to three-week residential programme for the motor industry and a programme for the financial services.

Other initiatives include an annual conference on “Strategies for Excellence” alternating between East London and Port Elizabeth; alliances with organisations such as the Institute of Marketing Management in mounting subject-specific courses in the Eastern Cape; and alliances with universities such as the Durham University Business School in mounting courses in which they have developed core competencies.

Short courses on ‘Burning Issues’ are also planned. These would cover topics such as Internet marketing and e-commerce, developing emotional intelligence amongst employees and change management. Professor Staude has planned various outreach programmes for schools in the Eastern Cape in order to develop an interest in, and passion for, business.

He believes that there is likely to be immediate support for the School from the founding members of the SA Excellence Foundation. The Eastern Cape happens to be the driving force behind the SA Excellence Foundation, with about 40% of its members based here.

# Old Rhodian State Herald flagged for Award from the President

Professor Roddy Fox, head of the Geography department recently had a conversation with Mr **Fred Brownell (1959)**, our State Herald. Professor Fox says that it was clear from talking to him that Mr Brownell is far too modest to boast about an award he recently received, so we decided to do the boasting for him. The President of South Africa, Mr Thabo Mbeki awarded Mr Brownell the Award of the Order for Meritorious Service Class II: Silver (published in the Government Gazette 416 No 20855, 11 February 2000). Mr Brownell designed the country’s new flag, which helped him get the award. We are told that this award is roughly the equivalent of a knighthood, indeed something to be proud of. Congratulations, Fred Brownell!

# Rhodes Research Unit backs SAPS

## MTN-sponsored unit establishes memorial fund to help crack crimes

The MTN Centre for Crime Prevention Studies, based in the Rhodes University Psychology Department, is a new high-tech crime busting initiative aimed at catching serial killers and other habitual offenders. The Centre was launched in September 1999 and is a collaborative project developed by Rhodes’ investigative psychologist Dr **Mark Welman (1993)** and other academics, along with South Africa’s top serial killer expert, Micky Pistorius. Rhodes University is proud to be associated with this important initiative. This venture, which has drawn sponsorship from cellular giant MTN to the tune of R1.5 million, is designed to identify and track serial killers while cutting down on police work.

Dr Welman said that crime was the most serious problem facing South Africa, which ranked as the second most dangerous country in the world behind Columbia. He said the national murder rate was nine times the international average, rape figures were the highest in the world and crime was costing the country R80 million a day.

brother’s residence as points of operation, and the match was so precise that the profile was admitted as evidence in his trial.

In a big boost for the war on crime, the Centre recently received one of the most advanced computer software programmes in the world, worth about R20 million, from the Office of the Attorney-General in Washington State. The Seattle-developed programme, known as HITS (Homicide Investigation and Tracking System) can process millions of database records and hundreds of variables in minutes and, once up and running, it will provide SAPS detectives and police nationwide with a valuable tool to combat crime by providing instant access to information on known criminals.

Earlier this year the Centre announced the establishment of the Brenda and Kia Fairhead Memorial Fund, which will lend immediate and long-term support to the cause of effective policing.

The establishment of the fund came in the wake of the brutal abduction and murders of Mrs Brenda

point. Following discussions with various police units, Dr Welman approached the Fairhead family and asked if they would be willing to allow the establishment of a fund, intended primarily to boost police readiness, in memory of Brenda and Kia. Mr Nigel Fairhead indicated that the family felt this would be a fitting way in which to honour their memories as well as keeping in focus the threat that South Africans of all walks of life face on a daily basis.

The primary purpose of the fund, which will be administered by the MTN Centre for Crime Prevention Studies at Rhodes University, is to enhance police readiness and capabilities in situations where lives are or may be at risk. The key focus will be on ensuring that in life-threatening cases the police are able to operate at maximum efficiency.

Speaking on behalf of the Fairhead family, Judge **Jos Jones (1959)** said that the family valued the efforts put in by police units during the operation and welcomed the establishment of the fund. He



Dr Mark Welman (1993), Director of the MTN Centre for Crime Prevention Studies, based at the Rhodes University.

Dr Welman joined forces with Micky Pistorius to develop this strategy, based on FBI and Scotland Yard principles, to combat crime. The Centre has started a national database of offenders that identifies perpetrators by their behaviour. This information is backed by an “informed offender profiling system” – a computer software package that “reads” information about specific crimes taken down by detectives at the scene. A profile of the offender is generated and any matches with offenders logged on the database are shown.

The Centre’s trump card is a highly advanced computer system, dubbed the Dragnet, which interprets crime data to provide an indication of the location where an offender lives or from where he operates. Dragnet has been used successfully in several British investigations, and led to the arrest of the Mardi Gras bomber. The self-named Mardi Gras bomber was recently convicted for terrorising Londoners with home-made pipebomb attacks on Sainsbury’s stores and Barclays Bank branches in the city. A generated Dragnet profile cracked the case after identifying the suspect’s home and

Fairhead and her 11-year old daughter, Kia, at the Fish River Bridge, just outside Port Alfred. The Centre lent investigative support to SAPS units during the two-day operation.

Dr Welman said that the case had highlighted an urgent need for such a fund. He praised the dedicated police officers involved in the operation but noted that the operation had revealed a lack of technology and equipment, which had hampered the search mission. On the first day, private funding had to be procured for the use of a helicopter in the search for Mrs Fairhead and her daughter, and it later emerged that even the winch used by the search and rescue team to recover the bodies of the victims had to be sponsored. The sophisticated system which was used by the MTN Centre to assist in directing the search for the victims and the suspects was also sponsored by the private sector.

In investigations such as this, police units simply do not have the time to go through the usual channels in applying for assistance or sponsorship from the private sector. Equipment or support which is needed, is required immediately, not at a future

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- Jos Jones (1959)  
(Speaking on behalf of the Fairhead family.)

said that Mr Nigel Fairhead was very moved by the gesture and saw it as an appropriate memorial for his slain wife and daughter. Dr **David Woods (1959)**, Vice-Chancellor of Rhodes University, said that the University supported the establishment of the fund very strongly and appealed to the private sector to contribute to it. “It is an unfortunate reality of South African society that any person, irrespective of position or background, can find themselves in a position where their life depends upon the police having to act immediately or effectively. The commitment of police officers on the ground was yet again demonstrated in the Fairhead case and this fund is our way of expressing a commitment to support these officers in the performance of their duties,” he said.

Contributions to the fund may be made by direct deposit to The Brenda and Kia Fairhead Fund, Standard Bank, Grahamstown, Branch Code 05091741, Account No 385857829 or by contacting the MTN Centre for Crime Prevention Studies, Rhodes University, P O Box 94, Grahamstown, 6140, or telephone (046) 622 9009 or 083 222 9667.



Pharmacy - Keeping in Touch

The Faculty of Pharmacy has recently initiated a Professional Awareness Programme entitled "Keeping in Touch". The major focus of the programme is to ensure that both staff and students of the faculty are kept up to date with current trends in the Pharmacy profession.

According to Dr Ros Dowse (1975) and Ms Tina Ehlers (1976), co-ordinators of the programme, another important objective is to ensure that our alumni retain contact with their *alma mater*. From time to time Rhodes Pharmacy graduates who have been particularly successful in their sphere of pharmaceutical practice are invited back to Rhodes to share their experiences and vision for the profession of Pharmacy with the faculty members and students. Douglas Defty (1980), Director of Pharmaceutical Services (Medi-Clinic) and Vice-President of the South African Association of Hospital and Institutional Pharmacists gave the inaugural presentation to the faculty in July 1999. Mr Defty, who completed his degree in 1983, gave a talk entitled "The Difference is Your Call" which was well received by all who attended.

Pharmacy graduates who are interested in the "Keeping in Touch" programme are welcome to contact Dr Dowse on telephone (046) 603 8399 or e-mail: R.Dowse@ru.ac.za

Pharmacy Reunion

A Pharmacy reunion will be held at Rhodes later this year – all Rhodes Pharmacy graduates are encouraged to attend.

Date: Wednesday 13 September 2000  
Time: 7pm  
Venue: Eden Grove Complex, Rhodes University  
Cost: R50  
If you are interested, please contact Dr Ros Dowse  
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Telephone: (046) 603 8399  
Fax: (046) 636 1205

Department of Religion and Theology Closing

To all its alumni:  
"The Department of Religion and Theology (previously the Department of Divinity) will be closing its doors at the end of December 2000. Staff and students are planning to mark the occasion with celebrations memorable to all. Never having closed a University department before, our heads are tightly together over the drawing board as we speak, and the next issue of the Alumni Newsletter will carry the report of what eventuates. Should any former members of Department, staff or students, have suggestions or comments, anything you would like to share with us, please do get in touch with me."  
Professor Felicity Edwards, Head of Department, on (046) 603 8376 (telephone) or (046) 636 1936 (fax).

Department of English

The Department of English at Rhodes University held a welcoming party for postgraduate students in February. Among those at the party were (from the left): Eugene de Klerk (1993), the first recipient of the Guy Butler Research Award, who achieved a distinction in English Honours in 1997 and has returned to Rhodes to read for a Masters degree; Professor Guy Butler (1936), who was head of the English Department from 1953 to 1978; Professor Paul Walters (1962), acting head of the English Department; and Professor Lawrence Wright (1969), director of the Institute for the Study of English in Africa (ISEA) and chairman of the board of the School of English Studies.

Water Research

Mr Warne Boyce (1949) and the Rhodes Charitable Trust in the USA have made possible the acquisition of sets of portable water quality systems for the use of researchers at Rhodes University. The systems will be used for field work by the Institute for Water Research and the departments of Geography and Biochemistry & Microbiology.



Seen admiring the new equipment are (from left): Professor Roddy Fox, head of the department of Geography; Professor John Duncan, Dean of Research; Dr David Woods, Vice-Chancellor; and Professor Peter Rose, head of the department of Biochemistry & Microbiology.

SPORT - SOUTH AFRICAN REPRESENTATIVES

Sport at Rhodes continues to thrive and produce top athletes who excel at sport. Often these achievements have been attained against all odds, and always through hard work, dedication and commitment.

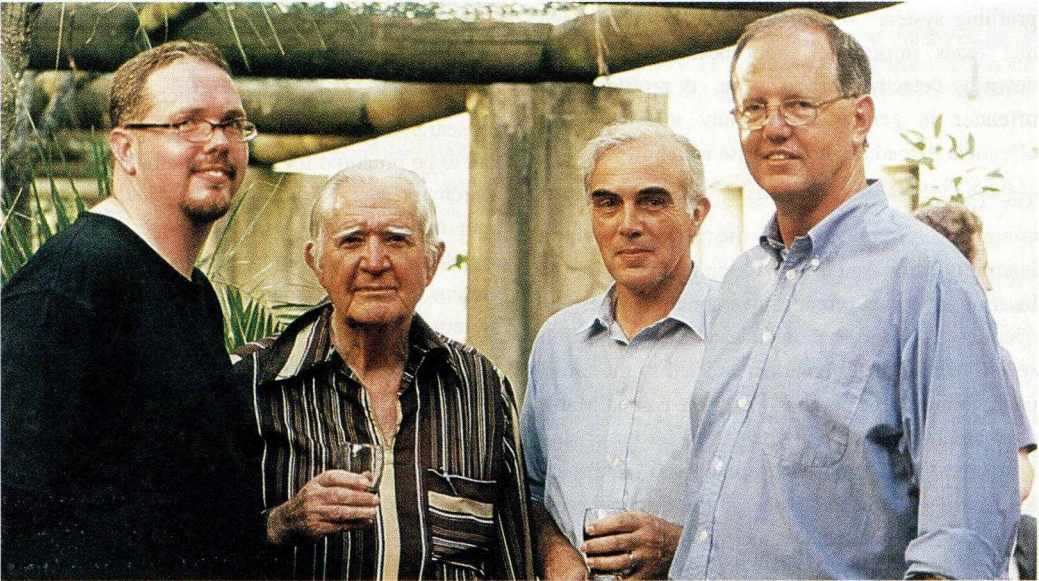
Rhodes University can boast at least 47 Old Rhodians who have represented South Africa at a senior level in their respective sports, either during their time at Rhodes or since leaving us.

Below is a list of those who we are aware of, and their photographs adorn the walls of the Sports Administration building. We are, however, certain that there are others who have achieved distinction in sport.

Should you be such a person, or be aware of others, please contact Sue Powers at Sports Administration on telephone (046) 622 3358 or on e-mail: s.powers@ru.ac.za, ideally with contact details for the person concerned.

YEAR	NAME	SPORT
1951	CLIFF COVENTRY	HOCKEY
1951-1965	JOHN WAITE	CRICKET
1952-1953	ERIC NORTON	CRICKET
1952-1954	ANTON MURRAY	CRICKET
1961-1964	BUSTER FARRER	CRICKET
1961-1967	COLIN BLAND	CRICKET
1962-1963	BRIAN SHERRIFFS	SQUASH
1962,1964,65,66	GEOFF GRYLLES	SWIMMING
1962,1964,65,66	RAE HAST	GOLF
1962,1964,65,66	DAVE SCOTT	SQUASH
1962-1963	LEO MELVILLE	SQUASH
1962-1963	ERIC BROTHERTON	SQUASH

1964	DEREK VARNALS	CRICKET
1964-1965	GLEN HALL	CRICKET
1967-1970,72,73	DOUG BARROW	SQUASH
1969	COLIN ARCHIBALD	HOCKEY
1972	RAY CARLSON	RUGBY
1981-1982	LOUIS ARD	SOCCER
1981	GRAHAM HERBERT	BASKETBALL
1974-1979,1980	BARRY BIRKETT	DIVING
1983	ROB ARMITAGE	CRICKET
1983	ROB OWSLEY	BOWLS
1986	GARY HARDMAN	HOCKEY
1986	IAN DORE	SMALL BORE RIFLE
1986	MARC GRIFFITHS	SPEARFISHING
1984,1987	ANGUS WHITTY	BOARDSAILING
1987	CINDY ROBERTS	SQUASH
1987	DAVE MEE	VOLLEYBALL
1987	KARIN WINKLER	VOLLEYBALL
1987	KATHY BAUWENS	VOLLEYBALL
1988,1989	NICOLA SCALES	BIATHLON
1990	ROB BENYON	TRAMPOLINING
1990	PETER MANLEY	TRAMPOLINING
1990	GREG VERMAAK	ROWING
1991	LAUREN MEYER	VOLLEYBALL
1991	JOHN STAPLETON	ROWING
1992	NICK LECK	ROWING
1990-1994	JEREMY ASHTON	ROWING
1992-1993	BRONWYN LAW-VILJOEN	VOLLEYBALL
1990-1996	ANDREW MACLACHLAN	ROWING
1992	SIMON VAN DER MERWE	TRAMPOLINING
1993	STEVE PALFRAMEN	CRICKET
1993-1994	LUKE HARTLEY	ROWING
1993	GREG FERRANS	HOCKEY
1993	MIKE KIDSON	WATERPOLO
1995	MATTHEW HALLOWES	HOCKEY
1997	ROB VAN SELM	HOCKEY
1998,1999	CAROLINE BIRT	HOCKEY



1930s

Joan Krummeck (Barker)(1935) says that at age 81 she is doing OK! She is now the sole survivor of the four Barkers who went to Rhodes, the other three being Enid Craig (Barker)(1927), Alan Barker (1930) and Mary Kleinschmidt (Barker)(1939).

Alan Asher (1936) spent two years at Rhodes where he met his wife Cynthia (Barnes)(1935). Sadly, Cynthia died in 1995, one day short of their 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Alan has four children and eight grandchildren.

Kathleen Riordan (West)(1937), who graduated with a BSc, has moved again and says, "This was a rapid move and may it be the last!" She proudly notes that a long line of her family have been at Rhodes, including: Her brother, Oliver West (1930) who later obtained a DSc from Wits and became a Pasturage Research Officer in Zimbabwe; Her son, Denis Riordan (1961) who has a PhD from Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada; Her son, Rory Brendan Riordan (1968) who completed a BA at Rhodes; her grandson, Dominic Riordan who began a computer science degree at Rhodes in 1998; and her grandson, Jonathan Riordan who has registered at Rhodes this year for a degree in Journalism.

