

RHODES NEWSLETTER



Old Rhodian Union

December 1978



Historic buildings renovated

Extensive restoration work is under way on the attractive historic buildings situated on the main campus and the former Teachers' Training College acquired by Rhodes University. The results are a credit to both the university and to Grahamstown. Examples of the work are as follows:

(Top left) Selwyn Castle, which now houses the Department of Anthropology, is being restored at a cost of over R60 000 over the next few years. The completed building will be furnished with antiques and will be used as a venue for accommodating and entertaining important visitors such as the Rhodes

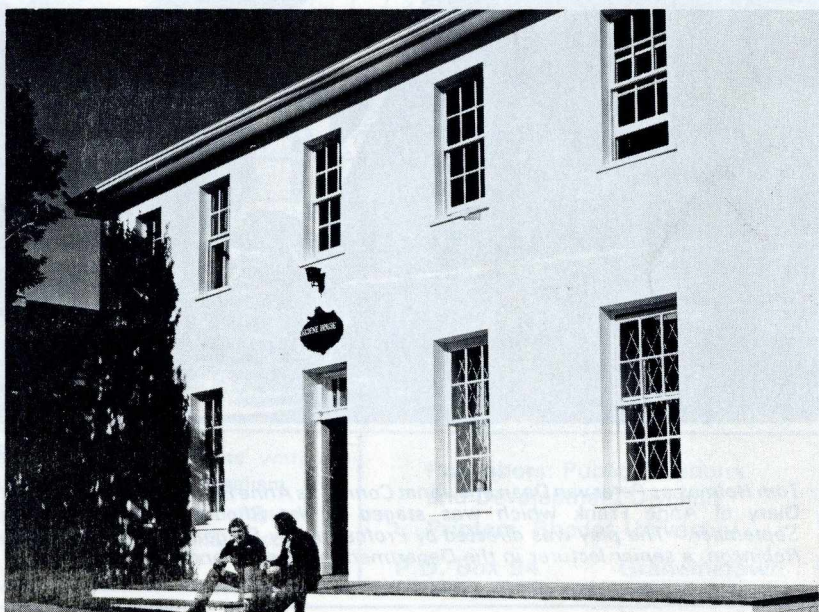
Governors. Selwyn Castle is one of the last remaining examples of a Gothic-style house in the Eastern Cape.

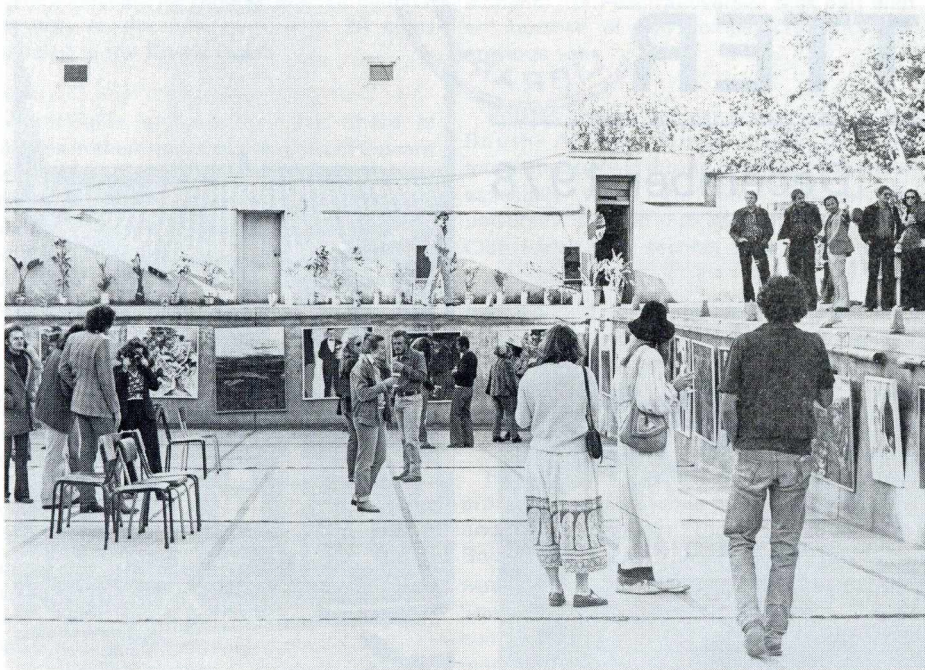
(Top right) Slate paving in the main quadrangle has been ripped up and replaced with red quarry tiles matching the tiled verandahs that flank it on three sides. A fountain, indicated by Sir Herbert Baker in his sketch plan submitted in 1904, is also on the drawing board for the quadrangle.

(Bottom left) Attractive bronze-green plaques have replaced the old black and white printed timber signs on the residences. The

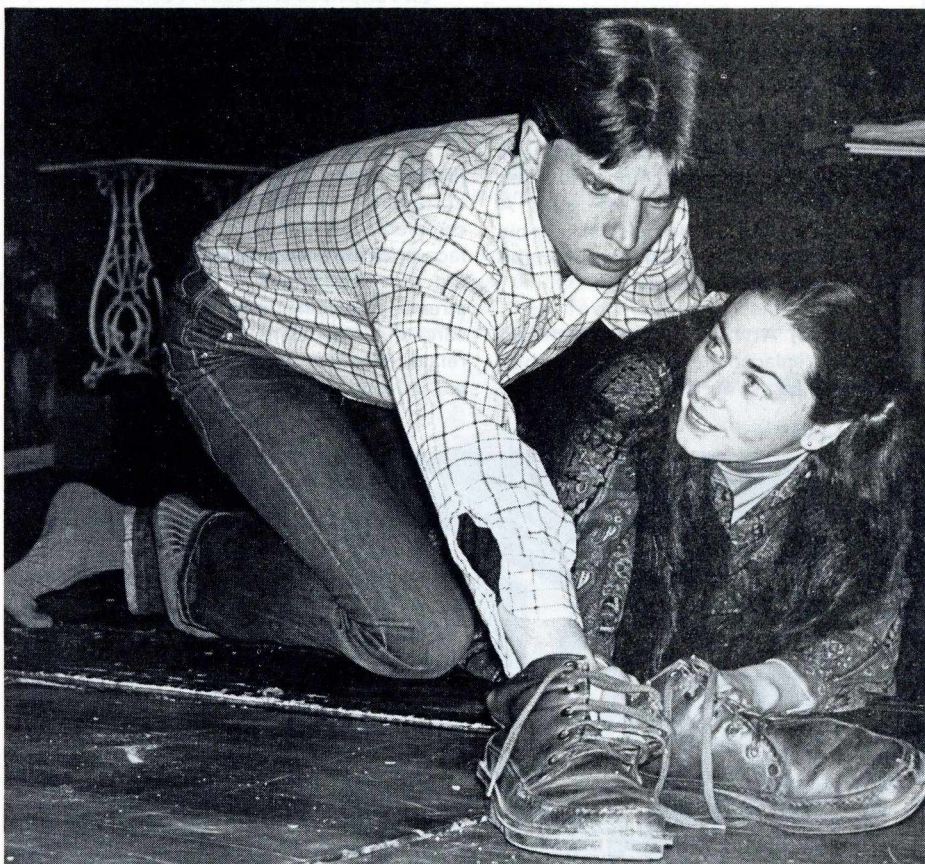
signs had not only become illegible in many instances, but were out of keeping with the character of the buildings. The plaques were designed and made by the Port Elizabeth artist David Jones.

(Below right) Somerset Street has been enhanced by restoration work almost completed on Oakdene men's residence. A face brick verandah tacked on to the front of the main building was demolished and the street elevation restored to its original condition. The slate roof was stripped and relaid using identical slates found on another old university property in New Street.