Mollie Symes (Leith)(1937), her husband Ted and their family moved to Sydney when Ted was invited to the School of Mining Engineering at the University of NSW. She says that the university is fascinating, with 29 000 students, many of whom are drawn from Asia. Her grandchildren, Bronwyn (1994) and Megan Broekmann (1996) keep her up to date with news from Rhodes.

Ida Ellen Rimmington (Hobson)(1938) is living in the frail care section at Rosa Munch Home in Uitenhage. Her daughter found some notes she had written about her years at Rhodes and we quote an extract:

"In 1938 the chaperone system was in force. If one wanted to go to the bioscope you had to have four in the party, and arrange for one of the house committee members to act as chaperone. This meant that in the interval you would make yourself visible to your chaperone and the next day you would contact your chaperone to thank her.

"First years' lights had to be out at 10pm or 10.30pm. If you had an evening out, you signed the book and crossed off your name when you came in that night. I think we were allowed one eleven o'clock evening a quarter. One came to Rhodes to study and it was a terrible disgrace if a first year failed.

1938 was the last Rag before the war in 1939. The students were divided up to decorate floats; ours was a pirate ship. George had obtained a very long bamboo stick to act as a mast. The procession went as usual until the return trip along Beaufort Street – the bamboo proved too long and took the telephone wires down. I don't know, but guess that Old Bolly (Major EB Walker) got us out of the scrape. Bolly was the University Registrar and forever rescuing and bailing people out of trouble. The students loved him. He always had a bulldog called Binks. In my day it was Binks VI. It followed him to his office and slept under his desk."

Robert Crass (1939) retired as head of the scientific section of Natal Parks Board. At 78 he is looking forward to enjoying the amenities of Amberglen, Howick with his wife. He says it is a pleasant community, with a dam to fish in and offers a good lifestyle. One of his other hobbies is writing letters to the Natal Witness.

1940s

Phillida Simons (Brooke)(1941) retired from teaching in 1983 and has since written and published nine books, the last one in October 1998, titled The Life and Work of Charles Bell.

Cathleen Lieda Bell (Eckard)(1942), living in Canada, spent three wonderful weeks in Grahamstown visiting her son, Dr Kim Bell and now has new memories to add to the old!

Barbara Claire Dowell (Cornelius)(1943) swam for Natal for many years and her enthusiasm for swimming has continued unabated. She has coached swimmers and synchronised swimmers for countless seasons and is still involved with



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administration and serving on the Swimming SA executive. During the past four years she has been a member of FINA (International Swimming Federation) on the Synchronised Swimming Technical Committee and has been fortunate to attend competitions and meetings in Russia, China, Thailand, Korea, Australia and Aruba.

**Stanley Frame Allen (1943)** is moving to a flat attached to his daughter and son-in-law's house in Queenstown, after the death of his wife in 1999.

**Roy Joynt (1945)** let us know that four Old Rhodians, **Gavin Blackburn (1947)**, **Norman Smith (1949)**, the late **Jack Logie** and himself were members of the first "Proteas" Combined Universities Hockey team to tour Western Europe in 1950. This year a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary gathering was to be held in Cape Town at Kelvin Grove.

**Brian Ross (1945)** was in Botha House from 1945 to June 1946. He then left Rhodes for Worcester College, Oxford University, UK, where he obtained an MA in 1953.

**James Clarke (1946)** and his wife **Mary (Smyth)(1948)** are enjoying retirement after 33 years in education and 17 years in nursery gardening. Mary has had a successful year with paintings displayed at local arts festivals in Zimbabwe.

**Heather Joan Field (Mountain)(1947)** is widowed and living happily in Dandaro Retirement Village in Harare, Zimbabwe.

**Mary Rose Dold (Murray-MacGregor)(1947)** and her husband **Tony Dold (1940)** live in Port Elizabeth and maintain a strong interest in their *alma mater*.

**Michael Anthony Klugman (1947)** is retired, living on the 7<sup>th</sup> green of a golf course in Sudbury, Canada and spends winters in Cocoa, Florida.

**Moira Elaine Davies (Long)(1948)** retired after teaching for 15 years, mainly in English. Her daughter **Lynn Hartie (Davies)(1969)** graduated in 1972. Her granddaughter, **Louella Hartie** is currently at Rhodes. Moira and her husband have lived in George for 13 years.

**Norman Cliff (1948)** has been in retirement since 1990. Five years ago he completed a doctoral dissertation on Christian missions in China. He has written five books on the subject with another near publication. He is thankful for his good health and continues to take services for the United Reformed Church in and around Romford, Essex. He and his wife recently visited **Peter Hamlyn (1947)** and his wife Anne in Slough, and he hears every Christmas from **Donald Edge (1947)**.

Judge **Charles Waddington (1948)** and his wife **Shirley (Wild)(1949)** retired to Cape Town at the end of 1999 after 15 years in Mafikeng. He was appointed Judge of the Supreme Court of South Africa in 1994 and has spent 47 years in the law.

**Judge Neville Zietsman (1949)** retired as Judge President of the Eastern Cape Division of the High Court in July 1999.

**Rudi Bigalke (1949)** has retired as Foundation Professor of Nature Conservation and Dean of the Faculty of Forestry at the University of Stellenbosch. He retains an office in the university and continues to pursue his interests in wildlife ecology, behaviour and management and sustainable land use systems. Outside activities have included serving as President of the Royal Society of South Africa, President of the Habitat Council, Council member of the South African Museum, Chairperson of the Provincial Planning Advisory Board and Trustee of the Hans Merensky Foundation. He remains in touch with fellow "inks" **John Darbyshire (1949)**, who lives in retirement near Aberdeen, **Alec Brown (1949)** and **John Stonier (1949)**, both in Cape Town.

## 1950s

**Donald George Lynn Cragg (1950)** retired from circuit ministry in the Methodist Church, having spent the last nine years as minister of St Paul's United Church in Mulbarton, Johannesburg. This church was a united congregation of the Anglican, Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches. He also served as secretary of the Church Unity Commission (to which the same four traditions belong) and is continuing in that capacity for the present. His daughter, **Carol Wolpe (Cragg)(1978)**, who lectured in Computer Science in 1982, later graduated in medicine at UCT and is

on the staff of the Guguletu Day Hospital on the Cape Flats. She is married to Rae and they have a three-year old son and a one-year old daughter.

**Suzanne Alida Leone Burrows (de Villiers)(1950)** is married to Don, an assayer, now retired. They have moved from Johannesburg to Pretoria. Her son David is at Foreign Affairs, presently in diplomatic training. He is married to Marcia, a Brazilian exchange student whom he met in 1990 in the USA, when he was also an exchange student.

**Geoff Weinburg (1950)** recently retired after some 27 years with the Foschini Group and lives near Cape Town. He sent us several old photographs from his time at Rhodes. The one below is from a Rag procession in the 1950s.



**Marie Louise Roux (Dames)(1951)** has been active in the field of conservation for the past 15 years and was recently awarded the 1998 Award of Excellence in this field by the Cape Tercentenary Foundation. She received the Captrust Award to the Still Bay Conservation Trust in 1990, the Epic Award to the Still Bay Conservation Trust in 1991 and the Cape Times Centenary Award in 1998.

**Heather Irmela Moran (Rudd)(1951)** has retired after 12 years as Director, Metropolitan Library Services, Durban.

**Bob Stumbles (1952)** kindly sent us a complimentary copy of a book that he wrote, entitled *The Three Golden Keys – Population Degrowth, Economic Growth and Environmental Regrowth*, based on his own experience in Zimbabwe.

**George McGillivray (1952)** retired in 1999 as Dean of Science at Unisa. His wife **Rosemary (Taylor)(1956)** retired in 1996 as Information Scientist at CSIR.

**Ken William Standenmacher (1953)** retired from his position as Registrar at Wits University in 1994 after 30 years service. He spent the next three years assisting in the establishment of Funda Community College in Soweto. He is now enjoying life as a retired person in Johannesburg.

**Dr HS Govinden (1953)** has retired from his position in the Chemistry Dept at the University of Durban-Westville.

**Rosemary Valerie Lyon (Ellis)(1954)** retired in 1997 and moved to Abingdon in Oxfordshire where she has met old friends and taken up new interests.

**Anthony Nagle (1954)** was in Struben House from 1954 to 1958, earning a BA and UED. He then became an airline pilot and has spent the last twenty years of his flying career as an instructor and 747 captain with Saudi Arabian Airlines.

**Maurice Miltz (1954)** is still practising law as an attorney in Port Elizabeth after having graduated with an LLB in 1958. He writes: "Believe it or not there were only three final year students in our Law class under the late Professor McKerron, who was the Dean of Law at the time. One is **Chris Andersen (1954)**, who was Minister of Justice under the Smith and Mugabe governments in Zimbabwe and who has now returned to the Bar and is practising as a Senior Advocate in Harare. The other member of our class was **Hymie Touyz (1952)** who emigrated to Australia some years ago and is practising as a solicitor in Perth, Western Australia. My son **Ivan Miltz (1985)** also graduated from the Rhodes Law Faculty and is a practising advocate at the Johannesburg Bar. Some thirty-odd years ago I joined the legal practice established by **Jacob Spilkin (1925)**, where I am still practising with his son in partnership. Lawyers practising as attorneys in Port Elizabeth have fallen upon hard times and I hope to be retiring in the not too distant future."

**James White (1955)** graduated with a BA in Psychology and Economics in 1957. He now lives in Guelph in Canada where he is in practice as a psychologist. He resigned from the University of

Guelph after teaching psychology there and at the University of Keele in England for a total of 27 years. His first lectureship was a six-month stint at Rhodes in 1962, replacing Dr MC Marsh. He was warden of Adamson House during that time. James learned to row in his final year at Rhodes and rowed in Port Elizabeth. While doing graduate work at the London School of Economics, he captained the Boat Club and was a member of a crack multi-national eight that did well in the Head in 1964. Last year he rowed again for the first time in 35 years and felt as though he had never stopped! He is also teaching high school students to row as a member of the Guelph Rowing Club. He hopes to spend some time with contemporaries at the 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash reunion in July.

**Kenneth Ogilvie Matier (1956)** retired in December 1998 as Professor of Classical Languages at the University of Durban-Westville.

**John Benyon (1956)** has retired from the Chair of Historical Studies at the University of Natal after 22 years, to join his son in Sydney, Australia. He sat on the University Council, the South African Archives Commission, and acted on occasion as Campus Principal and Deputy Vice-Chancellor.

**Sylvia Brereton Neame-Jahn (Neame)(1956)** returned to South Africa in 1999 after 30 years in exile.

**James Reginald Elias (1957)** has, after 36 years as Minister in different Presbyterian congregations (mainly in KwaZulu-Natal), accepted the position of Organising Secretary of the Bible Society of SA in the area of KwaZulu-Natal.

**Laurie Scott Brickhill (1957)** is retired and living in Bloubergsrand.

**John Reid (1957)** is the consulting geologist on the Phase 1B Mohale Outlet Tunnel in the Lesotho Highlands Scheme. His wife **Marie (Benyon) (1962)** continues with pottery. Their son Fergus is a lawyer in Cape Town and their daughter Janine is currently studying Fine Art at Rhodes.

**Albert Rabe (1958)** has retired from retail pharmacy and is growing fruit in Mfolozi/Mtubatuba.

**Pete van Rooyen (1958)** is living in Rheeboek, near Mossel Bay, writing short stories (Science Fiction and Rhodian memoirs) and irate essays on such things as scientific method. He recalls a story from his days at Rhodes:

"An incident which bears recounting concerns an ongoing "problem" with the shower at Cosser House. This consisted of a minimal changing area opening onto an old style shower cubicle, the whole having a outside door that did not bolt from outside or in. The shower room was at the back of the house, directly beneath a ladies Hall balcony and in full view of the young ladies waiting on the balcony for the meal to begin. One would be happily under the shower when an arm would reach in and clothes and towel, hung on pegs just inside the door, would be "snatched". A brisk dash, clad only in droplets and a cake of soap became the order of the day. Eventually we got so hardened to this circumstance that we would just stroll to the door in full view, accompanied by giggles, guffaws and shouted caustic and very personal comments from the ladies leaning over the balcony rail. During 1960, when we were in Botha, one of those ladies said to **Chris (Betenson)(1958)**, 'I'm sure I know you, but I don't recognise your face.'"

**Michael Swinbank Mossom (1958)** has a lecturing post in the IT department at the Northland Polytechnic in Whangarei, New Zealand.

**Mary Van Blerk (McGinn)(1959)** has just retired as Headmistress of Rustenburg High School in Rondebosch. Her successor is Dr **Elizabeth Fullard (Donald)(1961)** also an Old Rhodian.

**David Philip Kirby (1959)** has been married to **Dorothy (Whisken)(1959)** for 35 years. They have four children, all degreed. He retired from corporate life with BMW in 1997 and they enjoy reading Old Rhodian news.

**Hugh Henry Huggett (1959)** is in his 31<sup>st</sup> year at St Stithians College where he is Director of Standards (Grade 12), as well as English teacher and sports coach.

**Sylvia Ann White (Jeffels)(1959)** is still teaching, having moved to South Africa in 1987. She is now living on the beautiful KwaZulu-Natal South Coast and would love to hear from old friends, ex Beit House. Her address is Box 2042, Clansthal-Umkomaas, 4170.

**Maureen Martin (Pass)(1959)** is enjoying

retirement in Bulawayo, playing lots of tennis, bridge and bowls. She also enjoys her three grandchildren of 13, 11 and one.

**David Schnell (1959)** and his wife moved from Queenstown to New Zealand in 1997. Their eldest son, Nicholas is currently at Rhodes.

## 1960s

**Ray Radloff (1961)** has retired and is now farming on the far north coast of New South Wales near Byron Bay.

**Peter Hughes (1961)** and his wife Pam recently relocated to Nelspruit from Swaziland after 20 years of involvement in the sugar and citrus industries. In recent years he was MD of Tambankulu Estates, a Tongaat-Hulett subsidiary, and a Director on the Tongaat-Hulett Sugar Board. He has now set up a business consultancy, focused on agribusiness, but not operating exclusively in this field. They have offices in Nelspruit and Swaziland.

**Leo Benning (1961)** was the chief manager of the SA Veterans Athletic team that competed in the World Championships during July/August 1999 in Gateshead, England. The team won 32 medals, including nine golds and also six team medals. Leo now competes in the M65-69 age group. He won a bronze medal in the high jump and was 4th in the 300m hurdles. A week later in the Irish Championships in Tullamore, he won the high jump and came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 200m and javelin. About 600 athletes competed in the World Championships and represented 74 countries. The oldest participant was a sprightly 96-year old from the USA. Leo still assists with sport at Tafelberg Junior School on a part-time basis.

**Clive Whitford (1961)** is on the staff of St John's College in Johannesburg and looking forward to retiring in a few years time. He writes "teaching has become a whole new ball game in our rapidly changing society and this taxes the ingenuity (and the patience) of the more senior members of the profession to the limit!" **Penny (Reynolds)(1960)** and Clive have been married for over 30 years and have three children and one grandchild. Their elder son **David (1990)** is a freelance jazz musician in Johannesburg and has recently built his own recording studio.

**Gavin Whitfield (1961)** started at Rhodes in 1961, completed his BSc (Hons) in Geology in 1964, and a part-time MSc in 1971. He took voluntary early retirement from the Billiton Group in 1999 and started a geological and mineral exploration consultancy based in Johannesburg. The business is called Explorers for Africa, and together with several associates, he is trying to get a good foothold in the competitive mineral exploration service-provider business in Africa. After an initial few years in a geological laboratory, his career has been entirely in mineral exploration, mainly in Africa. He worked for a number of multi-national mining companies, including stints in Saudi Arabia and Holland. Before taking early retirement he was based in Lusaka, Zambia, which he enjoyed very much.

He has kept in touch with several Old Rhodians of his vintage including **John A Parsons (1961)**, retired in Sandton, **James S Martin (1961)**, semi-retired in Stellenbosch, **Paul Norton (1961)**, still working and living in Fish Hoek, **Dr Duncan Stepto (1962)**, working in Randburg, **Mike J Evans (1964)**, Vice President, Phelps Dodge Exploration in Sandton, **Peter Ringdahl (1961)**, still working and living in Johannesburg and **Roy Corrans (1962)**, Senior Vice President: Exploration, for Anglo American. He also has news of several Mineral Exploration MSc graduates. **Dr Humphrey Mathe (1982)** is working for Harmony Gold Mining in Sandton; Billiton's Exploration & Development Department still employs **Peter Pelly (1988)** and **Peter Harrison (1982)** (in Johannesburg) and **Ciaran Halpin (1981)** (in Newfoundland). **Trevor Tregoning (1970)** is now with Geodatec, based in Benoni. Old Rhodians are very welcome to contact Gavin on e-mail at explorers@mweb.co.za.

**Gaynor Rose-Marie Richardson (Sinclair)(1961)** retired from the University of Fort Hare in June 1998. She now has a guest house in Port Elizabeth. Her daughter **Zani (1983)** is working in Atlanta, USA and her other daughter, **Toni (1984)** is a senior accounts consultant with Deloitte and Touche in Johannesburg.



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**Paul Marsh (1961)** retired as Headmaster of Hilton College in 1993. He has set up an Education Consultancy in the UK offering management training, recruitment and academic travel. Now all his time is spent supporting and training school governors in the Windsor and Maidenhead areas.

**Mary Roberts (Palmer)(1961)** and her husband **John (1964)** are very proud grandparents. Their first grandchild is two and a half years old.

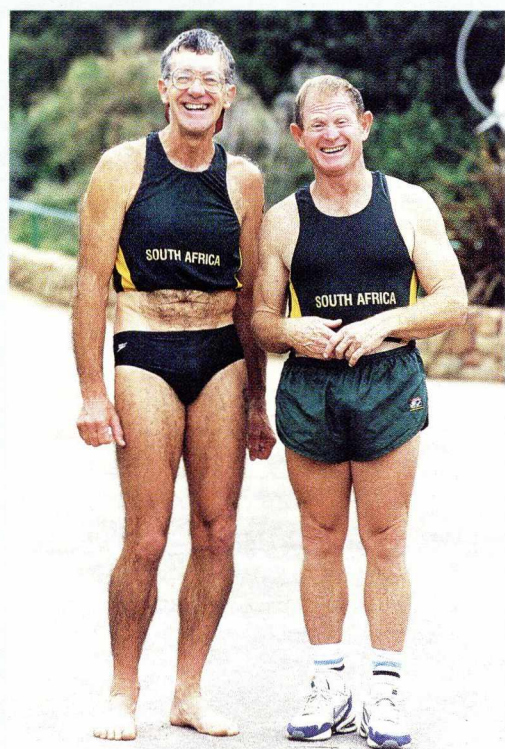
**Robert Chan-Henry (1962)** retired in September 1998.

**Margaret Corrans (Annan)(1962)** met her husband **Roy Derek Corrans (1962)** at Rhodes some 39 years ago and they are still together. She writes that they could not persuade their own children to go to Rhodes, partly because they, as parents, had been there and many of the lecturers and professors were their old friends from student days! She would be interested to know if this is a common occurrence or is it just that their offspring did not want to know how they had behaved back in the 1960s!

**Athol Pratt (1962)** joined LIRI Technologies as Manager of the Leather Division in April 1999. He was elected Associate of the Society of Leather Technologists and Chemists in February 1998. He was also elected President of the SLTC (SA section) for 1998/9 and 1999/2000 after serving two years as Vice President.

**Delia Adams (Spoor)(1964)**, a Fine Arts graduate, is married to an Australian accountant and is a housewife. She has a third cousin at Rhodes, Michelle Furphy, in her second year of Journalism. Delia writes that it may please present (and Old) Rhodians to know that Rhodes is one of the few universities in South Africa that has qualifications recognised in Australia.

**Billy Futter (1965)** and **Titch Cartwright (1968)**, both of whom were in Pringle House, completed the Senior Masters Biathlon World Champs in Port Elizabeth in February this year. Billy is a professor in the Faculty of Pharmacy at Rhodes and Titch is the Headmaster of Potchefstroom Boys High School.



**Billy Futter (1965) and Titch Cartwright (1968)**, elated after completing the Senior Masters Biathlon World Champs.

**David Lisle Dryden (1965)** is still a Jesuit Catholic priest. He is working in schools but no longer teaches Science. He is very proud of Rhodes!

**Rosemary Snead (1965)** studied music under Dr Georg Gruber and was also his private secretary for the years that she studied. She now has her own company in real estate in the Sandton area. She is still involved with music and has two children who have recently graduated.

**Alison Kidd (Rosenthal)(1965)** has been married for 26 years to Irishman Victor Kidd and lives in Hampshire, England. They have three nearly grown-up children (Kerry, Tara and Lawrence). Alison has been a teacher, journalist and children's editor and today she teaches creative writing to adult students at Southampton University and works as a Psychodynamic Counsellor. She says that life is stimulating and exciting, even in the depths of the New Forest countryside. She would love to hear from Old Rhodian friends who

remember her, at Tiptoe, Rockbourne Rd, Sandleheath, Fordingbridge, Hants, SP5 1QF, UK.

**Allen (Boozy) Schnell (1965)** is now a lay pastor in the Methodist Church in Empangeni.

**Ronald Winston Abbott (1965)** is in New Zealand, running his own business selling software packages to the real estate industry.

**Malcolm Gordon Venter (1966)** is National Deputy President of the National Union of Educators and National Vice-Chairman of the SA Council for English Education. He has published an article in the International Principals' Online Magazine.

**Angela Church (Andrew)(1966)** recently completed a year as the first female Rotary president in the 73-year history of the Rotary Club of East London. Women were only admitted into the Rotary movement worldwide as full Rotarians in their own right from 1989. The Rotary Club of East London now has 10 female Rotarians out of a total of 65 members. In March this year Angela took up a new career appointment as Director of Public Relations at the Eastern Cape Technikon, the youngest of the 15 technikons in SA.

**Anne Denise Jooste (Bircher)(1966)** owns a decorator business in Perth and is married to **Peter Innes Jooste (1964)** who is Queen's Counsel in Perth, practising Corporations Law. Their sons James, a medical doctor, and Hamish, a barrister and solicitor, both live in Perth.

**Andrew Smythe (1969)** is a stockbroker and partner in Fleming Marketing in Pietermaritzburg.

**Douglas Morris (1969)** has moved back into the Empangeni Circuit with responsibility for Mtubatuba and Hluhluwe. He writes that it is good to be so close to Park St Lucia and the Zululand Game Reserve.

Liz Boucher, wife of **Stuart Boucher (1969)** wrote to tell us some of their news. Stuart obtained a Law degree through Unisa after a BCom at Rhodes. He has been practising as an attorney in King William's Town for the last twenty five years. He has retired from active involvement in civic affairs but is kept busy with his legal practice and interests in the hotel industry. He and Liz have been married for 25 years and they have two daughters, **Alexandra (1994)** and **Victoria (1996)**. Both daughters played for the Rhodes first hockey team.

**Lynne Bakker (Sheard)(1969)** is the sister-in-law of **Stuart Boucher (1969)** and lives in Cape Town. After many years working in the Human Resources department at Pick 'n Pay head office, she retired and is kept very busy doing interesting temp work. She thoroughly enjoyed attending the Rhodes Reunion in Cape Town in 1998.

**Douglas Rawlings (1969)**, after almost 17 years in the Department of Microbiology at UCT, resigned his personal chair and since July 1998 has been Professor of Microbiology and Chairman of Department at the University of Stellenbosch. His wife **Janet (Asbury)(1970)** has a part-time job at the University Medical School and their two daughters are studying occupational therapy and commerce, both at Stellenbosch. They also have a son who graduated from UCT in 1998 and did a year of voluntary mission work in South Africa, Mozambique and Zambia during 1999. The Rawlings' can be contacted on e-mail: rawlings@iafrica.com

## 1970s

**Kenneth Wyndham Smith (1970)** retired in September 1999 as Head of the Department of History at Unisa. In the 1980s he wrote four novels and hopes to write a few more during his retirement.

**David Mather (1970)** recently graduated with an MA in Contextual Missiology from Manchester University with a dissertation titled *Theology of Mission and the Local Church*.

**Joy Florence Morrison (1971)** is a Professor of Journalism at the University of Alaska, in Fairbanks, USA.

**Charlie Griffin (1971)** is still very active in commercial music in Cape Town. His band has adopted a name; "Charlie Griffin & the Planet Band", and they play for private functions, corporate dinner dances, promotions, incoming incentive tours and conferences. His e-mail address is cgriffin@mweb.co.za. Charlie was recently in contact with **Chris Reichert (1970)** who was



**Charlie Griffin & the Planet Band, with Charlie (1971) on the far right, in a floral waistcoat.**

in Graham House in the 1970s and is now working in Poland. Chris's email address is: Riechert.Christopher@pmintl.ch

**Margaret Antoinette Hoffman (du Toit)(1971)** says that one of her daughters is thinking of reading at Rhodes in 2001 and it will be great to have an excuse to write again!

**Sandra Siebörger (Smedley)(1971)** is married to **Andrew Siebörger (1981)**. Andrew has taken over as minister of St Mark's Methodist Church in Edgemead. Sandy continues as a professional home-maker and mother.

**Lorna Joan Bateman (Ryan)(1971)** has emigrated to England in order to educate her boys. She is looking forward to new challenges.

**Caroline Vivian Forbes (1971)** is running a pottery studio together with her husband, Eric. They are also restoring a beautiful old Georgian mansion overlooking the Irish Sea. B&B enquiries are most welcome and they also have a self-contained cottage to let. Contact them at Trevacoon in Wales on 01348-831 438.

**Brian Dollery (1971)** is an Associate Professor in Economics at the University of New England, Australia, where he often celebrates in traditional fashion. Brian has been in contact with numerous Old Rhodians, not least **John Jagoe (1971)**, now drinking in Ireland, **Jeff Fisher (1971)**, suiping in Wellington, New Zealand, **Joe Wallis (1977)**, who is grogging in Dunedin, New Zealand, **Colonel Gordon "Kleingeld" Springett (1974)**, still lubricating himself in London, and **Andre "Amos" Mostert (1981)**, cruising in Cape Town.

**Jill Freed (Orpen)(1972)** married Barry in 1995 and has been teaching History at Wynberg Girls' High School since 1991, where she is also Librarian.

**Sheila Emslie (Mackenzie)(1972)** and her husband moved to New Zealand at the end of 1999. They love the way of life there although Sheila is battling to get registered as a pharmacist in New Zealand and has been told that her degree is too old to be recognised! She would love to hear from Old Rhodians in that part of the world. Her e-mail: plato@wave.co.nz

**Norman Denzil Kemp (1972)** was awarded a PhD in 1997.

**Desna Wendy Smith (Webb)(1972)** moved to New Zealand in July 1999. Her husband, Russell, is a New Zealander. They have two sons, Glenn (17) and Devan (13). She loves New Zealand but is missing old friends. Her e-mail address is desna\_smith@hotmail.com

**Simon Gqubule (1973)** retired as Methodist Bishop in December 1998.

**Rob Maclean (1973)** has done it again, winning bronze in the K2 masters division (age 50 to 54) at the World Canoe Marathon Championships at Gyor, Hungary. He described the experience as one he will treasure as long as he lives. Rob is renowned for his achievements in water sport, having won WP colours for waterpolo and surfing.

**Sue Wardrop (1974)** ran her eleventh Comrades in 7 hours 34 minutes, her best time yet! She is working for NMK Schulz as Manager of Wines in KwaZulu-Natal.

**Ros Hurwitz (Kahn)(1974)** is married to **Norman (1974)**. They have two children, a son aged 16 and a daughter aged 11 years.

**John Arlington Hughes (1974)** has emigrated to New Zealand as vicar of St Mary's in Karori.

**Dennis Fuge (1974)** and **Alyson (Chadd) (1973)** have been transferred to the Warner-Lambert head office in Morris Plains, New Jersey, USA, after a

10-year stay in Hong Kong. Dennis directed the Y2K efforts for the pharmaceutical business and Alyson is a director and independent distributor for the Rexall Showcase International Company. Their two children, Mark (13) and Simonne (11), are enjoying the USA. The family is contactable on e-mail: fuges@gte.net

**Rob Nixon (1974)** recently moved to Madison, Wisconsin to take up the Rachel Carson Professorship of English Literature and Creative Writing at the University of Wisconsin. He had previously been living in New York, where he had been a professor of English Literature at Columbia University

since 1987. Rob's most recent book, *Dreambirds: The Natural History of a Fantasy*, was published this year to acclaim in the USA, Britain, and South Africa. His partner, Anne McClintock (whom he met while they were teaching at UCT), also has an appointment at the University of Wisconsin.

**Theresa Marshall (Bruce) (1974)** worked in Johannesburg after graduating. She married **Andrew Pollock (1972)** but was divorced from him in 1983. In 1995 she married Andrew Marshall who has two children. They are happily settled in Cape Town where Theresa has had her own advertising agency business since 1989. She keeps in touch with **Mary Wienand (Claypole)(1967)**, **Lindsay Lipson (1974)**, **Sandy Krige (1968)** and **Martin Przybylski (1974)**. Martin is Sol Kerzner's chief pilot, flying out of the Bahamas to wherever Sol wants to go. Theresa looks forward to meeting up with Old Rhodians in Cape Town.

**Pat van den Bergh (Baker)(1975)** moved to Gauteng in 1999 when she received a promotion to Assistant DC Manager IHD, Linbropark. She would love to hear from other Old Rhodians at (011) 458 2548.

**Mark Parry Askew (1975)** is married and has four children. He was recently appointed Manager – International Coking Coal (Asia Pacific) for Luscar Ltd in Edmonton. He spent 12½ years in base metals and concentrate marketing with Noranda Inc, Toronto.

**David Barrie Apter (1976)** is working for De Beers Africa Exploration Office in Centurion. He is married to **Lois (1974)** who is a potter and teacher.

**Charles Raymond Inggs (1976)** is still Chief Executive Officer of Chipinge Rural District Council. He has just been awarded his MSc in International Policy after 2½ years of part-time study through the University of Bristol, UK.

**Justin Leonard Jonas (1976)** in the Department of Physics at Rhodes, was awarded a PhD last year.

**Jill Cadle (1976)** married Gareth Thomson in 1995 and they had a son, James, last year. They live in Pietermaritzburg and Jill works at a teachers' College of Education. She also does freelance writing and editing. She would love to hear from friends from back then on e-mail: cadle@col.org.za

**Patrick McAllister (1976)** is Senior Lecturer in Anthropology at the University of Canterbury in New Zealand.

**Wayne Stewart Mallinson (1976)** married Jenny in 1984 and they have three wonderful children, Sandi (13), Jody (11) and Steven (10). They have lived in Centurion since 1988.

**Elsbeth (Eppie) MacFarlane (Gibbs)(1976)** moved to Somerset West in January 1999. She has two daughters, Robyn at Rhenish and Alex at Beaumont Primary. Her husband, Norman runs his own business in software development and Eppie runs the office.

**Garmon Ashby (1977)** has been given a full tuition award and a prize by the Yale Institute of Sacred Music to study for a Masters degree in Choral Conducting at Yale University. He will be moving to New Haven, Connecticut, in September for the two years that the course will take and leaving Bishops where he has been Director of Music for nearly 14 years.

**Brian David Trinder (1978)** is still dispensary manager for a large retail pharmacy in Gisborne, New Zealand, where he enjoys life. Brian would welcome any contact with old pharmacy students at email: trinder@bigfoot.com

**Brian Duncan Coxon (1978)** has, for the past two years, been working as an environmental geologist for a small international firm based in Munchen.



# OLD RHODIAN NEWS

**Kelvin Innes Watson (1978)** has emigrated with his wife Catherine and two daughters, to Sydney, Australia. He has a teaching post at Barker College. He was awarded his PhD in History from Rhodes this year.

**Sheila Levine (Abrahams)(1978)** is a pharmacy graduate. She is married, living in Brisbane and has three children aged 12, 10 and 6. She has changed her career direction, having worked as a relief agent in the Brisbane City Council libraries, and is now employed as a tutor to special-needs children and as a relief teacher at the local primary school. She enjoys the teaching and working individually with the children and says that Brisbane is a warm, clear and open city to bring up a family.

**Mandy Carver (Sherman)(1978)** teaches part time in the Department of Music at Rhodes and also at DSG/St Andrews College. She is married to **Christian (1981)**.