*Grocott's Mail*

Art lovers splash out at the gala opening of the annual art exhibition of the Grahamstown Group. Visitors walked around in the disused pool below the Botanical Gardens in Grey Street, viewing the paintings hung from the handrail.

*Grocott's Mail*

Tom Holmes as Peter van Daan and Janet Connor as Anne Frank during rehearsals for *The Diary of Anne Frank* which was staged in the Rhodes Theatre in August and September. The play was directed by Professor Roy Sargeant and design was by Ken Robinson, a senior lecturer in the Department of Speech and Drama.

ART SCHOOL

The Rhodes Art School has had an extremely good year of exhibitions, with several large collections of works shown as well as one man shows.

Clare Avery, a graphics lecturer from the Art School, held an exhibition in the Gallery International, Cape Town, from March 15 to 25. This is one of South Africa's better venues for showing work and Miss Avery exhibited her Atlantis prints which displayed a truly innovative graphic quality.

The Renko Galleries, East London, was the venue for one of the first exhibitions held this year from March 24 to April 8. Both painting and graphics works were shown by the staff and students.

ATLANTIS

The exhibition displayed the traditional Grahamstown Group style and we well received by East London's art lovers.

The gallery in the 1820 Settlers' Museum in Grahamstown was the scene of the major student graphics exhibition from April 25 to May 2. Twenty students hung 250 prints which displayed fine composition and workmanship.

From August 29 to September 26 Clare Avery held another of her one man exhibitions of graphics and paintings in the 1820 Settlers' Museum Gallery. It was the first opportunity that many students and members of the Grahamstown public had of viewing her Atlantis prints with their unique colour tones.

GRAPHICS

Three students represented Rhodes University at the opening of the Stable Gallery in Durban. This exhibition had works from South African art schools and it is hoped that this will become an annual event.

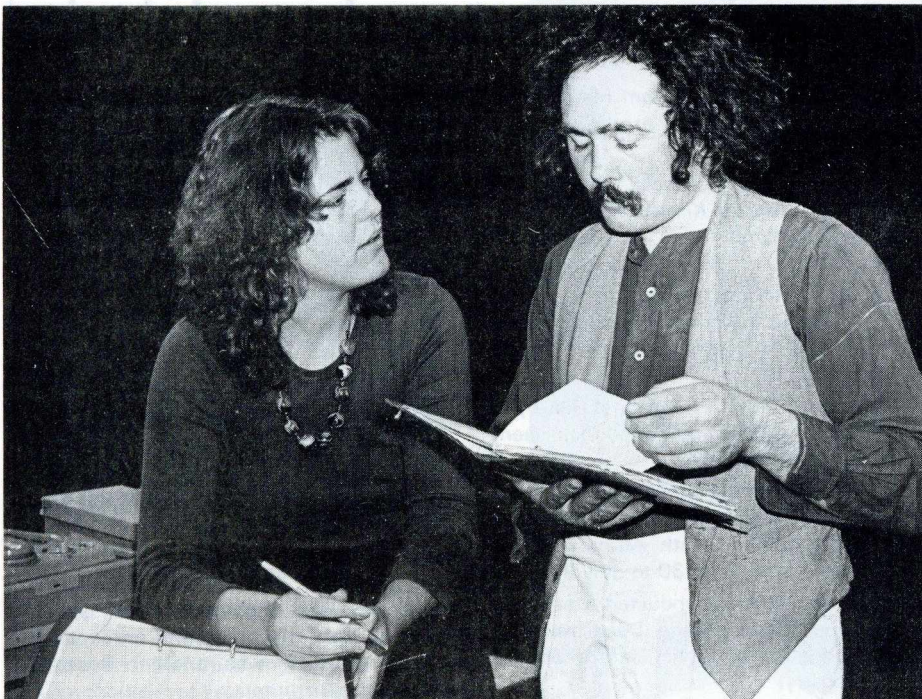
Rodney Brown, a second year Fine Art student, held his first one man graphics exhibition on campus at Kimberley Hall from September 15 to 20.

On September 23 the Grahamstown Group held an Art Happening outside town when paintings were exhibited in a large disused swimming pool. The exhibition was opened with a cheese and wine party in the afternoon by Professor Brian Bradshaw, head of the Department.

MONUMENT

The lecturers at the Art School held a group exhibition of paintings and graphics in the Art School Exhibition Hall. Celeste Matthews and Haven Clark, both former students, also showed paintings.

Since October new paintings by Clare Avery have been exhibited in the Monument Restaurant and Professor Brian Bradshaw held a one man exhibition. This was one of the many exhibitions that Professor Bradshaw has held throughout the world.



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Eastlynne Nelson-Tansley and Jamie Crawford, founders of Crate theatre company.

New theatre company launched

A new theatre company *Crate* has been started by a Rhodes Speech and Drama Master's student, Mr Jamie Crawford, who said the name was chosen because the company is a low budget concern.

"We're literally taking around one crate to hold all our props and costumes", he said.

"Because there isn't much money involved we can try things that don't have to be commercially successful. It's a very exciting venture".

The "we" in *Crate* consists at the moment of only Jamie and his girlfriend Eastlynne Nelson-Tansley. None of the three plays in their first venture had more than two characters. These plays were Edward Albee's *Box*, Samuel Beckett's *Last Tape* and Terrence McNally's *Sweet Eros*.

These were played to audiences in Stutterheim, Queenstown, Port Alfred, Fort Beaufort, Grahamstown and East London.

Mr Crawford hopes to recruit more actors during the December vacation for a programme of children's theatre to be shown along the coastal resorts from Cape Town to East London.

SCIENCE COURSES NOW OFFERED TO JOURNALISTS

Students in the Department of Journalism will be able to take science courses from next year.

Candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Journalism will continue to follow a three-year, ten-course curriculum with Journalism as one major subject. Other courses, including the second major, can be chosen from the Faculty of Science subjects.

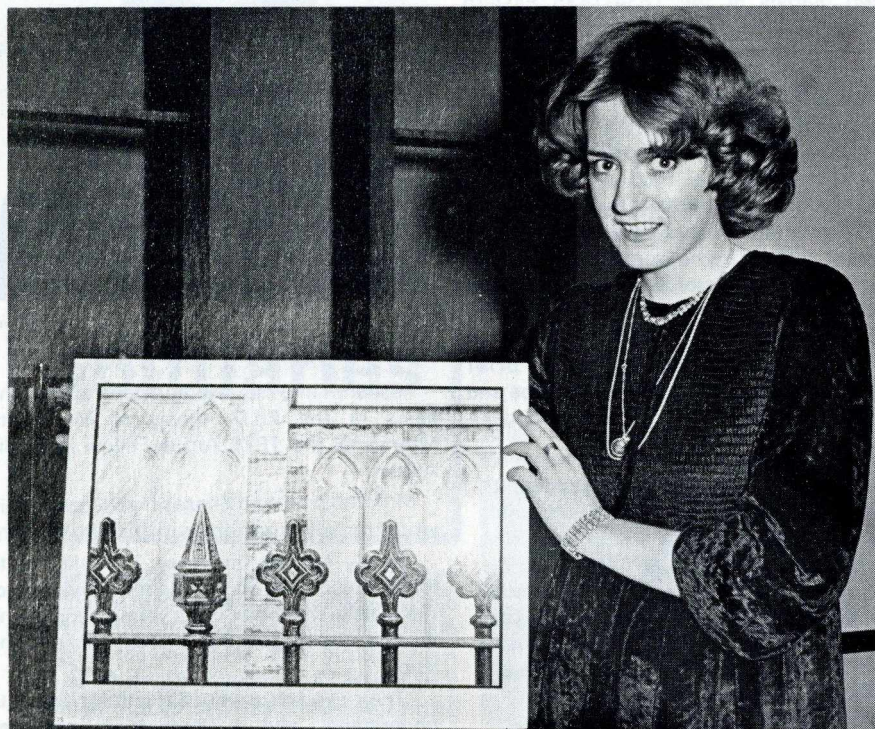
"We decided to broaden the options available to Journalism students because of the shortage of trained science writers and correspondents", the head of the Department of Journalism, Professor C.A. Giffard, said.