**Anne Lilian Hollman (Ortendahl)(1979)** is married to **Alexander John Hollman (1978)**, and they live in White River.

**Leigh Gilbert (Botton)(1979)** married **Owen Gilbert (1979)** and they have three children, Lauren (12), Marc (10) and Bradley (3). They moved to Sydney in 1986. Leigh is currently employed as a computer consultant and full-time exhausted mum.

**John Alexander (1979)** is Deputy Headmaster of Edgemead High School and works with other Old Rhodians, **Dr Malcolm Venter (1966)** and **Steve Wright (1982)**.

**Hazel Ann Basson-Vorster (Bassett)(1979)** graduated with an MA in General Linguistics from Stellenbosch University. She is currently Senior Lady at Hillcrest College.

**Marc Russell (1979)** and **Sue (Lane) (1979)** are comfortably settled in Auckland, New Zealand with their three children, Nicola, Louise and Robert. They moved there three years ago from Namibia, where Marc was involved in diamond mining. Marc is now working in contract dredging and Sue teaches at a local high school. They would like to hear from old friends and their contact e-mail address is: Rusfam@xtra.co.nz.

**Norman Coetzee (1979)** is at the Trinity Methodist Church in Bloemfontein.

**Robert Mark Tomlinson (1979)** and **Diane (Woodend)(1982)** have two children (Jessica, 6 and Max, 4) and have been living in England for the past 12 years.

**Iain S Maclean (1979)** and his wife Jennifer had a second child this past December, when Jennifer was delivered of Duncan Berenson Maclean in Virginia. Big sister Rachel Meghan, (4) is most thrilled. Iain co-edited a textbook *God, Meaning and Morality* (Harcourt Brace) which came out in 1998 and was also co-editor of the *Encyclopedia of Religion in American Politics* (Oryx Press) which came out in 1999. His new book *Opting for Democracy: The Catholic Church. Liberation Theologians and the Struggle for Democracy in Brazil*, is due for publication. He has also done an article on the SA TRC Report.

## 1980s

**Phil Trinder (1980)** is married to Julie Gardner, a Scot, and is working as a lecturer at Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh.

**James Richard Wells (1980)** is married with two young children and runs Matlock Service Station in Harare.

**Penny Sheila Thomas (Amm)(1980)** is married to Chris and they have two sons, Mark (4) and Peter (2). Penny gave up teaching after 11 years to look after her children.

**Ian de Klerk (1980)** and **Sue (Haikney)(1982)** were married in 1990 and are presently living in Edenvale, Johannesburg. They have two daughters, Dale (5) and Ashley (3). Sue worked for Genmin for four years on platinum exploration projects, but has since "retired" to take up a position as full-time mother. Ian is a divisional geologist with Sasol and is based at Sasol's head office in Rosebank, Johannesburg.

**Sean Rankin (1980)** graduated with a BJourn degree in 1982 and an LLB in 1986 and then practised Law in Grahamstown as an attorney. In 1996 he was appointed a Special Advisor to the Council of the Independent Broadcasting Authority and is presently advising Councillor Lumk.

**Doug Defty (1980)** is Director of Pharmacy Services at Medi-Clinic Corporation (a private hospital group). He has been there since 1997. He is also vice-president of the South African Association of Hospital and Institutional Pharmacists. He is married to **Carole (van Heerden)(1984)** and they have two sons.

**Peter Grassow (1980)** is the resident minister at Lyttelton Methodist Church in Pretoria. He also teaches Systematic Theology at John Wesley College.

**Kevin George Molloy (1980)** is married to Elena and they have three children, Rhett (12), Shaun (11) and Tarryn (8). He works as a buyer for Amplats.

**Karen Lenice Glover (1980)** is currently living in Jordan in the Middle East with her husband Paul and their two children. They are on a three-year contract for Paul to start up a pharmaceutical company.

**Alan Smith (1980)** and his wife **Heather (Reimer)(1981)** have emigrated to Australia and at the time of writing were busy finding their feet and looking for employment. They hope to meet some Old Rhodians in Brisbane. They have three children, two girls and a boy, all settled at school.

**Raymond (1980)** and **Andrea Muller (Goldschmidt)(1981)** have two children, Nicholas (6) and Caitlin (3). Raymond works for Eli Lilly and Andrea looks after the children.

**Sybill Luckman (Hennig)(1980)** lectures Drawing and sometimes History of Art at the PE Technikon's Department of Fashion and Textile Design.

**Paul Rigby (1981)** works for a huge multi-national office automation company in the Channel Islands. He is responsible for the distribution, marketing and selling of their products in Switzerland, Channel Islands and the Middle East.

**Shawn Stanley (1981)** and his wife **Le-Anne (Horn)(1985)** have moved to Perth where Shawn has been appointed Official Analyst of the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory. They have a young son.

**Paul Crankshaw (1981)** was a Journalism student. He is now the publisher for Resource Publications. His journals include *African Energy* and *African Mining*. For the past three years, *African Mining* was won the Specialist Press Association award as the best mining journal in the country. He remembers that during his first year, Professor Guy Berger was arrested for political activism.

**Andrew Tharratt (1981)** was the former principal of Bathurst Primary School and is now in New Zealand working as an educational consultant for children with learning and behavioural problems.

**Shane Hodgson (1981)** lives in Harare and works as Group HR Manager for Lonrho Africa. He has just completed an MBA through Nottingham Business School and is now taking it easy while his wife Veronica completes her MBA. They have both been studying karate for several years and have a record collection of unusual injuries! They've travelled extensively on holiday in the last year or so (UK, Ireland, Australia, USA and New Zealand) while Shane's job has taken him to even more exotic places (Canada, Kenya, Cyprus, Nigeria, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Zambia, Mozambique and even South Africa!). He would love to hear from old friends on e-mail zimpsych@hotmail.com

**Gwendoline Thobeka Dube (1981)** was appointed HOD at Kgadime Matsepe Secondary, Soshanguve. She attained her BED at RAU in 1997 and is now pursuing her FDE in development management and administration at Wits.

**Stephen Coert Schmidt (1981)** completed his Masters degree in film production at the University of New York and is working in the film industry. He hopes to return to South Africa this year.

**Claire Ingram (Saul)(1982)** lives in Zimbabwe and has her own school under a huge Msasa tree, where she teaches young children from the local surrounds.

**Kungeka Esme Ntshanga (1982)** writes that she left Rhodes a long time ago and is planning to come back. She has fond memories of the East London campus staff, especially Mr JL Stead, Mrs Lemmon, Mr Cooper and many others.

**David Walter Freer (1982)** has published a book called *The Forlorn*, the first mainstream science fiction novel by a South African author, to be published.

**Christopher Hugh Wright (1982)** has lived in

Brisbane, Australia for the last ten years and is married to an ex-South African. He is the director of a software company, working mainly in the mining industry.

**Gerard Esplin Corsane (1982)** writes that after working at the Robben Island Museum since 1997, where he was involved in setting up qualifications in museum and heritage studies, he has now been appointed to a lecturing post at Leicester University in England.

**Daroish (1982)** and **Jenny Kraidy (Dreyer) (1989)** emigrated to New Zealand in 1997. Daroish is working in the software industry. Anybody emigrating to or visiting New Zealand is welcome to contact them.

**Clive Alan Jackson-Moss (1982)** started his own trading and consultancy business last year, in the leather industry. He was previously Deputy Director of the Leather Research Institute.

**Niki Nicolaides (1982)** recently visited South Africa on holiday. She is now back in the UK and has accepted a permanent job in Wimbledon with an Internet service provider called INS (Internet Network Services), where she says the opportunities and challenges ahead of her are daunting yet absolutely fantastic. She can be contacted on e-mail: niki.nicolaides@insnet.net .

**Glenn Forrester (1982)** moved to San Diego, and met and married an American lass in Cape Cod, Massachusetts. She has a Masters degree in Psychology and Social Work. They spent their honeymoon in South Africa and have now bought a townhouse.

**Maya Sonne (1982)** lives in Durban. She and her husband have a second son, Yashil, brother to Jasheen.

**Carol Patricia Molloy (Fenn)(1983)** works as Quality Control Manager of a pharmaceutical company in Windhoek. She is the President of the Namibian Pharmacy Society and has two sons, born in 1993 and 1995.

**Dan de Villiers (1983)** and **Alison (Wiener)(1984)** have been married since 1990 and moved from Johannesburg to Somerset West, where Dan is the group financial manager for a farming operation. They have three daughters.

**Adrian Oosthuizen (1983)** moved to Hong Kong in 1994 where he works in interactive media for the *South China Morning Post*. He married his South Korean wife, Sun Hyang in 1999. They are happy in post-handover Hong Kong and enjoy regular overseas travel.

**Lynda Ann Venter (Clunnie)(1983)** is married to **Jacques Venter (1983)** and they have two children, Warren (5) and Ashleigh (2). They moved to Aliwal North from Port Elizabeth in 1994. They both work in a Toyota dealership, a family business.

**Monique Linder (1983)** is at UCT this year, doing an MBA.

**Roger Douglas Moulton (1983)** is married to Michelle Turner and they have two children, Brandon and Dean. He is a senior product manager with Parke-Med generics.

**Rajeshwar Parbhoo (1983)** is working at Spoonnet Process and Systems as a project manager. He is married and has two daughters.

**Richard Pascoe (1983)** has returned to the KwaZulu-Natal coast after having worked for Botswana Ash in remote northern parts of the country. He reports that **Richard Laubscher (1978)** continues to do good work as Senior Microbiologist at BotAsh.

**Larry Maassen (1983)** would like to correspond with fellow classmates from Bob Mason's exploration geology class of 1982. Larry still works at Los Alamos National Laboratory in Los Alamos, New Mexico, where he is working in the environmental restoration programme. Larry's daughter, Melanie, just entered the University of Tennessee as a freshman. Larry can be reached via e-mail: lmaassen@lanl.gov.

**Deanne Marie Hopking (van Rensburg)(1983)** moved to Cape Town last year. She is the public relations manager at 7-Eleven head office and had her third child in September 1999.

**Laura Claire Dean (Denton)(1983)** is married to **Nick Dean (1983)**. They have been in Melbourne since September 1999 and are enjoying the sunshine with their children.

**Rob Harris (1984)** works for Barlows in Cambridge and will soon be transferred to Irvine, California.

**Renee Martus (Pretorius)(1984)** and **Grant Martus (1983)** live in North Vancouver with their two children, Dylan (6) and Cayleen (3). Grant works for Oracle Canada.

**Mark Shanahan (1984)** and Naomi live in Singapore, where Mark works for Prebon Yamane Asia as regional financial controller. They have just had a baby boy, Sebastian Edwin, born 4 May 2000.

**Lindsay Hubbard (Sherman)(1984)** went to Australia on an AISEC exchange, secured a job in Sydney with a software company and stayed there. She has just completed an MBA and has a new job with IBM. She is married to Simon Hubbard, who also works in the software industry.

**Lesley-Anne Hill (Sparks)(1984)** is married with two children and is teaching music to children aged 3 -15. She says she's loving it!

**Shanta Lucy Paterson (1984)** and her husband Brian (former Rhodes University Librarian) are happily settled in Nelson, New Zealand, where Shanta bought a house on a hill overlooking the port and the sea and the mountains in the distance. She has a clinical psychologist position with Nelson Marlborough Health.

**Debra Anne Widdicombe (Bailey)(1984)** works for IBM Global Services and is a permanent resident in the UK.

**Barbara Louise Viljoen (Pellatt)(1984)** married Wayne in 1991. They have two daughters, Laura (born 1995) and Samantha (born 1998). They live in the UK and visit South Africa and Zimbabwe annually. She frequently sees **Jennifer Stevenson (Gleeson)(1983)**, who is married to Stuart and has two children, Matthew (born 1995) and Kirsty (born 1998).

**Chris Adami (1984)** worked as a management consultant for Deloitte in Johannesburg, and then bought and ran a canning factory after which he moved back to the family business in Cradock. He is married to Sandra and they have a two-year old daughter, Katherine.

**Robin Weare (1984)** recently wrote finals for his MBA degree and will soon move to Oranjemund, Namibia to work on the De Beers diamond mine. **Graham Tasker (1987)** is also there and Robin is really looking forward to the move. Robin's family has grown, and in addition to their son Andrew, they also now have a precious daughter, Sarah (2). Robin is still running and last year ran his 10th Two Oceans Marathon. He and his wife were planning to run the Millennium Comrades.

**Sheurle Screen (Robinson)(1984)** has a daughter Tara (7) and a son Keaghan (3). She is in her 13<sup>th</sup> year of teaching at Diggelford in Zimbabwe. Her greatest love is the production of school plays.

**Birgit Holley (Deist)(1984)** graduated from Rhodes in 1987 with BSc (Hons) in Computer Science and Mathematics. She is now a lecturer in Auckland, New Zealand at UNITEC Institute of Technology, Department of Information Systems and Computing and currently doing a Masters in Education Management.

**Lesley Joan Dingley (Harington)(1985)** and **Gary Wayne Dingley (1985)** moved to Sydney in 1999 and are still settling down. They have two children, Justin (4) and Bronwen (2).

**Elizabeth Wilson (Casey) (1985)** and Scott became proud parents of twin daughters in September 1999 - eight weeks early but perfect in every way. Their names are Maggie Frances Casey and Amelia Diana Valerie. Elizabeth is now a full-time 'Home Executive' and nanny and finds it exhausting! They live in Masterton, a rural town in the north island about an hour north of Wellington in a region called the Wairarapa, which is well-known for its agriculture and wines - pinot-noir in particular. They are enjoying the laid-back lifestyle. Scott is still involved in horticulture but has left the export apple business. Elizabeth still keeps in contact with a few Old Rhodians, **Lindsay Hubbard (Sherman)(1984)**, **Sheena Ferguson (1987)**, **Carrie Goble(1987)**, **Deanne Hopking (van Rensburg)(1983)** and **Cheryl Brown (Crouch)(1983)** to name a few. She would like to hear from fellow Old Rhodians living in New Zealand on e-mail address: scott.liz@xtra.co.nz

**Sharon Wood (1985)** was a runner-up in the personal finance section of the Sanlam journalism awards. According to the *Financial Mail*, her "grasp of the money, capital and derivatives markets is unmatched, and her contribution has been critical in differentiating the section from our competition." Sharon did a three-year Bachelor of Journalism degree and then completed an Honours in Economics with distinction.



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**Nick Longden (1985)** completed an MSc in Biochemistry at Rhodes. He is currently working as Senior New Products Development Manager (Logistics) at Scottish Courage in Edinburgh.

**Juliette Yates (Menagé)(1985)** is married to Rijk Yates and they are tobacco farming in Zimbabwe. They have three children, Eloise (6), Thierry (4) and Sebastien (2). She writes that they are doing well and are very happy. She is still in touch with numerous Old Rhodians.

**Megan Zietsman (Whittaker)(1985)** and her husband, **Brian (1982)** have been living in the USA since 1994 and are both working for Deloitte and Touche in their New York office. They moved after their marriage in February 1994 in Johannesburg.

**Susan-Jayne Labuschagne (van Zyl)(1985)** and her husband have had their first baby and have completed building their new home on the Cape West coast.

**Mark Swanepoel (1985)** and his wife **Nadine Anne (Downing)(1985)** have moved to Underberg. They have two children, Daniel (8) and Chelsea Rae (6). They are well and happy and send best wishes to all in the Department of Human Movement Studies. They would love to hear from other Old Rhodians.

**Carol Michlakis (Hurly)(1985)** taught Physical Education for nine years after leaving Rhodes. She married Takis in 1993 and is now full-time mother to two daughters and is living in Johannesburg.

**Clare Michelle Fincham (Foley)(1985)** has moved from Harare to Johannesburg with her three children, now eight, five and two, and is working for Round Table.

**Ailsa Tudhope (Whibley)(1985)** married Andrew in 1998 and moved to the Karoo. She edits the local newspaper and converts business manuals to CD format. She is also involved in promoting tourism to their lovely village of Prince Albert.

**Tracy Winde (Jenkinson)(1985)** has “retired” from 10 years of running her travel agency to be a full-time mother. She is married to Alan Winde, Member of Parliament for the DP.

**Donal Colin Skinner (1985)** is a lecturer in the Department of Veterinary Clinical Medicine at the University of Bristol.

**Brad Rothenburg (1985)** and **Laël (Maxwell)(1986)** are married, living in Cape Town and have just had a son called Joshua. Laël works for Flemming and Brad is financial manager at Markhams.

**Rhohini Patel (Jogei)(1985)** completed her articles with Deloitte and Touche. She married Ashok Patel and they have a lovely daughter, Ameeta (3). She has started her own practice called ACCTAX Business and Financial Services, in 1998. It is fast-growing and exciting.

**David Knight (1986)** and **Philippa (Martin)(1986)** have moved from Bulgaria to Dublin, Ireland.

**Andrew Bolton (1986)** is news editor at 567 MW Cape Talk.

**David Stewart Lindley (1986)** is the Rennies Wetlands Project co-ordinator. He married Ros Ambler in Wilderness in March 1999.

**Trevor Amos (1986)** and **Adrian Ristow (1992)** have written a book titled *Human Resource Management*, which is specifically aimed at the small business owner. It will also shortly be published on CD-Rom.

**Nicola Anne Murwill (Kriel)(1986)** is the mother of two daughters, seven and three, and a son, aged one.

**Kevin Gordon Fletcher (1986)** works for Roche Products (Pty) Ltd as Product Manager: Hospital Unit. He is currently studying for a Masters in Business Leadership at Unisa.

**Bethwell Mzingaba Mabenge (1986)** relocated from Port Elizabeth to Johannesburg and is working as a medical practitioner in Soweto and Daveyton.

**Tracy (Parker)(1986)** is married to **Clinton Jones (1986)**. Tracy graduated from Rhodes University with a BCom Honours in Accounting in 1989 and after completing her articles of clerkship at Price Waterhouse in Port Elizabeth and qualifying as a CA, she joined the Department of Accounting at UPE and lectures Accounting 3. Many of her colleagues at UPE are the lecturers who lectured her at Rhodes (among them **Jeff Rowlands (1984)** and **Margery Black (1972)**) and their department is a dedicated, happy environment to work in. Clinton is the IT Manager at LUK Africa in Port Elizabeth

and they have two children, Allison and Matthew. They would love to make contact with Old Rhodians in and around the Eastern Cape.

**Irvin Lawrence (1986)** married Meryl Diederich in 1993 and they have two children, aged four and one. He is a director for a law firm named Garlicke and Boysfield.

**Susan Valentine (1986)** has left her position as executive producer of Live Current Affairs at SABC Radio and is setting up an on-line health news service called health-e, based in Cape Town.

**Julie Farquhar (Nelson)(1986)** married **Michael Farquhar (1986)** and they have one son, Christopher (1). Julie has her own DTP/design business and Michael is senior aquarist for the Two Oceans Aquarium in Cape Town.

**Sharon Lynda Moss (1987)** lives in Krugersdorp and is an assistant director in the Gauteng Provincial Health Department, where she has been working for the last two years.

**Nomathokazi Maliza (1987)** is senior manager in employer relations at Spoornet.

**Fiona McCarley (Sutton)(1987)** is married to Steve and they live in La Lucia Ridge, Durban with their two daughters, Megan and Sarah.

Charles Riddle, who taught in the Journalism Department, wrote to give us news of the following Old Rhodians living in New Zealand: **Francois Maritz (1987)(BFA)** is a successful commercial photographer in Auckland. He commutes to work via ferry from Waiheke Island, where he has built a home with **Alison (Higgs)(1986)(BJourn)**. Alison is studying midwifery. **Paul Kayser (1977)(BFA)** is an art director with one of New Zealand’s biggest ad agencies, Colenso, in Auckland. His wife **Jill (Stevenson)(1979)** runs a community centre in the Auckland suburb of Remuera.

**Christopher John Wilson (1987)** married **Ashley (Devine)(1991)** in 1998. They have a son, Rowan, born in 1999.

**Susan Louise Davis (1987)** teaches English, second language in Taipei, Taiwan.

**Tanya Raynham (Panas)(1987)** and her husband **Paul (1987)** moved to Australia at the end of 1998. They live in Adelaide, where Tanya is the training manager for Optus for South Australia and Paul is a brand manager with the South Australian Lotteries Commission. They and their children, William and Frances, have adapted well and find the lifestyle particularly rewarding.

**Msingathi Mnyengeza (1987)** lives in Johannesburg and is an associate of the Southern African chapter of an American bank. He works as a project analyst, responsible for cashflow model analysis and feasibility studies. Msi has been involved in a number of infrastructure projects in South Africa and other African countries, including toll roads, power projects, airports, petroleum pipe lines and rail projects. Msi would love to hear from his Old Rhodian friends on e-mail: msingathi@fpcg.co.za

**Mandy Svinde Collins (Stevens)(1987)** gave birth to a daughter, Tessa, in July 1999 and is now a full-time freelance journalist, working from home.

**Shirley Lister Andres (Thomas)(1987)** married Thomas in February 1999 in Swaziland and they are moving to the UK.

**Ian Rogers (1987)** still lives in Windhoek, Namibia. He has practised law for seven years, part of which sas a partner in the law firm, and at the end of last year he took up a position as legal advisor for a leading bank in Namibia. Ian enjoys the commerce world and has enrolled for a Masters degree with Unisa.

**Graeme Bruce McMaster (1987)** is an attorney.

**Ant Hudson (1987)** is back in Cape Town as an IT Project Manager with Foschini.

**Gavin Boswell (1987)** and his wife **Caroline (MacNaughtan) (1980)** moved to Scotland in April 1999. At the end of August 1999, Gavin was inducted to the charge of Larbert West Parish Church, as a minister with the Church of Scotland. Caroline has not taken up work yet, as she is mother to their three-year old daughter, Marion.

**Gordon (1987)** and **Irene Macmillan (Biggs)(1986)** have spent the last couple of years travelling and working in Europe (based in Amsterdam). They are now living in Los Angeles, California where Gordon is a senior manager at PricewaterhouseCoopers in the LA office. Irene’s visa does not allow her to work in the USA but she is doing volunteer work - she is a court appointed

special advocate for the LA Children’s Court, advocating on behalf of abused and neglected children in the court system. Their dog, Spike, has travelled all over with them and remains a constant companion in the States. They welcome contact from their old Rhodes connections and can be reached on e-mail: ghmacmillan@hotmail.com

**Stephen Karl Hofmeyr (1988)** is still working as a business analyst for MTN.

**Jennifer Hodgson (Hume)(1988)** graduated from Rhodes in 1990 with a Social Science degree and in 1991 with Honours in Industrial Psychology. She also lectured in the Psychology Department from 1992 to 1993. She left her post at Rhodes to join Andersen Consulting in Johannesburg in January 1994. She married David Hodgson, a British colleague with whom she was working in Johannesburg in 1996. They moved to London when Jennifer got a transfer with Andersen Consulting to their London office. They have a daughter, Emily (1).

**Paul Davis (1988)** is happily married to **Kelly (Hein)(1990)** and they have recently had their first child. Paul left Merrill Lynch and has started his own stockbroking company, under the name of Watermark Securities (Pty) Ltd. They are a member of the JSE and focus on private client portfolio management to high nett-worth individuals and to clients who want to run their own portfolios through the use of the Internet. Paul says: “It is a very exciting venture and hopefully this time next year we will be making some real money.”

**Colin Khanyile Nzukuma (1988)** is project manager at Sanlam Direct and is also in his second year of an MBA with Potchefstroom University.

**Sarah Lindsay Taylor (1988)** is teaching English at a university in Turkey. She would love to hear from her friends, on e-mail: sarah@bilkent.edu.tr

**Jenny Clogg (1988)** has transferred to Cape Town with Alexander Forbes.

**John Biggs (1988)** and his wife, Daphne, live in East London. John is deputy headmaster of Commercial Park School while his wife teaches at his old high school, Hudson Park. John had taken a couple of years off from playing squash but recently resumed playing league again. He is also training for the Argus and playing as much golf as possible. Anyone who would like to get in touch with John can use the following e-mail address: ghmacmillan@hotmail.com

**Michael Jennings (1988)** is now a practising attorney, mainly in the Cape Peninsula, specialising in the field of Criminal Litigation.

**Celia Fleming (John)(1988)** has left the corporate world and started a freelance copy writing and editing company in Cape Town.

**Andrew Bulter (1988)** returned from London two years ago and then lived in Mozambique. He is now working for the Department of Economic Affairs in Mpumalanga and is responsible for export promotion. He lives in beautiful White River on a farm in a digs type set-up. He says he is still single and sane.

**Mark Allan Lindström (1988)** works as the manager of an estate agency in Gonubie, the ERA Sun.

**Bridget Lesley Russell (1989)** did an MSc in Accounting and Finance at the University of Greenwich in London last year.

**Shirlene Wendy Siddall (1989)** qualified as a CA in 1997. She is engaged to Peter Theron, brother of **Tracy Evans (Theron)(1989)**. She works as a manager at Deloitte and Touche and is due to go on secondment to Miami this year.

**Sophia Cook (Michaelides)(1989)** married **Michael Cook (1988)** in 1996. They are living in Cape Town and loving it.

**Keli Wakfer (1989)** is still single, living in Johannesburg with a cat she rescued in Grahamstown seven years ago. She still sees quite a few Rhodes people, including **Kyle Hannan (1986)** and Laetitia, who survived the earthquake in Taiwan. After a couple of years of working in PR and advertising for Liberty Life and some big advertising agencies, Keli has joined forces with **Geanne Dersley (1992)** and started their own communication consultancy called “Wild Cactus Communications”. She also sent news of the following Old Rhodians: **Tarryn Lisk (1989)** lives in Dubai. **Leigh Lisk (1989)** and **Lucy Beard (1991)** are in London, as is **Alex McGowan (1987)**. **Dale Carolin (1989)** works for Ster Kinekor in

Johannesburg.

**Craig McBain (1989)** has just left Fluor Daniel and is considering all his job offers.

**Dave Sieff (1990)** works for Microsoft.

**Loshini Padayachee (1990)** is in HR and training at Liberty Life.

**James Fraser (1990)** is in the treasury department at Nedcor.

**Carla de Abreu (1990)** lives in Portugal.

**Alan Storey (1992)** lives in Midrand and preaches at the Calvary Methodist Church.

**Tracey Blaauw (1988)** works for Red Nail, an advertising agency.

Keli’s cousin, **John Wakfer (1985)** lives in Cape Town and works for Venture, an IT and printer company.

**Anthea Addison (1989)** taught English at a private school in Butterworth from 1994 to 1999. She moved to East London at the beginning of 1999 and is now teaching English at Port Rex Technical High School and loving it.

**Michael Hemsley (1989)** is married to Lu-Ann and they have a three-year old daughter, Sadi. They live in Cape St Francis. He divides his time between industrial relations consulting and subsistence farming and fishing.

**Craig McBain (1989)** studied Biotechnology at Rhodes and qualified at the University of Birmingham as a chemical engineer. He is currently working as a management consultant.

**Jeremy Soboil (1989)** married Belinda Mockford last year and they are now back in South Africa after living in the UK.

**Corinne Rosmarin (Lamoral)(1989)** married **David Rosmarin (1989)** in 1998. Corinne is a feature writer and Health and Fitness Editor for *Elle* magazine. David is a group property manager.

**Haley Harvey (1989)** is media relations manager for Nedcor Bank Ltd in Johannesburg, after a couple of years overseas. She says free time is in very short supply, but her leisure activities include rowing, archery, off-road driving and mountain biking.

**Anton van Noordwyk (1989)** recently joined the family business in Mtubatuba where, together with his dad, he is involved in property developments. He still enjoys a regular round of golf and plays cricket for Empangeni during the cricket season.

**Clare Vivienne Goodrum (1989)** works as a microbiologist and laboratory manager for a pharmaceutical company.

**Kevin Brimblecombe (1989)** worked in London for two years after graduating. Whilst there, he met a beautiful Australian woman and in 1995 they returned to Johannesburg. They were married in Australia in 1996 and they decided to emigrate to the land of the World Cup champs, Australia. Kevin is now working with BankWest in Perth, and is looking forward to the next Rhodes reunion in Perth.

**Gregory Edelston (1989)** has been working in interior design for five years, but is now finishing his LLB at Birkbeck College, University of London.

**Dave (1989)** and **Wendy Hurst (Bater)(1991)** live in Zimbabwe, where Wendy is head of the physics department at Arundel School in Harare. Until recently, Dave was audit manager for KPMG but has now joined Intertec Africa (Gibraltar) Ltd, as their group financial controller. He played for the Zimbabwe Men’s hockey team in the 1995 and 1999 All Africa Games, but no longer plays hockey due to business constraints.

## 1990s

**Carla de Abreu (1990)** graduated in 1993 with an honours degree in Industrial Sociology, and then went travelling, spending two years living in Israel, doing all sorts of work from au-pairing to kibbutzing. She moved to London and again spent two years working and travelling. Not surprisingly, she bumped into LOADS of Rhodes students whilst there, even spent some time sharing a house where every single one of them was an Old Rhodian. She now lives in Portugal – more specifically, a small Portuguese island in the Atlantic, called Madeira. She has been there for a year and works for an Italian/Swiss offshore company, and gets to go on business trips to Italy and Switzerland.

**Llewelyn William Roderick (1990)** recently returned from Mauritius where he directed



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commercials for seven months. He has joined a large Johannesburg-based commercial production company as a new director in this highly competitive and creative market. He has bought a house in Johannesburg, which he is renovating and sharing with his two cats, a lime tree and a lemon tree.

**Zanele Maliza (1990)** graduated BCom LLB from Rhodes and now works at Investec Bank.

**Alexandra (Murton)(1990)** and **Kevin Whittington-Jones (1990)** met on the first night of their orientation week when a cheese & wine function was organised between their respective residences (Milner and Cory, although he was moved to Jan Smuts soon after). Kevin completed his BSc (Hons) in 1993, and went on to do a year of Veterinary Science at Onderstepoort before returning to study for a Masters in Marine Biology in 1995/1996. Alexandra completed a BCom in 1994 and moved to the University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg, where she completed Honours in Management in 1996. In 1997 they returned to Grahamstown as Kevin had embarked on a PhD in Biotechnology. Alexandra worked for a while as an administrative assistant at The SA Library for the Blind in High Street, before moving to Rosedale Dairy as Administrative Manager. She then decided to further the accounting side of her knowledge, and now works for A R Whiteley & Co. Chartered Accountants, in High Street and recently qualified as an AGA(SA) under their guidance. They hope to set off for the UK soon.

**Alan Michael Redfern (1990)** married Dianne in December last year.

**Beccy Stones (Clarke)(1990)** married Jonathan in 1999 in Johannesburg. Her sister **Helen Clarke (1992)** was one of her bridesmaids. The augmented St Martin's choir included Old Rhodians **Jean Thompson (Hobson)(1955)**, **Runhild Meyberg-Husselman (1988)** and **CJ Hewitt (1996)**. Among the guests were Clyde and **Brenda Mallinson (Keeley)(1973)**, whose daughter Theresa was a bridesmaid, **Nicky Jane Wasserman (1988)**, **Anwen Cunningham-Scholtz (Cunningham) (1990)**, **Kulia Kupka (1990)** and **Jeremy Alcock (1992)**.

**Andre Burger (1990)** is now a qualified CA and sends greetings from the UK, where he has had a wonderful time working while also travelling the world for 18 months. He says "it has been a very rewarding and character-building experience, a good lesson in taking risks in life and pursuing one's dreams!"

**Caroline Chirume (Guzuzu)(1990)** left Rhodes in 1993 and is now teaching English at Chisipite Senior School in Harare, which she enjoys very much. She is married to Shingi Chirume and they have a son called Zviko who is almost two years old. Also teaching at Chisipite are quite a number of Old Rhodians. There is **Ivy Mpofu (Muvuti) (1993)**. She teaches Chemistry and is married to **Coleman Mpofu (1993)**. They have a beautiful little girl called Alexandra. Thelma Muskerakuenda is also teaching Geography there and she recently got engaged to **Munya Kahari (1994)**.