Newspapers

Rhodes is the only English-medium university in South Africa offering a degree course in Journalism. The department was launched in 1970 with the support of the major newspaper groups and the South African Society of Journalists. Student enrolment totals nearly 200 including African, Chinese, Coloured and Indian students.

Journalism courses include news gathering and writing, specialised reporting, editing and news presentation, radio news writing, and television production. Students are also taught typing and shorthand.

Media theory courses include press law and communications theory. An Honours



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Miss Bev George of Rhodes with the print that won her a bronze award in the Canon-Creative Photography Interschool Salon, organised by Rhodes student Mr Archie Black. South African universities entered almost 500 monochrome prints and an equal number of colour slides. The 38 prints rated best by the judges were on view at the prizegiving on June 30, then displayed with the rest of the entries at the 1820 Settlers' Monument from July 1 to 8.

programme is open to students with an undergraduate degree in Journalism, and students with an Honours degree in Journalism or a related field may proceed to M.A. or Ph.D. degrees.

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Distinguished academics visit institute

Several distinguished academics have been at the Institute of Social and Economic Research this year.

Professor Jeff Butler, Professor in African History at the Wesleyan University in Connecticut, America, spent ten months in the Eastern Cape. He worked on a history of Cradock where he and his brother, Professor Guy Butler, were born.

Professor Butler stressed that the book would not be a history of the Butler family, nor the Afrikaner families of Cradock or any other sectional group. Covering the community as a whole it would be a micro-study of South African history, including many aspects of social development which could not be tackled in the broader-based national histories.

Professor Butler said the book would be particularly concerned with aspects of politics at the local level, and the effects of government policy in areas such as housing, education and public health in the town and its district.

HISTORIAN

Historian Mrs Jennifer Dagut spent five weeks at Rhodes working on one of the lesser known diarists of the 1834-1835 Eastern Cape border war, Sergeant Alexander Edgar.

Mrs Dagut first came to Grahamstown as a student to do her B.A. degree, read History at Oxford, then returned to Rhodes to lecture in Economic History in the Department of Economics.

After lecturing part-time at the University of the Witwatersrand Mrs Dagut began editing Sergeant Edgar's reminiscences. She did a considerable amount of research in England and the Transvaal then worked on the Eastern Cape background to the book while in Grahamstown. She also wrote brief background histories of the Eastern Cape and the Transvaal at the time of Sergeant Edgar's reminiscences.



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Professor Fred Robinson

Dr Jeff Guy took leave from his job as a senior lecturer in History at the National University of Lesotho.

He recently had a book called *The Destruction of the Zulu Kingdom* accepted for publication and is continuing his research into Zulu history.

He has a second book in mind, and for this he will be turning to the effect of the opening of the gold mines and labour migration on the Zulu people.

Professor H.R. Loyn, Professor of History at Westfield College, University of London, spent a week at the Institute.

President of the Historial Association, he attended the fourth biennial conference of the Medieval Society of South Africa, held in Grahamstown from June 30 to July 3.

Professor Loyn also conducted a seminar under the auspices of the Department of History and gave a public lecture on the Bayeux tapestry.



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Dr Frederick van Zyl Slabbert

Research into tsotsi language is to form the basis of the Ph.D. thesis of Mr Buntu Mfenyana, the 1978 Argus Fellow in Public Affairs.

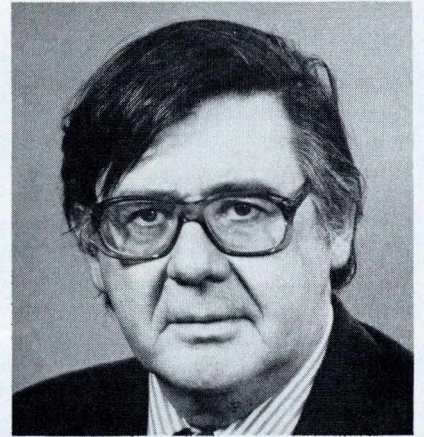
Mr Mfenyana said Xhosa first began to coin words for new institutions in the 19th century.

"In my studies, however, I would like to focus specifically on the modern language of the tsotsis, the lower class young people, and 'fly taal', the language of 'hip' city slickers", he said.

"Their jive talk is very difficult for adults to understand, and a generation gap has developed. I hope to relate to the tsotsis — if we could talk their language, there wouldn't be so many problems.

"I have great sympathy for the tsotsi" Mr Mfenyana said. "His culture is a fugitive culture. Young townspeople are always on the run either from policemen or relatives, or just trying to get away from being organised".

Mr Mfenyana is tape recording tsotsi language in various Eastern Cape and Border towns as well as in Soweto and Cape Town.



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Professor Fred Robinson, Professor of English at Yale University and an expert in Medieval Studies, was another Research Fellow at the Institute.

He is a Corresponding Fellow of the Medieval Society of Southern Africa and read a paper at their Grahamstown conference. His work on Old English texts has gained him international recognition.

Professor Robinson proof-read a bibliographical work on Old English literature which is soon to be published by the University of Toronto press. He was able to complete and check the bibliographical coverage of South African items in the text.

"What I value most about my term at the Institute is the opportunity it has afforded me to acquaint myself with the contemporary improvisational poets of the Xhosa tradition, and the parallels between this improvisational transition and that posited for the Old English period", he said.

CONFLICT

Dr Frederick van Zyl Slabbert, Progressive Federal Party M.P. for Rondebosch, spent three months at the Institute studying social, political and economic change in South Africa, identifying major issues of conflict and seeking alternatives that could resolve the conflicts peacefully.

His field of research included education, social welfare, housing, and the legal system. This research was vital for an Institute workshop for local and overseas delegates held in August, at which socio-economic and constitutional alternatives for South Africa were discussed.

Dr van Zyl Slabbert gave the introductory and closing lectures and consolidated the results which will probably be published soon.

"Hopefully this will be distributed as widely as possible to add to political, economic and social debate in this country and overseas", he said. "Generally speaking the South African public is very uninformed about political, social and economic conditions in the country".

MATERIAL GIVEN TO CENTRE

The National Documentation Centre for English has received a consignment of valuable material, including the typewriter used by the famous South African writer, Herman Charles Bosman.

Most of the material was collected by Dr Stephen Gray, a lecturer in English at the Rand Afrikaans University, and a research associate of the Institute for the Study of English in Africa, which administers the Centre.

A manuscript notebook belonging to C. Louis Leopoldt and drafts of his English poems were also delivered. Copies of these will be sent to the National Afrikaans Documentation Centre in Pretoria, sister organisation to the English Documentation Centre.

Dr Gray delivered drafts of the script used for the South African film *The Guest* by Athol Fugard and Rob Devenish, and material relating to the filming of *Boesman and Lena*, donated by Mr Devenish.

The consignment also included manuscripts, drafts of literary works, photographs and letters belonging to well-known South African writers such as Victor Pohl, Francis Brett-Young, Sheila Roberts, Spho Sepamla, Richard Rive, Stephen Black and the late Charles Eglington, one of South Africa's foremost poets.

Dr Gray, himself a poet and novelist, deposited on permanent loan a large collection of drafts and manuscripts used for his own works.