**Mark Maritz (1990)** is lecturing in Information Systems at Rhodes University in East London.

**Siphokazi Grissel Mbena (1990)** teaches in Port Elizabeth and was promoted to Head of Department in October 1996.

**Tanya Accone (1990)** returned from the United States with a Masters degree in communications, a year's experience with *The Washington Post* and a wonderful husband in the form of American athlete, Daniel Pszeniczny. They are now settled in Johannesburg, where Tanya holds the position of Internet Editor for the *Sunday Times* and Daniel runs and studies full-time.

**Nick Matthews (1990)** is married, qualified as a CA and CFA and employed at KPMG – Corporate, Finance.

**Jane (Bruce)(1990)** and **Phillip Snyder (1990)** have a son and a daughter and are living on a farm running a rose setup in Harare, Zimbabwe.

**Gudani Emmanuel Davhana (1990)** will be getting married soon.

**Shannon Stephen (McKellar)(1990)** was awarded a doctoral degree in musicology by Oxford University in 1999. She married Adam Stephen in April 1999. He has also just finished his doctorate at Oxford, where they now live and work.

**Paula Lee Balmer (1990)** taught at Northlands Girls High in Durban for two years after travelling.

Later she travelled to the UK and New Zealand and she is now teaching at Pietermaritzburg Girls High.

**Britta Caroline Green (Just)(1990)** was married in October 1999.

**Gill Moodie (1990)**, who completed a BA in English and Classical Civilisation, is senior sub-editor of *Business Day* in Johannesburg.

**Rosie Jane Deale (Annett)(1991)** married Clifford Deale in 1998 and gained two beautiful instant children. She is completing a diploma in remedial education and they live on a tobacco farm in Marondera, Zimbabwe.

**Adam John Hugh Veysey (1991)** is Account Director for a New Media design agency - RIPE Design.

**Clare Anderson (1991)** graduated with a BA, worked for Reuters in Harare for four years and now lives and works in London. She works for the *Financial Times* in the Electronic Publishing part of the company, supporting clients using web, windows and dos-based on-line databases. She is happy and settled in the UK, and is managing to do a fair bit of travelling. She's not planning on returning to Zimbabwe any time soon.

**Rosie Craig (1991)** married Sean Wilkins (from Cape Town) in Grahamstown on 8 January 2000. **Cathy Wootton (1991)** and **Lucy Beard (1991)** (both in the UK now) and **Carol Craig (1990)** (who was in Australia - now in India) all flew out to be bridesmaids and **Leigh Lisk (1989)** came out with Lucy. Cathy got engaged to Mike Burbridge from the UK while they were out. Sean and Rosie will be heading over to the UK for a few years.

**Monica Nozuko Catele (Didiza)(1991)** is keeping well and wishes everyone all the best.

**Gina Teresa Latorre (Muzzio)(1991)** works as a consultant, after four years of working with Phelps Dodge Exploration in South America.

**Wayne Anthony Rathbone (1991)** is presently studying MSc Science Education at Tuks. He married **Eiona (Morton)(1989)** in December 1999 in Grahamstown and is teaching at Pretoria Boys High.

**Maria Costa-Tré (Mavrandonis)(1991)** writes that the happily married couple of Maria and **Herculano Costa-Tré (1991)** now have a beautiful daughter, Bianca, born in March 1999.

**Rae Antoinette Arnott (Gilbert)(1991)** and **James Arnott (1991)** were married in April 1997. Rae is currently studying BPrimEd through Unisa and working at Vuleka School. James works for Anderson Consulting.

**Cathy Wootton (1991)** graduated in 1995 with a BCom in Economics and Commercial Law. She now lives permanently in the UK and works for Oddbins Ltd, a national chain of wine merchants.

**Caryn Leigh Bull (1991)** qualified as a clinical psychologist in November 1999.

**Lauren Kim Reitz (Bersin)(1991)** qualified as a clinical psychologist in November 1999. She married Barry in May 1999.

**Candice Caldwell (1991)** received an ACU scholarship in 1998 and completed an MPhil in Applied Linguistics at Cambridge. She will spend the next two years working towards a PhD.

**Lucy Rebecca Beard (1991)** travelled up through Africa with **Leigh Lisk (1989)** and **Rosie Craig (1991)**. She and Leigh went on through the Middle East to Europe. They are now settled in London and both work in law firms.

**Dino Stengel (1991)** married **Quindon Jayne (Johnston)(1992)** and they have a daughter, Denym Cailinn (1).

**Caroline Ann Harvey (Routledge)(1991)** teaches at Chisipite Senior School and has a little boy called Oliver. Her father works in the Psychology Department at Rhodes and her sister **Sue Routledge (1989)** is to be married soon.

**Tara Lee Congdon (Bramsen)(1991)** has been married for four years. She teaches at an infant school with mixed ages of five, six and seven-year olds.

**Gavin Vaaltyn (1991)** was called to the Bridgetown Presbyterian Church in Cape Town in May 1999.

**Rory Stewart (1992)** lives in Saigon, Vietnam and is a partner with PricewaterhouseCoopers, having responsibility for Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos. Rory is married to Goi, who is from Thailand.

**Alice Nicola Ashwell (1992)** has resigned after seven years as Head of Education at Kirstenbosch to start an environmental education and writing

consultancy in Cape Town, called EnviroEds.

**Gavin Ewing (1992)** works as a business analyst for Deutsche Bank in London.

**Angela Rogers (1992)** married Roy Craig on 18 December and they are settled in Cape Town. **Lyn Reynolds (1992)** flew out from the UK to be bridesmaid and she has just got engaged to **Joe Hobson (1992)**. They are presently in the UK but will be returning to South Africa soon.

**Cheryl Goodenough (1992)** works as a journalist and researcher in Durban.

**Barrie Knox-Davies (1992)** lectures at the University of Zululand in KwaZulu-Natal, in the Human Movement Science Department, and has started his own part-time Biokinetics practice.

**Beena Ooka (Bardolia)(1992)** completed Honours in translation studies in 1998 through Unisa. She now works for an export company. She and her husband, Vinod, moved into their own duplex in 1999. Beena would love old friends to contact her on charel@dbnmail.co.za

**Peta-Anne Fryett (1992)** is serving articles at Webber Wentzel Bowens Attorneys in Johannesburg. Her sister, **Michaela Fryett (1995)** lectures at Wits.

**Spencer Carr (1992)** is married to Julia and they have two sons, Oscar and Oliver. He is running a psychotherapy practice specialising in relationship work.

**Mark Cotton (1992)** married **Paula Morton (1991)** in 1996. They worked in London and Johannesburg for a time and now live in San Francisco, USA. Mark is employed by Andersen Consulting and Paula works as a Crisis Line counsellor and in the education field.

**Nicholas Fenner (1992)** lives in Kokstad and has been working for a Canadian Exploration company, Falconbridge, since 1997, as an exploration geologist.

**Justin Craig Field (1992)** started working in Australia in July 1999 after three and a half years in London.

**Roy Ashley Cleary (1992)** moved from Queen's College to Maritzburg College as an English teacher.

**Adrian Ristow (1992)** lives in Port Elizabeth and works at Coca Cola, as group training and development practitioner. He is married to **Liesel (Breitenbach)(1993)**, who graduated in 1998 with an LLB. She is now working at Pagdens Attorneys. Last year Adrian and **Trevor Amos (1986)** wrote a book titled *Human Resource Management*, which is aimed at the small business owner. It will shortly be published on CD-Rom.

**Brigid Mary Law (Glover)(1992)** married **James David Law (1992)** in September 1997. James is now a CASA and Brigid is an attorney.

**Danny Taylor (1992)** graduated with a BCom and joined the Foschini Group. He became area manager for Markhams in the Western Cape and was instrumental in opening the RJL Stores. He and his fiancée, Jenny, left for the UK in August, where they hope to work for two years.

**Bernadette Karin Emslie (von Hasseln)(1993)** married Steven Emslie in April 1998 in the Rhodes Chapel.

**Jennifer Henderson (1993)** graduated from Rhodes in 1996 with HDip Acc and is in her final year of articles at KPMG in Johannesburg, with plans to go overseas after completion. She enjoyed the Rhodes reunion at Hard Rock Café.

**Briony Chisholm (1993)** works at the Medicines Information Centre at UCT Medical School. She loves Cape Town and has bought a house, which she shares with two girls, both Old Rhodians.

**Jocelyn Brown (1993)** completed a BSc (Joint Hons) in Botany and Geography and is currently applying to do a post graduate diploma in Education in England.

**Shelley Stretton (Brotherton)(1993)** married Justin Stretton, a farmer, in 1998 and is teaching at Queenstown Girls High School.

**Ben Cobbing (1993)** works as a GIS programmer on the Working for Water scheme.

**Kim Loraine Wylie (Armitage)(1993)** and **Kurt Wylie (1993)** were married in July 1999. They met at Rhodes University in East London.

**Caroline Rudo Mudenda (1993)** writes that she is not married yet and has no babies either!

**Lynette Reynolds (1993)** worked in Human

Resources for the Edgars group in Cape Town for two years after graduating. She is now in London on a two-year working holiday visa and plans to travel.

**Kim Janette Gurney (1993)** completed an International Journalism Masters in London in 1998. She is now working as a reporter for an online news service, part of the Financial Times Group, in London.

**Katherine Wright (1994)** works in the field of Human Resources in London.

Liz Boucher, the mother of **Alexandra Boucher (1994)** and **Victoria Boucher (1996)**, wrote with news of several Old Rhodians of her daughters' age. Alexandra has been working in London since graduating and shares digs with the following people:

Kirsti Lewis (daughter of **Jen Forbes (1961)** and **Dave Lewis (1964)**), **Mike Emslie (1994)** (son of **Jenny Emslie (Davenport)(1964)**) and **Mark Valentine (1993)**. Living close by are **Andrew Stern (1995)**, **Claire Myburgh (1994)** (daughter of **Bill Myburgh (1963)**) and **Robert van Selm (1996)**. As you can see, the Rhodes family sticks together! They frequently meet up with many other Old Rhodians in the area.

**Kathleen Isted (Field)(1994)** is married to **Edwin Isted (1989)**. Kathleen works for Andersen Consulting and Ed for IQ Business Group as well as managing his own business.

**Catherine de la Harpe (Vaughan)(1994)** married Stephen in June 1998. They moved to Tanzania where Steve manages a sugar cane estate. Their son Christopher was born in July 1999 in England. They would love to be contacted on e-mail: SdelaHarpe@illovo.co.za.

**Michelle Lesley Scott Elliot (Bonney)(1994)** married Simon Scott Elliot in December 1999.

**Kirstin Elizabeth Delaney (1994)** has been in Europe for the past year.

**Johanne Elizabeth Coates (1994)** lives and works in the UK.

**Angela de Longchamps (Bourne)(1994)** married Tyrone in 1998 and works in human resource management for PricewaterhouseCoopers in Johannesburg. She still keeps in touch with many of her friends, among them:

**Kathleen Isted (Field)(1994)**, who graduated and completed her PDM at Wits Business School, married **Edwin Isted (1989)** and is working in Change Management for Andersen Consulting; **Catherine Conradie (Eaton)(1994)** lives in Cape Town after her marriage to Paul in 1998. She is a copy-writer for Ogilvy and Mather;

**Sharon Chapman (1994)** is completing a Masters degree through Rhodes and is to marry **Dave Blair (1991)**, who is doing environmental consulting in Johannesburg;

**Bridget Logie (1994)** is working in East London for an environmental consultancy, after completing an Honours in Geography.

**Kevin Mark Atkinson (1994)** has been doing supply teaching in London during the past year.

**Scott Grahame (1994)** is back in London and in a new job with Barlow, Lyde and Gilbert, London's top reinsurance firm. He is well and happy, and loving London.

**Catherine Michelle Kadish (Glasser)(1995)** is mother of twin boys, aged two, and married to **Craig Kadish (1995)**.

**Teresa Wecke (1995)** works as a journalist for *Mining, Coal, Gold and Base Minerals*, a trade journal owned by Times Media.

**Heather Patricia McCracken (1996)** teaches at Clarendon Preparatory in East London.

**Saul Cobbing (1996)** is studying at the Sports Science Institute at UCT.

**Simon White (1996)** completed HDipAcc at Rhodes and is currently finishing his articles at Deloitte & Touche in Johannesburg after which he is doing a secondment to Miami for three months and then travelling to the UK.

**Akosua Fobi Gyasi-Agyei (1997)** is in her second year of study in pursuit of a BPharm(Hons) degree.

**Steffen Dümig (1997)**, an exchange student at Rhodes, finished his studies at the University of Karlsruhe (Germany) and obtained the degree "Diplom-Wirtschaftsingenieur" (Master of Industrial Engineering). He now works for Siemens Management Consulting in Munich.



# Notification of death

*Iris Lovell Carter (Graham)(1918)*  
*Graham Alexander Hepburn (1922)*  
*Jacob H Spilkin (1925)*  
*Mrs MI Pringle (Finnemore)(1926)*  
*Robert Edward Daniel D’Arcy (1926)*  
*Angela Margery Leary (Farrer)(1927)*  
*Doris Anne Barker (Watkins)(1927)*  
*Rev Dr Gordon Pitts Wiles (1927)*  
*Mrs JW Brett (Morris)(1929)*  
*Mr PS Melville (1930)*  
*Mr LW Harvey (1931)*  
*Noel Howel Palmer (Jones)(1931)*  
*Mavis Louise Pratt (Wearn)(1931)*  
*Norma Frances Ruddock (Gill)(1931)*  
*Dr Robert Story (1931)*  
*Dr Edgar Theophile Verdier (1931)*  
*Dorothy Harker (Dold)(1933)*  
*Myra Mary Mansveldt (Beadle) 1934*  
*Elaine Ursula Slee (Peter)(1934)*  
*Mrs TEC Lange (Bruce)(1935)*  
*Reneira van Reenen (1935)*  
*Mr JA Baldie (1937)*  
*Kathleen Norah Mellon (1937)*  
*Friedrich August Siebörger (1937)*  
*John Douglas Taylor (1937)*  
*Mary Kleinschmidt (Barker)(1939)*  
*Arthur M Davey (1940)*  
*Alec George Dry (1940)*  
*Judge Donald DV Kannemeyer (1941)*  
*John Krefth (1941)*  
*Norman Cecil Addleson (1943)*  
*Howard David Rogers (1943)*  
*Jacobus Coenrad Strauss (1944)*  
*Jeane F Clarkson (Richter)(1945)*  
*Mr WJ Lindermann (1945)*  
*Dr R (Bob) Prosser (1946)*  
*Mr Robin H Stevenson (1947)*  
*Robin John Werndley van der Riet (1947)*  
*(died in 1994)*  
*Michael John Chrichton (1949)*  
*Prof Christopher Fredrick Cresswell (1951)*  
*John R Axe (1954)*  
*Dr F R Hayward (1959)*  
*Robert (Archie) Eldred Mostert Archibald (1959)*  
*Mr RR Hendry (1959)*  
*Rev Alfred D Beresford (1960)*  
*Miss EA Budgor (1960)*  
*Lorraine Joy Bulter (1960)*  
*Graham Horner (1960)*  
*Rev Fr Bernard Raymond Brewer (1961)*  
*Gill Moorcroft (1961)*  
*Rev E Neville Whitford (1961)*  
*Clare Elizabeth Boucher (Brown)(1962)*  
*Lynn Segar (Starkey)(1964)*  
*Dr RRS Taylor (1966)*  
*Miss CB Lawlor (1967)*  
*Henry Spencer Rossouw (1967)*  
*Dr Anthony Hutton (1974)*  
*Charmaine McLaren (Kasner) (1974)*  
*James Maxwell (1976)*  
*Martin Anthony Mokawem (1977)*  
*Anthony Gerard Reynders (1978)*  
*Laetitia Mary Burger (Heymann)(1980)*  
*Prof Sabita Jithoo (1981)*  
*David Barry Albert (1983)*  
*Neville Sing (1983)*  
*Michelle McLeod (Gatenby)(1984)*  
*Rev Zolile Patrick August (1987)*  
*Martha Johanna Petronella Hanekom (1987)*  
*Jonathan Peter Desilla (1993)*  
*Johannes Coert Erasmus (1994)*  
*Silvanus Naidoo (1995)*

## Iris Lovell Carter (Graham)(1918)

*(Obituary by her daughter, Lovell Stark)*

Iris Carter, believed to be the oldest living Old Rhodian, died on 30 October 1999, just two months short of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. She was fit and very mentally alert until she suffered a stroke in 1999, which resulted in her death. She still read avidly, played bridge and walked every day.

Iris was born on 4 January 1900 and brought up in Grahamstown. She attended DSG before going to Rhodes. She played first team tennis for her school and for Rhodes and obtained a first class pass in her MA degree.

Her father was Francis Graham and her uncle was Sir Thomas Graham, Judge President of the Eastern Province. Her ancestor Colonel John Graham founded Grahamstown.

She married the late Clifford Carter and they farmed at Westminster in the Free State before retiring to Port Alfred 18 years ago. They bought a cottage at the Damant Lodge old age home and she lived there on her own until her death. She leaves her only surviving daughter, Mrs Lovell Stark who moved from London to Port Alfred 14 years ago.

## Jacob H Spilkin (1925)

*(Obituary from the EP Herald)*

Former Port Elizabeth attorney Jacob Spilkin, described by a colleague as “a doyen of the legal profession in the Eastern Cape” died at the age of 94. He was one of the Province’s most colourful and most respected legal practitioners. A leading senior counsel described Mr Spilkin’s passing as the “end of an era”, while another commented that he was a man of the courts and not one for sitting behind a desk.

Mr Spilkin’s career spanned over half a century, ending with his retirement in 1988 as one of the oldest practising attorneys in the Cape.

In 1921, he won a Port Elizabeth municipal gold medal for coming first in the Eastern Cape matric exams. He received a scholarship to study at Rhodes University where he majored in Classical studies and achieved first class honours in Latin and Greek. Legendary Rhodes University professor Grant McKerron described Mr Spilkin at the time as a “man of acute intelligence and of exceptional ability.”

Said Mr Spilkin’s son Sidney: “After getting his degree with distinction, he was awarded a scholarship to Oxford University but his father could not afford the boat fare, so they had no option but to enter him into the legal profession where he started a practice in Port Elizabeth in 1929.”

Prominent figures who articulated at the firm Spilkin & Miltz include Truth Commission member **Dr Wycliffe Tsotsi (Honorary Graduate 1999)** and former Deputy Safety and Security Minister Joe Matthews.

## Rev Dr Gordon Pitts Wiles (1927)

*(Obituary from The Daily Telegraph)*

The Rev Dr Gordon Pitts Wiles, Professor Emeritus of religion at Connecticut College, and accomplished painter and a linguist, died aged 89. He spoke seven languages and was the author of many books, including *Paul’s Intercessory Prayers*. He had an outstanding record in World War II. During the battle of Sidi Rezegh in North Africa, he carried the wounded and dead from the battlefield, without rest, for two days and a night, under enemy fire before he too, was wounded and captured. During his time as a prisoner of war in Italy, he learnt to paint from other prisoners and his work has been widely exhibited. He was awarded the MBE for helping hundreds of fellow PoWs to escape, also eventually escaping himself.

Rev Wiles was born on 10 December 1909 in Kimberley, the son of Marion Gilbert and Clement Wiles who had emigrated from England. He attended Kimberly Boy’s School and Rhodes University, where he received BA and MA degrees in Classics. He earned his theological degree at Westminster College in Cambridge, England and then an MA degree from Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge. He earned his PhD in religious studies in 1965 from Yale University.

He first served as a minister in a church in Cambridge then returned to South Africa where he was a travelling secretary for the Student Christian Association. He then returned to parish work in Alice. He spoke against the government’s racist policies at the time and later moved to the United

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States because he felt South Africa was not the type of place where he wanted to raise his children.

He married Margaret Jones of Indianapolis in 1937. Mrs Wiles was a teacher and a noted concert violinist. In addition to his wife, the Rev Wiles is survived by two sons, Dr John C Wiles, a New London physician, and Peter Wiles of Portland.

## Mavis Louise Pratt (Wearn)(1931)

*(Letter from her son, Derek Pratt (1994))*

My mother, Mavis Pratt died at the Carlisle Lodge old age home in Fish Hoek, aged 84. She was joyful when I registered at Rhodes for a BTh (Hons) and told me that her four years at Rhodes were some of the happiest times she had spent. As her eyesight failed we often would go through the Old Rhodian Newsletter, reading mainly the obituary columns and she remembered many of the students from the early thirties. She died on 17 August 1999.

## Dr Edgar Theophile Verdier (1931)

*(Obituary by his daughter, Nadine Hooten and Prof Doug Rivett)*

Edgar Verdier died in July 1999 at Montpellier in France. The son of French Protestant missionaries in Lesotho, Edgar went to school in Aliwal North and proceeded to Rhodes University, where he obtained BSc and MSc degrees with distinction. In 1937 he went to work at Prague University with Professor J Heyrovsky, the inventor of polarographic analysis and Nobel Laureat. He was in Paris when World War II began and remained there at the University of the Sorbonne (where he obtained his Docteur es Sciences degree) for the duration of the German occupation. During this time he married his childhood sweetheart Liliane in 1939 and joined the French Resistance. He became an expert in the manufacture of Molotov cocktails, which were used at great risk against German tanks. Ed returned to Rhodes in 1946 as Lecturer in Inorganic Chemistry. Eleven years later he became Professor of Inorganic Chemistry at the University of Natal in Pietermaritzburg but remained there for a mere 18 months before being appointed Secretary of the recently established Scientific Council for Africa South of the Sahara in the Belgian Congo. He did so mainly in order to bring up his four children in a non-apartheid environment.

When South Africa was asked to leave the Commission, he had to return to France, at the same time as three million other people were returning from Algeria. In spite of his qualifications and experience, at the age of 50, he had to start from scratch. First he carried out his research on his own in an unoccupied room in someone else’s laboratory. Little by little he built up his team, and ten years later the CNRS, the French equivalent of the CSIR, asked him to lead a large research group, which he did until his retirement in 1982, becoming one of the world’s specialists in polarography.

After his retirement he was a visiting professor in Pietermaritzburg and was a plenary lecturer at the first convention of the SA Chemical Institute to be held in Grahamstown in 1971. Edgar was a likeable, friendly, good-natured man with a teasing disposition and one on whose judgement you could rely. He was a proud Old Rhodian and is remembered by former students as a conscientious teacher, who related easily to young people and was always available to help and advise. He is survived by his wife Liliane, daughters Nadine, Marylla and Lucille, a son Patrick and ten grandchildren.

## Dr Robert Story (1931)

*(letter from his wife, Sybil Story)*

Dr Robert Story died in Canberra, Australia on 19 February 1999. He was a science student at Rhodes in the 1930s. He is survived by his wife Sybil and two daughters in Canberra.

## Myra Mary Mansvelt (Beadle)(1934)

*(Obituary by Angela Church)*

Myra Mary Mansvelt died on 27 January 1999 in East London at the age of 81. She was well known at Rhodes and in Grahamstown during the 1930s and 1940s. She married Bill Church in 1941 and they had five children. Their married life started in Grahamstown which was Myra’s home town and where she had attended DSG. Her father, Harry Archibald Beadle, owned Knights Shoe Shop and was a mayor of Grahamstown. Myra and Bill bought the Bonza Bay Hotel just outside East London in 1956 and built up a successful family hotel which was eventually sold in 1996. Myra

married Dr Peter Mansvelt in 1988 after Bill’s death in 1979. She leaves her five children, Derrick, Jon, Mary Lou, Chris and Glynne and 12 grandchildren. **Jon Church (1966), Mary Lou Jones (Church)(1966)** and **Glynne Gibson (Church)(1976)** are all Old Rhodians.

## Elaine Ursula Slee (Peter)(1934)

*(Obituary by Ruth White)*

Elaine attended Rhodes University from 1934 to 1938, her major subjects being Mathematics and English. She taught at Healdtown, near Fort Beaufort, where she met and married Alan Slee in 1940. After the war Alan was appointed lecturer in the Economics Department at Rhodes. In 1960 they left Grahamstown with their three sons for Tanganyika and later Uganda, where Alan lectured and Elaine taught in secondary schools. After seven years they retired to England, where Alan bought Goosander in Appledore, North Devon. Elaine died there after a short illness on 10 May 1999.

## Reneira van Reenen (1935)

*(Obituary by Gordon Guthrie in the magazine of St Luke’s Sanctuary of Good Hope)*

It is with great sadness that we have to report the death of Miss Reneira van Reenen, principal of the Annandale Trust for the rescue of and caring for unwanted horses. She had, from the earliest years been a great lover of horses. She had a degree in philosophy from Rhodes University, and was actuated by a warm spiritual insight. She had a close association with the sanctuary over many years. She passed away on Christmas morning 25 December 1999 and will be sorely missed by many. At her request no funeral service was held, as she knew that, although she would have shed her earthly body, she would be more alive than ever. Accordingly I conducted a short scattering of the ashes ceremony at the Glorea Mundi on Annandale farm, on 16 January, which was attended by many friends.

## Judge Donald DV Kannemeyer (1941)

*(Obituary from the EP Herald)*

Former Eastern Cape Judge President Donald Kannemeyer who died in August 1999, aged 77, was a firm believer that South Africa’s future law-makers should never again be able to enact the kind of oppressive legislation which existed under apartheid. The well-respected judge, who died in hospital after undergoing surgery, was described yesterday by the Province’s recently retired Judge President, Neville Zietsman, as “a thorough gentleman – a man I frequently looked to for advice”.

Born in Somerset West in 1922, he was educated at St Andrew’s College, Rhodes University and Oxford University, where he was a Rhodes scholar at Wadham College in 1947. He served on the St Andrew’s College council for 30 years – from 1952 to 1982 – more than half of that time as chairman. He also served on the Council of the SA Library for the Blind for more than 40 years and was its chairman from 1965 to 1992.

Judge Kannemeyer took silk in 1962 and received a permanent appointment to the Bench in 1967. He was appointed East Cape Judge President in 1988 and retired in 1992.

Catapulted into the international spotlight when it became his sole responsibility to inquire into and report on events surrounding the Langa massacre of 1985, Judge Kannemeyer was insistent that justice could not be achieved through juries or ‘people’s courts’. To this end, the courts had to be properly representative of the nation’s varied population groups, he said in 1990, at a time when people’s courts were emerging everywhere – a fact he noted with grave concern. He also held firm views on how vital the impartiality of the Bar was.

At a Rhodes University graduation ceremony six years ago – exactly a year before South Africa’s first democratic elections – Judge Kannemeyer spoke of the importance of having a declaration of human rights enshrined and entrenched in the future constitution.

“He was a brilliant lawyer and an exceptionally kind-hearted person,” Judge Zietsman said. “He helped a lot of people throughout his life, while not making any fuss about it. He was always happy to help me whenever I asked for his advice.”

## Dr R (Bob) Prosser (1946)



# Obituaries

*(Obituary from the EP Herald)*

Grey-educated Dr Bob Prosser, who began his medical career at the Livingstone Hospital, died in Wales in December 1999.

A past president of the Welsh Royal Paediatric Society, he was a graduate of Rhodes, the University of Cape Town and Cambridge and Edinburgh universities.

Dr Prosser who was 71, was the youngest son of well-known Port Elizabethans Walter and Stella Prosser. He is survived by his widow, Natal-born internationally recognised artist, Helga van der Riet, a son, Michael and a daughter, Dr Ingrid Wrench.

His brother is the former Eastern Province squash champion Paul Prosser, who lives in Cape Town.

## Christopher Fredrick Cresswell (1951)

*(Obituary by OAM Lewis, published in The Royal Society Proceedings)*

Christopher Cresswell, noted botanical researcher, academic, Dean of Science at Wits and Principal of the University of Natal, died at the age of 65. He was born in Johannesburg in 1933 and attended school at CBC in Cape Town and Kimberley. He came to Rhodes, an institution to which he always remained intensely loyal, and completed a BSc, majoring in Chemistry and Botany, the latter under the tutelage of Professor Twyman.

Christopher completed his PhD at the University of Bristol, lectured for two years at King's College, London before returning to South Africa to take up a lectureship in Botany at Wits University, which was then going through troubled times. Within a remarkably short period, this young man, through his superb teaching abilities and dynamic organisational skill, had totally converted the physiological section of the department to arguably the foremost plant biochemical teaching and research unit in the country. He rapidly progressed to the status of Professor and Head of Department. During these years he retained that jovial heartiness which did so much to keep morale in the department high. He treated his staff and senior students rather as an extended family and reinforced those familial bonds with parties and celebrations usually held in his own home. He received numerous distinctions and awards during his career at Wits and also did much to change the official policy of the time regarding the employment of black scientists in government institutions. Chris's career at Wits culminated with his appointment as Dean of Science for six years.

In 1988 he felt the time was right to move on and he accepted the Deputy Vice-Chancellorship of the University of Natal, acting as principal of its Durban Campus until his retirement. He was able to transfer his CSIR unit to Durban and continued with his scientific research in spite of his administrative duties. He was honoured by both Wits and Natal Universities with honorary doctorates of science.

He next took on the arduous post of Acting Principal of the ML Sultan Technical College, where he was able to re-establish an efficient administration. After his final retirement he was able to indulge in his favourite pastime of travel, including a sea expedition to Antarctica. Shortly after his return his three-year remission from cancer came abruptly to an end and he passed away in June 1998.

## Gill Moorcroft (Williams)(1961)

*(Obituary by the Somerset Budget)*

A large crowd of family and friends attended the funeral of this much loved and respected member of the Winterberg farming community, who passed away in October 1999. Gill Moorcroft was the wife of the well-known politician and Member of Parliament, Mr Errol Moorcroft. The service, which was conducted by Rev Kevin Sparrow, took place under a spreading maple tree on the lawn next to Errol and Gill's home. Rev Sparrow pointed out that this was particularly appropriate as Gill had a special love for nature and the beauty of God's creation. She was laid to rest under a beautiful old oak tree in the Moorcroft family cemetery on their farm Clifton.

Professor **Ian MacDonald (1958)** of Rhodes University, in paying tribute to Gill, spoke of her birth in the Far East during the Second World War, her early days in Australia and the UK and

eventually in the former Umtali, southern Zimbabwe. She obtained a Fine Arts degree at Rhodes University where she was a Rag Queen and where she met Errol. He spoke of her sterling qualities as a wife, mother and homemaker, her keen interest in architecture and her talent when working with colours. During the seventies when Errol had entered politics she was always at his side and had been an indefatigable worker in the Grahamstown campaign office.

Gill's gracious and vivacious personality will be sorely missed by her family and wide circle of friends both in the Eastern Cape in Cape Town.

## Dr Anthony Hutton (1974)

*(Obituary from the Zululand Observer)*

Popular Richard's Bay general practitioner Dr Anthony Hutton died on 1 July 1999 in a car accident. Ironically, Dr Hutton was taken to the Kuruman Hospital, where he was born on 13 September 1955.

After attending primary school in Kuruman, he matriculated at Kimberley Boys High and studied pharmacy at Rhodes University for two years before qualifying as a doctor at Cape Town University. He arrived to practise in Richard's Bay in 1985.

His death has especially shocked the medical fraternity who described him as 'warm, caring and always wanting to learn more about his profession'. "He was well loved by everyone. In all the years I have known him, he never had a bad word to say about anyone and was always calm and polite, so easy to get on with," said a colleague.

Dr Hutton was a shareholder of the Bay Hospital at its opening in 1992. Besides being very active in medical circles, he was also a keen golfer, environmentalist and hunter and had been extremely active with Richard's Bay Round Table for at least 12 years.

Dr Hutton is survived by his wife Cheryl, daughter Nicola (13) and sons Trevor (16) and Craig (10).

## Anthony (Tony) Gerard Reynders (1978)

*(Obituary from the SA Water Bulletin)*

Tony Reynders, the Water Research Commission's research manager responsible for groundwater projects, died suddenly on 5 July 1998 after a year-long struggle with cancer.

Born in Queenstown in July 1959, Tony completed his schooling at Queen's College and graduated with a BSc degree in geology and geography from Rhodes University in 1980. He was awarded a BSc (Hons) in hydrogeography first class in 1981 and a MSc in hydrogeology in 1984. At the time of his death he was registered for a PhD at the University of the Free State. He was generally recognised as one of South Africa's leading geohydrologists and an outstanding research manager.

He is survived by his wife Judy and their three-year old son Jonathan.