Migrant labour

A Rhodes migrant labour research project has been completed after over two years of intensive investigation, ranging from research among rural communities in the Transkei to the ill-fated Modderdam squatter camp near Cape Town.

Professor Philip Mayer, Professor of Anthropology, has been head of the project since its inception.

The core team of nine anthropologists, as well as many temporary workers, studied six rural migrant labour exporting communities in the Transkei, Ciskei and Lesotho. Other important studies were made in Grahamstown's Black townships, in the Modderdam squatter camp, and in men's hostels.

All ten field studies involved living with or near the people for many months.

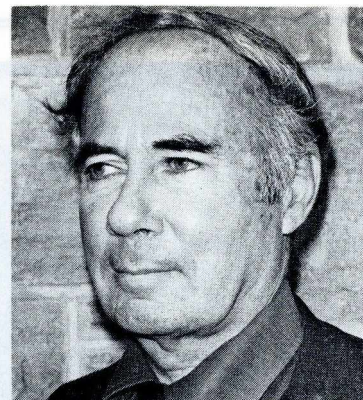
"Without this close contact we could not have achieved the intimate rapport which is necessary to obtain the insights the project has been after", Professor Mayer said.

"The main grass roots studies in South African reserves or homelands, on which we still rely, were undertaken 30 years ago or more, and they tend to concentrate on tribal institutions.

"It is high time that somebody dirtied his boots and studied the people of the homelands from the perspective of 1978. Those studies tell us a great deal about the life of rank and file Blacks in contemporary South Africa."

Mr Pat McAllister has dealt with the rituals of labour migration, and Mr Andrew Spiegel shows how remittances from migrant labourers are diffused through a Lesotho community.

Mr Cecil Manona's work is a re-study of a Ciskeian community, first investigated as an inter-disciplinary effort by Rhodes University in 1950.



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Professor Philip Mayer, head of the Migrant Labour research project at the university.

Mr William Beinart provides historical background based on field work in Pondoland.

Dr Iona Mayer describes home conditions and family life of migrants from the Grahamstown area and their disabilities as Black people living permanently in "White" South Africa.

Mr Michael O'Connell writes on the migratory behaviour of members of three sub-cultures in Xhesibeland.

Professor Mayer's two field studies focus on women — conservative women in the Transkei who manage fairly successfully with their husbands away, and the desperate women of Modderdam who defy pass laws to be with their husbands. He has also provided a general introduction to the series.

In the hostel studies, Mr Gerald Sack discusses the deprived life of a railway workers' compound. Mr Kent McNamara's study deals with the reliance of men in a mine hostel.

Others who have contributed are Mr Percy Qayiso, Mr Mlungisi Nduna, Mrs Cecilia Nduna, and Mrs I. Kubukeli. The findings will probably be published in two books next year.



Miss Leonie Prozesky, a Documentation Centre librarian, examines Herman Charles Bosman's old typewriter.

SENTRACHEM

A Johannesburg-based chemical industry giant, Sentrachem, has established a research group at Rhodes to operate as part of the Department of Microbiology's Microbial Genetics and Industrial Microbiology Research Unit.

Professor David Woods, head of the Department of Microbiology, founded the research unit in 1975 with the aid of a grant from the Institute Pasteur, Paris.

This unit was started to foster the study of the genetics of industrially important micro-organisms. During the last four years there have been tremendous developments in the techniques involving the genetic manipulation of genes and the creation of such a research unit was perhaps far sighted.

Sentrachem, which is involved in the fermentation industry, has realised the importance of applying the latest genetic techniques to industrial micro-organisms and has established the research group.

The substantial grant includes the post of director of the unit, and research bursaries for a post-doctoral research fellow and three M.Sc. and Ph.D. research students.

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Mr and Mrs Eric Kok, both pharmacists, attended the Founders' Day reunion and dinner dance of the Port Elizabeth branch of the Old Rhodian Union. Mrs Margaret Smith, director of the J.L.B. Smith Institute of Ichthyology, was guest speaker.

Mr Norman Bailey C.B.E., (1955) is to sing the lead role in Verdi's *Nabucco* in a Capab production next year. Mr Bailey is sought after by every principal opera house in Europe, the United States, and Australia, and has collected some of the most favourable press comments of any singer living today. He and his family recently moved to Surrey where they have a home in 16 acres of beautiful countryside, including part of the old Pilgrims' Way to Canterbury.

Miss Denise Berrangé (1971) joined the S.A.B.C. nearly two years ago and is now responsible for some of the most important music programmes on the English service, such as *Midday Concert*. Miss Berrangé worked for seven years as a music teacher at some of the top schools in the country before joining the S.A.B.C.



Mr Hubert Best (1972) has been appointed organist and Master of Choristers at St Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, England. Mr Best studied at the Royal School of Church Music, Addington Palace, Croydon, before going to the Royal Academy of Music, where he won the Hubert Kyver Prize. He has given several organ recitals at Southwark, Ely and Birmingham cathedrals and plans to continue his studies while in Birmingham.

Mr Leo Borman (1942) has been elected president of the Federated Chamber of Industries for 1978-1979. He is a member of the management board of U.C.D.D. (Pty) and managing director of Car Distributors Assembly (Pty) in East London. He was president of the Border Chamber of Industries in 1971 and 1972, a vice-president of the F.C.I. from 1973 to 1977 and president of the National Association of Automobile

Manufacturers of South Africa from 1972 to 1976.

The Reverend Rod Botsis (1976) is a minister at the Bryanston United Church in Johannesburg. He married **Miss Amanda Woodward** (1976) in April and she is now teaching at Parktown High School for Girls.

Mr Peter Bruce (1977) worked as a sub-editor on the *Rand Daily Mail* "Extra" supplement and on the *Daily Dispatch* before settling in America.

Mr Dennis Bouwer (1955) is assistant to the chairman, Capitol Research Company in Los Angeles.

Mrs Lynne Bryer (née Coetzee, 1968) one of the principal book reviewers for the *Eastern Province Herald*, has been awarded the Pringle Prize by the English Academy of Southern Africa for two reviews. Mrs Bryer is the second woman to have won this important literary award. In 1967 she married a fellow student **Mr Keith Bryer** (1967) and in 1970 they went to London, where she reviewed for

The Times Educational Supplement while working for a mining journal. The Bryers returned to South Africa in 1973 for the birth of their son Joshua and settled in Port Elizabeth where Mr Bryer joined the editorial staff of the *Eastern Province Herald*. Mrs Bryer joined the *Eastern Province Herald's* panel of reviewers in 1975, soon after the birth of her daughter Georgia. They moved to Cape Town in 1977 when Keith joined the public relations staff of a major oil company.

Mr Robert Brooks (1964) has been appointed head of the Visual Communications course at the Port Elizabeth College for Advanced Technical Education. Mr Brooks lectured at the Port Elizabeth Technical College before joining the Rhodes staff. During his appointment he set up the university's Photographic Department and did two years' research into Photography and Fine Art. His graphics were among 20 artists' works chosen to represent South Africa at this year's international graphic art exhibition in Frechen, West Germany. He has also held exhibitions of his graphics and photographs in many other cities, including three works exhibited at the R.S.A. '76 exhibition. He has lectured at the University of Cape Town's summer school and is an authority on kitsch art. His wife, **Jennifer** (née Crooks, 1965) is also an artist. They have a three-year old daughter, Lorna.



Miss Mignonne Crozier (1974) is head of the "Fair Deal" team at *The Star*. "Fair Deal" is the umbrella name for *The Star's* consumer service and includes the weekly "Bad Buy" competition and the "Star Line" service. Miss Crozier joined the *Cape Times* general news staff, did a spell of court and crime reporting, then wrote on consumer affairs, reporting on all aspects of the price wars. She then joined *The Star* in Johannesburg as a general reporter and has been part of the "Fair Deal" team since the service was launched in April. Mignonne and her staff deal with all sectors of the community and many complaints that arise become guidelines to consumer trends and sometimes front-page news stories.

CONVOCATION

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Convocation will be held on Saturday April 7, 1979 at 5.15 pm in the Major Arts Lecture Theatre.

In terms of the Rhodes University Statute, notice of any motion or matter for discussion at the above meeting must be received by February 15. This must be sent in writing to the Secretary of Convocation, the Registrar, at P.O. Box 94, Grahamstown, 6140.

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Miss Elaine Durbach (1972) has been awarded a World Press Institute Fellowship for an eight-month study tour of the United States. Only 12 young journalists from all over the world were chosen for the all-expenses-paid study tour, which includes workshops, seminars and interviews with people from all fields.

Miss Annette Fourie (1975) married **Mr Chris Stones** (1973) in August at a service in the Rhodes chapel. Mrs Stones is teaching English at V.G.H.S. and Mr Stones is lecturing in Psychology at Rhodes.

Mr Willem Fuchter (1977) has a two year Geology contract in Saudi Arabia.



Professor Douglas Rivett

Old Rhodians feature in the affairs of the South African Chemical Institute. Professor Douglas Rivett (1943) is the president and Mr Doug Gray (1938) the honorary secretary and treasurer. Dr Gordon Cragg (1956), Professor Siegfried Drewes (1963), Dr Gus Gerrans (1958) and Professor David Williams-Wynne (1959) are members of the Council. Mr Gray is with Shell Chemicals, Dr Cragg and Dr Gerrans are senior lecturers at the universities of Cape Town and the Witwatersrand respectively, while Professor Drewes is the newly appointed Professor of Organic Chemistry at the University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg.

Mr Mike Fuller (1967) and **Mr Brian Surtees** (1967) who played together in the Rhodes band *The Sheridons*, are managing two of South Africa's top names in the music world, Margaret Singana and *Ballyhoo*. Mr Surtees acted as compère for Mr Fuller's band *The Dealians* and was their road manager on a Rhodesian tour. After they disbanded Mr Fuller started full-time work in the managerial and promotional side of the music industry and was manager of the pop group *Rabbitt*. Mr Fuller recently married Miss Rosemary Brooks and the reception was held in the home of **Brian and Yvonne Surtees** (née Bolitho, 1968).

Mr Reg Furber (1958) has been appointed headmaster of Townsend Girls' High School, Bulawayo. **Mr Alec Dry** (1943) has been appointed headmaster of Lord Malvern High School, Salisbury, and **Mr Peter Snyder** (1957) is headmaster of Vainona High School, Salisbury. **Mr Robert McGeoch** (1964) has been appointed Inspector of Schools (English), Salisbury region.

Mr Graham Hayman (1968) has been working for S.A.B.C.-T.V. as a researcher for the programme *Midweek*, and as producer of *Galaxy*. He is joining the Department of Journalism at Rhodes next year as a lecturer in the television courses.

Mr Bernard Hoffmann (1972) has been appointed a director of the Port Elizabeth manufacturers' representatives, Wolff and Johnstone.

Associate Professor Jeffrey Horton (1942) has been appointed full Professor and head of the Department of History and Political Science, University of Natal. Professor Horton took the B.Litt. degree in History at Oxford then lectured in European and British History at the University of the Witwatersrand for ten years before going to Natal in 1960. He has spent time at Smith College, Northampton, Mass. on research into South African politics, and at Stanford University he worked on the South African collection in the Hoover Institution. He also spent four months at North-western University, Chicago, where he took part in a programme of African Studies.



Miss Barbara Jaques (1976) taught for a year before turning to music. She is the keyboard artist with a group doing the circuit of hotels in an international chain.

Mr André Jaquet (1967) and his wife **Anne** (née Brink, 1968) moved to Montreal in August where André took up the post of Consul.

Mr Clive Keegan (1971) has been elected to the Cape Town city council.

Dr Tynne Lee (Sueon Ah Pak) (1970) has graduated M.B.B.Ch. from the University of the Witwatersrand and is working at Baragwanath Hospital, Johannesburg.

Mr Michael Little (1948) is the new chairman of Unilever Australia (Pty) Ltd. He joined Lever Brothers in Salisbury, Rhodesia, as a chemist and the following year became a technical trainee with the Durban branch. In 1954 he moved to Boksburg as a plant manager before returning to Durban as assistant development manager. In 1964 he was appointed technical director of Lever Hermanos Ltd. in Buenos Aires, then technical director of Lever and Kitchen (Pty) Ltd. in Sydney, Australia, in 1969. His previous appointments before becoming chairman of Unilever Australia were vice-chairman of Industrias Gessy Lever, Brazil, and managing director of Lever Division, Brazil.

The Development Office asks Old Rhodians to help them wherever possible by promptly informing them of changes of address. Please furnish full initials and academic details such as the year you left Rhodes, and your qualification.

Many married couples who are both Old Rhodians have been receiving two copies of Rhodes Review and other publications. A computer programme has now been arranged so that only one copy of each publication will be sent to them. Married women must inform the office of maiden names and new surnames.



Mr Gordon Mackenzie (1967) is teaching Geography at St George's in Salisbury, Rhodesia, and doing research into writing a thesis on the economic and social influence of the Mackenzies in Scotland. Mr Mackenzie became Baron of Redcastle on the Black Isle in 1963 on the death of an uncle. The present castle was built in 1642, but castles have stood on its site since 900 A.D. Mr Mackenzie visits Scotland regularly on family business and was overseas in July this year.

Mr Alan Macintosh (1926) a Rhodes governor, recently retired as a director of the Argus Printing and Publishing Company after 43 years with the company. He started his career as a reporter on *The Star* and became joint general manager of the company. He retired in 1967 and became chairman of C.N.A. until 1976.

Mr Attie Maree (1964) a former principal of Muir College, Uitenhage, has been appointed to the post of Town Clerk of Queenstown. He was the personnel assistant to the managing director of a large electrical component manufacturing company, and has been principal of the Cathcart High School and vice-principal of Graeme College, Grahamstown.



Mrs Janet Meyer (née Nunn, 1969) has married a research chemist and is living in Aberdeen. Her brother **Dr Brian Nunn** (1972) has completed his Ph.D. in London and has been offered a post-graduate fellowship in California. They are the daughter and son of **Professor John Nunn**, head of the Department of Chemistry at Rhodes.

Miss Wendy Mingard (1970) has married Mr Louis Botes of Johannesburg.

Mr Donovan Neale-May (1973) is an account executive with Dudley-Anderson-Yutzy, a public relations and public affairs firm in New York. He handles an automotive account and the General Foods Corporation account, which involves an enormous amount of travelling across the United States. He still has time for a daily sport training schedule and is playing rugby for a New York club and waterpolo for a team in New Jersey. His wife Candace is in product management at Jelco Laboratories, a division of Johnson and Johnson.

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Lance-Corporal Andrew Cook (1977) of 6 S.A.I. was selected to play squash for the army during the Defence Force's Winter Sports Week in Bloemfontein.

Mr Neil McGill (1960) former vice-principal of Pearson High School in Port Elizabeth has been appointed principal of Templeton High School in Bedford. He is married to **Miss Elizabeth Vershuur** (1965) and they have four children. Mrs McGill is a pharmacist and has been teaching at the College for Advanced Technical Education in Port Elizabeth.

Mr Eric Norton (1948) headmaster of St Andrew's College, has married Mrs Maureen Keeton (né Long), the widow of the late bursar of the Diocesan School for Girls. Mr Norton has been elected to the Rhodes Council as a representative of the donors.

Mr Don Paine (1968) is housemaster of Jagger House, Kingswood College, in Grahamstown. He is married to the former Miss Mary Matthews from Chingola, Zambia, and they have two daughters.

Mr Barry Phillips (1976) is teaching in Salisbury, Rhodesia. He is married to the former Miss Anne Curnick.

Professor Michael Raath (1963) has been appointed Professor of Palaeontology and Palaeoenvironmental Studies, and Director of the Bernard Price Institute for Palaeontological Research at the University of the Witwatersrand. He was formerly executive director of National Museums and Monuments of Rhodesia, and is the first full-time director the institute has had since it was founded in 1945.



Mr Peter Searle (1957) sales director of Volkswagen of South Africa, has been appointed managing director to succeed **Mr Noel Phillips** (1954) who becomes the first South African to head the United States sales and marketing force of the company. Mr Searle studied at Cambridge and Harvard, and joined the company in 1965 as sales planning manager, became general sales manager in 1969 and sales director in 1970. Mr Phillips has been appointed executive vice-president of sales and marketing of Volkswagen in Detroit. He will remain a member of the South African board.

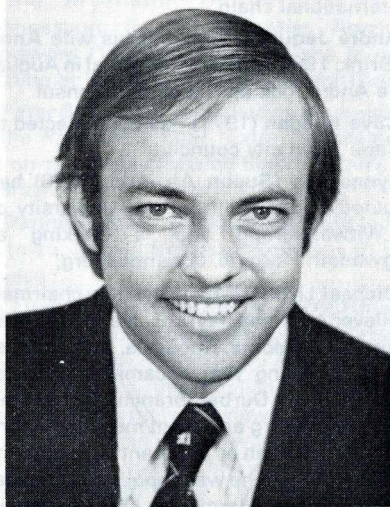
Miss Penny Siopis (1975) has won a British Council scholarship which will take her to Portsmouth College of Art for a year. Miss Siopis has exhibited in Port Elizabeth, Durban, Grahamstown, Johannesburg and Bloemfontein. One of her paintings has been bought for the permanent collection of the Pietersburg Art Gallery. Her work has also been selected for the Stadsigte exhibition at the University of the Orange Free State, and two of her works were shown at the R.S.A. exhibition. One of these was chosen for reproduction on the cover of the South African Arts Calendar. Her brother **Anthony Siopis** (1972) is now practising law in London.

Former Rhodes graduate and lecturer **Mr Trevor Smith** (1962) visited South Africa recently for the first time since settling down in Canada four years ago. He was accompanied by his wife Joan and their two children Claire, ten, and Matthew, eight. Mr Smith obtained a further degree at Queen's and is studying for his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology.

Father Roy Snyman (1953) has been appointed Dean of Kimberley.

Dr Keith Solomon (1966) is Assistant Professor in the Department of Environmental Biology at the University of Guelph, Canada.

Miss Terry Southey (1975) has married Mr Walter Keey of Grahamstown.



Mr Rob Newsome (1978) has been appointed national committee president of Aiesec, the international association for Commerce and Economics students.

Mr Gavin Staude (1967) is one of the authors of *Management in South Africa*, the first local introductory textbook to be published on this subject. Mr Staude is a senior lecturer in the Department of Business Administration, University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg. He is returning to Rhodes next year as ad hominem Professor in the Department of Business Administration.

Mrs Anne Stephenson (né Fisher, 1972) taught at Balmoral Girls' Primary School in Queenstown for three years. She married Mr Meredith Stephenson in 1976. They have a son Colin, 18 months, and "a second child is due to arrive any day now" Mrs Stephenson wrote.

Dr Conrad Strauss (1956) has been appointed managing director of the Standard Bank of South Africa. Dr Strauss, 42, is the youngest chief executive of the Standard Bank since Mr Robert Stewart was appointed to this position in 1865. After graduating B.A. at Rhodes he obtained his Master's degree in Agricultural Economics at Cornell University, New York. He then lectured in Economics at Rhodes where he received his Ph.D. in 1961. He left the university as a senior lecturer to join the Standard Bank as an economic adviser in 1963. In 1969 he was promoted to general manager and became regional general manager in Natal in 1974. He then took over the regional general management of the Witwatersrand region before his present appointment. Dr Strauss is married with three daughters.



Mrs Jane Stuart-Clark (né Young, 1975) combined talents with her father Dr Stuart Young for a Johannesburg exhibition entitled "New Designs in Furniture, Toys & Things" earlier this year. Included under "Things" were ceramics done by Jane, a pottery teacher. Dr Young, a scientist by profession, did the woodwork.

Dr Dolores Tew (né Mather-Pike, 1953) has ended her 20-year long career with the S.A.B.C. in Johannesburg to accompany her husband, Mr Allan Tew, to Switzerland. He has taken up the vice chairmanship of a company in Lausanne. Dr Tew compiled *Midday Concert*, the music for Kathleen Davydd's *Calendar* programme, and supervised recording sessions of live orchestras and soloists.



Miss June Bahlmann (1966) a liaison officer in the Johannesburg office of Rhodes University, has announced her engagement to Professor Bob Mason of the Rhodes Department of Geology.

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Mr Robert Tribelhorn (1963) has been appointed manager, technical services, in the tyre manufacturing division of the Goodyear Tyre and Rubber Company. **Mr Gordon Wilmot** (1974) has been appointed manager of sales and market planning.

Mr Simon Troughton (1966) has accepted an appointment with the international and Canadian sector of the General Electric company and is based in New York. He was the personnel director of General Electric in South Africa.

Mrs Bridget van Zyl (née Wallace, 1972) is the personnel and training officer for C.N.A. (Ltd) in Natal.

Mr Percy Watchurst (1954) has been appointed factory director of Firestone South Africa. He is the first South African to hold this senior managerial position. **Mr Trevor George** (1966) was Firestone's chief chemist and has been appointed production manager.

Mrs Martha Woolard (née Botha, 1968) has been appointed manager, facilities analysis, of Ford South Africa. She is the first woman to achieve managerial status at that company. Her husband Dennis is teacher-psychologist at Westering High School in Port Elizabeth. They have two sons, aged eight and six.

Mr Mike Yosslowitz (1977) worked as a copywriter for a Johannesburg advertising agency before leaving South Africa to live in London.



Professor Ben Potgieter of the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences is planning an Honour's course in Pharmacology for pharmacists who graduated up to five years ago. The course will also be made available to doctors, dentists and veterinarians. Professor Potgieter has suggested holding lectures one afternoon a week for two years. Anyone interested is invited to contact him at the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, P.O.Box 94, or telephone 0461-3931.

Mrs Nancy Anderson (née Bracht, 1919) died in Port Elizabeth on March 19. She was a senior student at Rhodes and served on the council of Rhodes University College about 30 years ago. Mrs Anderson is survived by her daughter, **Miss Joan Anderson**, (1949) of Port Elizabeth, and her son, Dr Julian Anderson, who lives in England.



Professor Felix Brummer, a former Deputy Secretary of Social Welfare and Pensions, died in Grahamstown on August 11 at the age of 73. He was head of the Department of Social Work at Rhodes for six months in 1976 while Professor Frieda Francisco le Grange was on leave. Former Professor of Social Work at the University of the Witwatersrand, Professor Brummer retired to Grahamstown four years ago. He devoted himself to welfare work and was secretary of both the Civilian Blind and Cripple Care societies.



Mr Raymond Gough (1949) was killed on January 8 last year while serving with the Schools' Unit of the Police Reserve in Rhodesia. He had recently been appointed Chief Education Officer in the Ministry of Education, but volunteered for the unit to be with his teachers and to protect the farming community. While guarding a farm near Nuanetsi, he and his headmaster colleague and a farmer shot off a terrorist attack, only a few days before they were both killed by a landmine.

Mr Reg Reeve (1938) died of a heart attack on July 15 in Queenstown. Mr Reeve taught at the Ridge School in Johannesburg then joined the South African Artillery in the second world war. He taught at Pridwin School before retiring to Queenstown.

obituaries

Mr Jack Ellmore, a former South African bantam and featherweight boxer who trained many students at Rhodes, died in East London in June at the age of 84. Born in London, he came to South Africa as a young man to give exhibition boxing matches. When war broke out he joined the Southern Rifles but was asked to give up service to stage more exhibition matches. These raised thousands of pounds for the Governor General's War Fund. Mr Ellmore then taught boxing at schools in the Eastern Cape and in 1925 he gave his last exhibition fight in the Grahamstown City Hall before the Prince of Wales. He then settled in Grahamstown where he taught boxing at St Andrew's Preparatory School, Kingswood College, St Aidan's College and Rhodes. For the last 15 years he managed the East London golf club.

Mr Nicholas Rooney (1973) died on January 27 in Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton, London, 11 days after he was run over by a car near Kew Gardens. He was 25 years old. Mr Rooney was born in Germany where his father, Major Kevin Rooney, 17th/21st Lancers, was serving at the time. He was educated at Downside, Somerset, before his family moved to South Africa.



Miss Audrey Sprenger (1932) a retired English teacher at Collegiate High School for Girls, Port Elizabeth, died of a heart attack on June 27. Miss Sprenger graduated with an M.A. in English and after studying for her H.E.D. she joined the staff of Pearson High School for a year before going to Collegiate where she taught for over 30 years. She was vice-principal of the school for about ten years before her retirement.



Dr Eduard van der Vliet, one of St Andrew's best-loved masters, died on September 24 at the age of 41. Dr van der Vliet did a B.A. at the University of the Orange Free State, followed by an Honours degree at Natal University. He lectured at Natal University, Pietermaritzburg, before joining the staff of the Port Elizabeth branch of Rhodes until it closed. He then taught at St Andrew's and studied at London University for his Master's and Ph.D. degrees.

Join the Rhodes Club

Old Rhodians and former staff members living outside the Albany district are now eligible for country membership of the Rhodes University Club.

The present membership of the club is approximately 700, including staff and students of at least third year academic status.

No other university offers an equal facility, and the club status was further enhanced when it was given an international licence this year.

The club is situated in the Students' Union block, with a comfortable lounge as the main meeting place. A balcony overlooking the Great Field is a popular venue for watching cricket and rugby. An a la carte restaurant, the Orange Room, offers a comprehensive menu and wine list, and is frequently used for university business luncheons and semi-formal dinners.

There is also a men's bar with extremely competitive prices, and the present Rat Trap coffee bar is likely to be converted into a ladies' bar in the near future. A television room leads off from the lounge.

The club has the facilities for hosting private dinners and dances and showing films, and is in constant demand for club dinners, 21st birthday parties and wedding receptions.

The annual cost of country membership is only R6 and includes access to the above amenities for members and their guests, a membership card, and a newsletter informing members of proposed functions, social programmes, and new members. A distinctive club tie will also be made available once a suitable design has been decided on.

The club invites applications for membership from interested parties, for whose convenience an application form is supplied. The completed forms should be forwarded, together with a crossed cheque for R6 (plus 10c commission) to:

The Secretary
The Rhodes University Club
P.O.Box 94
Grahamstown
6140.

Dubb retires

Mr Louis Dubb retires at the end of this year from his post as chairman of the Rhodes University Council.

Mr Dubb has been on the council for many years and was appointed vice-chairman in 1971 and succeeded Mr Justice Cloete as chairman in June 1976.

He graduated from Rhodes in 1923 with a B.Sc. degree and has since served the university in many capacities. He has been chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, a governor and trustee of the Rhodes Foundation Trust, and a member of Senate, representing the council. He was also a member of the Fund Raising Committee and was the Rhodes representative on the University of Port Elizabeth Council.

Old Rhodian Union tree scheme

An Old Rhodian Union tree planting scheme was inaugurated at the end of May when Dr Derek Henderson, the Vice-Chancellor, Mr Jack Gaylard, Secretary of the Rhodesian Cabinet, and Professor R.W. Jones, formerly of the Department of Law, planted trees in the vicinity of the Old Mutual Pavilion on the Prospect House Field.

Further trees were planted on Founders' Day by office-bearers of the Union and some 20 other Old Rhodians.

Plans for the scheme were first suggested at the Annual General Meeting of the Old Rhodian Union in 1976, when Professor Jones proposed that the committee should consider a tree planting scheme on the campus.

Although he mentioned in particular the area of the new sports complex he also had in mind the planting of trees in implementation of the Mallows Plan for the development of the campus. It was also hoped that the funds of the Old Rhodian Union, and their bursary fund in particular, would benefit.

Planting

It is not intended that tree planting will only be a Founders' Day activity, but that it will take place throughout the year. Professor Jones has in mind, registration and graduation days when Old Rhodian parents might be in Grahamstown.

Three planting procedures are envisaged: personal planting of trees, planting by proxy, and adoption of trees already planted.

Facilities will be provided for Old Rhodian donors to personally plant the tree donated if they so wish. Due notice must be given to the Honorary Secretary of the Old Rhodian Union, Professor Douglas Rivett.

The gardening staff will attend to the digging of the hole and the tree will be prepared for planting. Reasonably adequate notice should be given of the wish to plant a tree to ensure that the occasion goes off as smoothly as possible. This should be 24 hours at the very least.

In planting by proxy Old Rhodians can ask for instructions to be given to the gardening staff for the planting of a tree on their behalf.

Adoption

Old Rhodians who would prefer to have their donation associated with a fully established tree may give suitable instructions for the adoption of trees already planted. On Founders' Day several thriving yellow-woods were adopted.

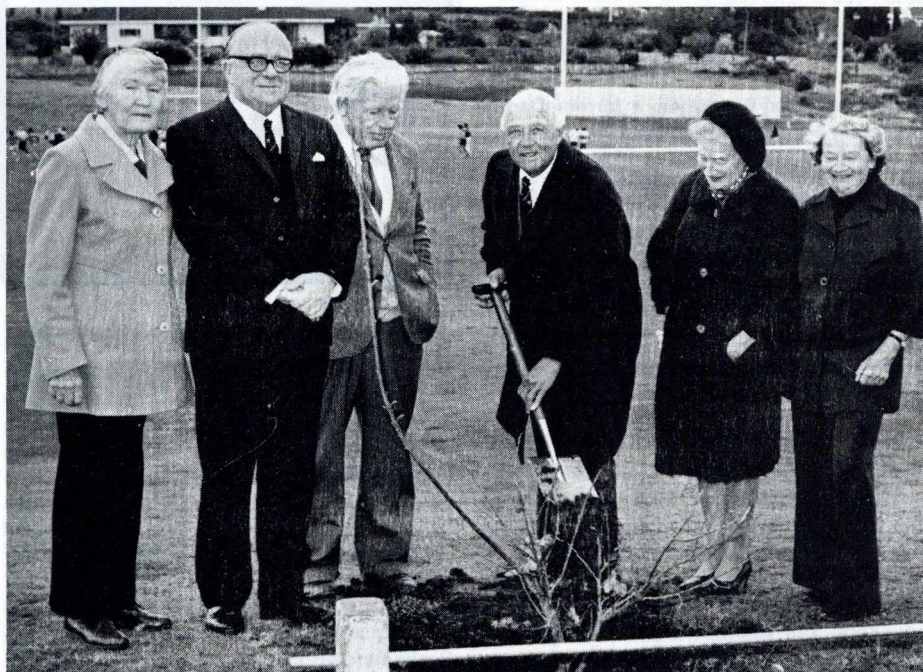
Whichever form of planting is preferred, all trees will appear in the register and on the plan so that association with the donors will be perpetual.

Donation

The trees available at present include oaks, pin oaks, yellow-woods and silver stinkwoods. Acorn oaks are susceptible to a tree disease in this area and very few of these trees will be planted.

The planting or the adoption of a tree will cost the Old Rhodian a donation of at least R10 which will be paid into the bursary fund.

In due course the amount of each of the three existing bursaries will be increased, and if the committee should so decide, a fourth bursary will be created to commemorate the 75th anniversary next year of the foundation of the Rhodes University College.



Mr H. Arnott (centre) a member of the University Council, plants a tree in a ceremony organised by the Old Rhodian Union at the Prospect Field. Watching him are (from left) Mrs Inez Barrett, Professor Hugh Chapman, former Dean of Students, Professor R. Jones, former Associate Professor of Law, Mrs M. Trudgett and Miss K.C. Elliott.

Grocott's Mail



Rhodes University celebrated its Founders' Day with a difference this year when a procession walked from St Andrew's College to the university to symbolise the way in which Rhodes grew from the school 100 years ago. A procession of Rhodes and St Andrew's staff and council members, with boys from the school's sixth form, were led by the St Andrew's pipe band down Somerset Street to the Rhodes Great Hall. There participants attended the annual Founders' Day service, which was followed by a wreath laying ceremony at the war memorial outside the hall.

Johannesburg liaison office

The Johannesburg liaison officers, June Bahlmann and Candy Miller, have been in new premises in The Mews, Rosebank, for a year. This has been the venue for an extremely busy and successful year.

The move was certainly a wise choice as June was dealing more and more with student enquiries, but found that few students could get into town where the office was situated. Many more prospective students and their parents have been coming in, and liaison with the business world has not diminished as the office is only ten minutes from town.

The spacious new branch has three offices, one a spare for visiting university personnel, a large reception, and a seminar area that can seat 30 people or accommodate a board meeting. This area is also used for the Old Rhodian bridge club.

Duties of the liaison officers include dealing with donors and business people. This involves keeping in touch with sectors of the business world who have shown themselves to be interested in Rhodes, and alerting those who know little about the university.

Donors are thanked personally for their generosity whenever possible and during these meetings they are often provided with useful information and contacts.

There is liaison with schools, and visiting Rhodes staff speak to school children and teachers whenever possible, leading to recruitment.

It is interesting to note the number of student enquiries dealt with by the office. By

the end of the last university year in February 1978, 60 prospective students had been counselled. The number of students helped in this university year, ending February 1979, is expected to total 120.

In monetary terms this is R1 500 in government subsidy for each undergraduate and double that for each post-graduate student.



THE RHODES UNIVERSITY CLUB APPLICATION FOR COUNTRY MEMBERSHIP

SURNAME

GIVEN NAMES

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE NUMBER

DATE OF BIRTH

YEARS AT RHODES

I agree and undertake that, if accepted for membership of the club, I will be bound by and observe all the provisions of its constitution and rules.

SIGNATURE DATE

MALLOWS PLAN

In a break with tradition next year's graduation ceremony garden party will be held in the gardens of the old Teachers' Training College instead of on the Drostdy lawns in front of the university.

Eventually two buildings will flank the lawns framing the approach to the university's Sir Herbert Baker-designed main facade, the Resident Architect, Mr Jan van Heerden, said at a public meeting to explain the Mallows Plan for the development of the campus.

Professor W. Mallows, Emeritus Professor of Town and Regional Planning at the University of the Witwatersrand, was commissioned in 1975 to draw up the plan.

He feels that reducing the size of the Drostdy lawns, given by Grahamstown to the university, will improve the scale between lawns and buildings.

In line with converting Rhodes into a pedestrian campus, part of Artillery Road between Drostdy Road and University Road, and a section of University Street from between the library and the Department of Psychology, to Prince Alfred Street, will be converted into pedestrian malls if negotiations with the municipality are successful.

Refreshment facilities will be made available near the library, where Kaif was situated in 1934, because of the distance between the Student Union building and the planned heart of the campus.

To compensate for the reduced parking which students and staff will eventually have to pay for, a large parking lot will be developed off the heart of the campus behind the historic Royal Engineers building that now houses the Grahamstown District Police headquarters. Negotiations are already under way for the ground.

Mr van Heerden said he also proposed to restore many of the old buildings on campus to their original appearance.

The Mallows Plan was an imaginative scheme that needed imaginative and far sighted people to implement it, he said.

1978 proved to be one of the most successful years for sporting and recreational activities at the university, with 28 clubs affiliated to the Sports Union.

Participants enjoyed their fair share of success in their respective leagues of Eastern Province and Border. The Women's Hockey Club won the Border Cup for the second year in succession, while the Rugby Club scored their first ever Border Cup victory when they defeated Cambridge 10-3 in the final match of the season.

The Tennis Club had mixed fortunes in the East London league, with the ladies winning and the men finishing runners-up in their respective sections.

In the Eastern Province leagues our waterpolo side was again unbeaten for the second year running, while the Men's Hockey Club was the runner-up in both the field and indoor hockey competitions.

The interhall and house competitions held on campus proved to be most popular and catered for the many students who could not make the university teams, or who were not available for them for various reasons. The competition in these leagues is keen and they generate house and hall spirit.

The Barclays Bank inter-hall shields were won by the Oppidans and Hobson Hall, while College House and Dingemans House won the interhouse competitions.

Rhodes hosted the annual intervarsity against the University of Port Elizabeth in August. The weather was kind and the

standard of competition high. Just under 500 students from each university took part with an increase of 160 competitors since the previous year.

Rhodes teams did extremely well in the South African Universities (S.A.U.) tournaments held during the past 12 months, especially when the small size of the university is taken into account. The Cricket Club ended joint second, both hockey clubs

finished third, the women's squash team won their tournament, as did the men's fencing side, while the ladies' team came fourth. Fourteen of our students were selected for S.A.U. teams.

Fifty three students represented their provinces at sport, while Barry Birkett (diving) and Clair Nicholson (hockey) represented South Africa. The Rhodesian National team was represented by Rod Holshausen and Sheila Bertram (swimming), with Bindy Brown and Sue Ward in the synchronised swimming teams. Bev Taylor was awarded her Junior Springbok colours for small-bore rifle shooting.

The Sports Union gave 297 awards for sport: 200 team awards, 78 colours awards, four honours awards, 11 coaches awards, and four administrator's awards.

Four students attained colours in two sports. They were Mike Beché (hockey and indoor hockey), Fiona Mackenzie (hockey and athletics), Sonia Pereira (hockey and squash), and Mike Watson (spearfishing and scuba). Jim Heaton (fencing), Barry Birkett (diving), Sheila Bertram (swimming) and Bev Taylor (shooting) were awarded their honours.

At the Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year dinner held on October 20, Barry Birkett and Bev Taylor were declared the 1978

winners, while the Datsun-Nissan Club of the Year award was shared by the Women's Hockey Club and the Rugby Club.

An Old Rhodian and former Springbok shot, Len Victor, received the Sports Union's Service to Sport award for his fine contribution to shooting and yachting at Rhodes University and in the Albany district.

INTERVARSITY!



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Hundreds of singing and chanting students from the University of Port Elizabeth (U.P.E.) invaded the Rhodes campus this year for the annual intervarsity clash