Paying tribute to Tony shortly after his death, Dr Mark Dent, Managing Director of the Computing Centre for Water Research in Pietermaritzburg said Tony was so special to many because he was so genuinely interested in others and so kind to so many.

"I saw the light of the Christian faith shining through Tony in everything he did – his enormous courage, his wisdom, his humility, his patience, his humour, his tireless hard work, his listening ability, his balance, his firmness and strength when needed, his width and breadth of vision, his dignity and his warmth as a colleague and dear friend."

Friends and colleagues have all been greatly saddened at Tony's death. May his memory remain an inspiration to all.

## Neville Sing (1983)

*(obituary from the Mail & Guardian)*

Neville Sing, executive producer at Prime Media Pictures, and an architect of South Africa's film legislation, passed away unexpectedly at the end of 1999. Prime Media Pictures MD Jeremy Nathan described Sing as a 'key strategic thinker' and his passing as 'a devastating loss of one of the most alive people I know.'

Before joining Prime Media, Sing spent two intensive years at the Department of Arts, Culture, Science and Technology. With Chief Director

Themba Wakashe, he drafted the White Paper on Film, laying cornerstones for the legislation, co-production treaties and Film Foundation, which have galvanised the transformation of the South African film industry.

Raised in Durban, educated at Rhodes, and having lectured in Cape Town, Sing had a beautifully inclusive perspective on South Africa by the time he took up his Pretoria post. Outspoken, passionate and fiercely opposed to nepotism, he helped move the Film & Video Foundation from policy to implementation. Motivated by a vision and desire to uplift and fast track young people, Sing's vitality will be missed by friends and colleagues in South Africa and abroad. We all learned to love and respect his uncompromising pursuit of the things he believed in.

## Rev Zolile Patrick August (1987)

*(Letter from Mrs JL August)*

Zolile August registered at Rhodes in 1987 and obtained a Diploma in Theology. He passed away peacefully on 15 January 2000 at the East London private hospital and was laid to rest on 27 January. He is sadly missed by his wife and his three lovely daughters.

## Johannes Coert Erasmus (1994)

*(Obituary by his mother Mrs M Erasmus)*

Hannes was born in 1975, attended Falcon College in Zimbabwe and came to Rhodes in 1994. He graduated with a BCom in 1997. In March 1998, Hannes was diagnosed as having a massive brain tumour. It was partially removed in a difficult operation done in Cape Town and he then had follow-up radiotherapy in Harare. Unfortunately he developed radionecrosis from this treatment and the cancer became active again. He passed away in Harare after a very courageous fight against his illness in August 1999, two weeks before his 24th birthday.

### Friends don't pitch for 9/9/99 reunion

*(Article from Grocott's Mail)*

At 9pm on 9/9/99 Old Rhodian **Marco Granelli (1986)** waited in vain outside the run-down Cathcart Arms Hotel for his five best varsity friends to arrive for a promised reunion.

In 8/8/88 at 8pm Granelli and his five "best mates" at Rhodes University met at the Cathcart Arms for a dinner party and made a solemn pledge during the jovial, beer-filled evening that they would all return on 9/9/99 at 9pm.

Granelli said that the Cathcart Arms hotel was then the "larniest" place to have dinner in Grahamstown. "We promised that no matter what happened, no matter where we were, we'd catch up again at the Cathcart. It's something I've never, ever forgotten."

The six friends all lived together at Jan Smuts House and graduated from Rhodes in 1988. "I remember thinking then that in 10 years we'd probably be married and have children," he said.

Granelli is now married and works as the political correspondent for the *Pretoria News*. He said, "At the time we never thought we'd ever lose touch because we were the best friends in the world."

Granelli has since lost touch with all five friends. He said the last time he saw two of them was at a bachelor party in Rivonia in the early 1990s. He heard a rumour that one friend is now living in New York and has no idea where the other two live.

"I nearly didn't come because it sounds like a stupid idea we had when we were young and we've all grown up now and everything is different. But I'd never have forgiven myself if I didn't come down because it was tonight or never."

Granelli spent R2 500 to fly down to Grahamstown for the reunion. He booked himself into the Settlers Inn motel because the Cathcart Arms closed down three years ago. "It's weird to be back in this town because I don't know anyone here anymore," he said.

Granelli waited in his car outside the seedy Cathcart Arms hotel at the appointed hour but none of his friends arrived. "I hope they squirmed when they saw the date on the calendar," he said.

# 2000 Reunion Dates

## Cape Town

**ROB MACLEAN (1973)**

Tel: 021-683 6433 (w)

Fax: 021-683 6488

Reunion Date: Friday 8 September

Venue: The Oak Room,

Western Province Cricket Club, Newlands

## Johannesburg

**ROSE RIDGEWELL**

(RU Johannesburg office)

Tel: 011-788 5543 (w)

Fax: 011-788 1098

Reunion Date: Friday 8 September

Venue: Park View Golf Club

## Grahamstown

**SHELLY SAMUEL**

Tel: 046-603 8605

Fax: 046-636 1902

Reunion Date: Saturday 16 September

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## Durban and Pietermaritzburg

**BERTIE WICKS (1966)**

Tel: 031- 307 1884 (w)

Fax: 031- 307 1927

Reunion Date: Wednesday 27 September

Old Rhodians in Pietermaritzburg are especially encouraged to attend.

## Bulawayo

**RICHARD YOUNG (1982)**

Tel: 092639-41313 (w)

Reunion Date: Thursday 5 October

## Harare

**HANS CHRISTEN (1981)**

Tel: 092634-744 338 (h)

Reunion Date: Friday 6 October

## Bloemfontein

**ROY GORDON (1960)**

Tel: 051-447 7831 (w)

Fax: 051-447 6951

Reunion Date: Tuesday 10 October

## Kimberley

**MIKE ROSSOUW (1983)**

Tel: 082 804 3299

**REV PRESSLY (1944)**

Tel: 053-832 5462 (h)

Reunion Date: Wednesday 11 October

## George / Knysna Region

**BILL ASHMOLE (1958)**

Tel: 044-874 7592 (h)

Reunion Date: Saturday 14 October

Old Rhodians in the George/Knysna area are encouraged to attend this special reunion. An informal lunch at the Arbour Lodge will be followed by a visit to the annual Southern Cape Wildflower Show at the museum and a talk by Mrs **Yvette van Wijk (1958)**.

## Queenstown

**ADRI STOCKDALE (1970)**

Tel: 045-839 4160

Fax: 045-839 3596

Reunion Date: To be advised

## Namibia

**JOHN MANHEIMER (1966)**

Tel: 0926461-237 103 (w)

Fax: 0926461-234 2106

Reunion Date: To be advised

### Please note:

With modern technology and easier methods of communication, the world is becoming a smaller place – the so-called global village – and this increased geographical mobility has resulted in an interesting situation for the Alumni Office. Many of our younger Old Rhodians, especially during the first few years after graduation, tend to use their parents' address instead of their own, while they move around the world. The problem with this is that invitations, to specific reunions are sent only to people residing in those areas, according to our database records. This means that Old Rhodians living in London, for example, who use their parental address in Johannesburg for mail, will receive notification of the Johannesburg reunions, but not the London ones. *The onus is thus on you, if you wish to attend Old Rhodian functions, either to have your mail forwarded or read the newsletter to keep yourself appraised of when things are happening and to know who to contact.*

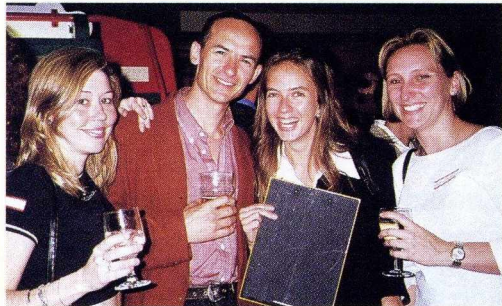
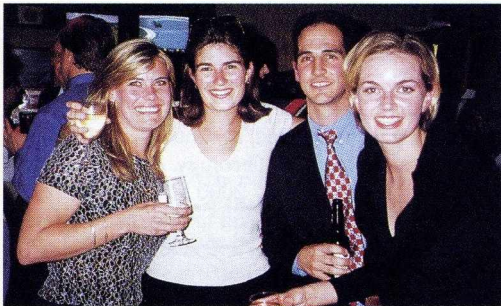


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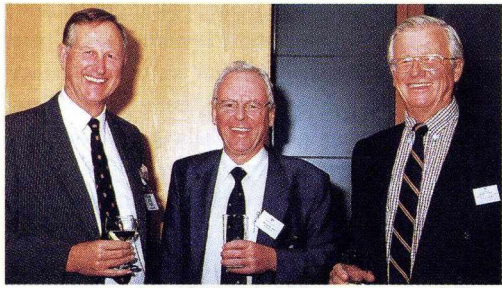
## UNITED KINGDOM

Two reunions were held in London last year, an informal Meet & Greet at a local pub, as well as the usual formal reunion.

About 40 people met at The Sports Café, Haymarket on Tuesday 1 June and when the Vice-Chancellor, Dr David Woods and his wife, Charlotte, left after 10pm, they were still going strong! News of this informal get-together was spread via e-mail and the London OR "bush telegraph". Dr Woods enjoyed this reunion immensely and left feeling very proud of our young Old Rhodians. It seems that the Rhodes reputation is good, as our alumni are highly sought after and easily able to find jobs. The other gratifying feature was how loyal they are to their *alma mater* and how they continue to rave about the experience of a Rhodes education. Dr Woods described this function as a worthwhile event – obviously these ORs are the leaders of the future and we hope they will continue to support Rhodes. Pictured above and below are ORs at the pub reunion:



On Thursday 3 June more than 50 Old Rhodians, including **Peter Searle (1955)**, chairman of the Rhodes University Board of Governors, attended the official reunion at Citibank Cottons Centre and those there voted the venue and food the best ever! There were a lot of younger people, which is great – **Ewan Copeland (1963)** had to close the bar to get them to leave! We are grateful to **Jane Dickson (1958)** for organising not one, but two superb reunions. With the help of **Bronwyn Broekman (1994)**, Jane will continue to develop closer links with the younger Old Rhodians in the UK. Pictured below are ORs at the reunion in London:



## PERTH, AUSTRALIA

The Old Rhodian Reunion held in Perth, Australia on Wednesday 11 August was a small but very pleasant gathering. Organised by **Diana McGivern (Wayland) (1983)**, about 30 people attended, but it was a pretty foul night weatherwise, so that may have kept some away. Dr David Woods and his wife, Charlotte were there, and he gave the Perth alumni a run-down on recent developments at Rhodes. **Chris Wortham (1960)** wrote to say that he enjoyed the reunion, especially Dr Woods' talk, and says it seems that, all things considered, Rhodes is doing very well indeed. Chris is hoping to visit Rhodes on his next study leave, probably early in 2001. It was recommended that further reunions should be held, as this one was, at University of Western Australia's University House. The previous occasion was in a public bar of a hotel and even though it was a good hotel, there was considerable intrusion on the reunion, which Chris suggests might have put some people off from coming again. UWA's University House is a much more appropriate venue and now that the university has Old Rhodian **Deryck Schreuder (1960)** as Vice-Chancellor, it makes even better sense!



Chris Wortham (1960), Grace Wood (Arnold) (1946), Maureen de la Harpe (Beare) (1955), Debbie Youngman (Carrier) (1972), Chuck McGivern



Marilyn Glasser (Snyman) (1969), David Woods (1959), Stephen Glasser, Charlotte Woods (Abbott) (1961), Richard Barter (1971). Richard's wife, Ann (Hudson) (1969) was also at the reunion.

## SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

A most enjoyable reunion, kindly organised by **Doug Strugnell (1976)**, was held at the University & Schools Club in Sydney, Australia on Thursday 12 August. Twenty-four people attended the function and **Brian Thiel (1953)**, who has attended all the reunions held in Sydney, took the photographs below. **Brian Thiel and Liz van den Nieuwenhof (1975)** have agreed to form a small committee to support Doug in organising future reunions. The Sydney Old Rhodians enjoyed the company of Dave and Charlotte Woods, and believe that Rhodes is fortunate to have them!



Helena Michl (Cain) (1984), Dave Woods (1959), Andrea Moller (1990), Wayne Doney



Jan van Someren Graver (1958), Kevin Abrahamson (1962), Robyn Chester (Beinart) (1977), Eric Myer



Charlotte Woods (Abbott) (1961), Greta Recsei (Behrmann) (1956), Rony Recsei (1956)

## EAST LONDON

Unfortunately the reunion held at the Rhodes campus in East London on 11 August was not very well attended. We would really like to get this annual function off the ground and appeal to Old Rhodians in East London to make every effort to attend!



Bryan Haller (1981), Clare Archdeacon, Roger Elliott (1980) and Lynette Whitaker enjoyed the ample cocktail snacks!

## CAPE TOWN

The 1999 Cape Town reunion, held in the Oak Room at the Western Province Cricket Club on 17 September, was attended by more than a hundred Old Rhodians. David and Charlotte Woods were there on behalf of Rhodes University and the assembled group had a fine time. Our sincere thanks go to **Rob Maclean (1973)** for organising yet another successful and highly enjoyable get-together.



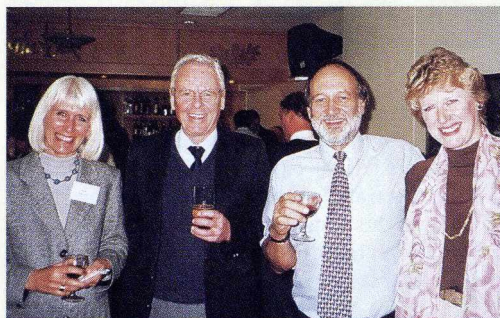
Dave Shaw (1972), Sandy Maclean (Krige) (1974)



John Penberthy (1971), Peter McGregor (1973), Sue Murray (1974)



Herbie Selfe (1946), Joan Selfe (Rogers) (1945), Dave Smit (1973), Brenda Smit (Sceales) (1974)



Julie Streicher (Norden) (1969), Dave Woods (1959), Willie Marais (1965), Marie-Anne Hofman (1966)

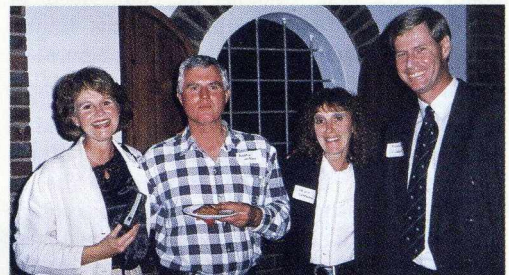
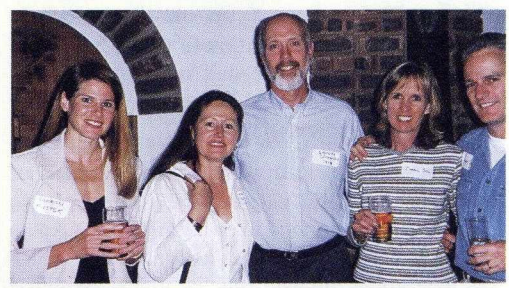


The Gutsche Family: Sue (Paterson) (1967), Clem (1965), Kim (1993), Duncan (1994)

## DURBAN

The Durban/Pietermaritzburg reunion was held at the Assegay Hotel on 8 September, once again organised by the capable and charming duo of **Bertie Wicks (1966)** and **Mike Barker (1952)**. Since this reunion coincided with two other Rhodes University functions in Durban that week, a number of Rhodes staff members were able to attend: **Dave Woods (1959)** and **Charlotte Woods (Abbott) (1961)**, Professor **Peter Clayton (1976)** (Computer Science), Professor **Peter Wentworth (Computer Science)**, **Lisl Griffioen (1988)** (Alumni Relations), **Janine Smuts (Capital Development)** and **Helene White (1979)** (Johannesburg Office).

Pictured below are groups of Old Rhodians and guests from Rhodes:



## GEORGE/KNYSNA

The reunion held in George at the end of September was a resounding success, thanks to the efforts of **Bill Ashmole (1958)** and his lovely wife, Marion. The reunion was held at the George Rugby Club and **Lil Haigh (Rademeyer) (1963)**, the President of the ORU in 1999, was the guest from Rhodes.

The George/Knysna Old Rhodians enjoyed Lil's company immensely. Pictured are some group photos of the event:

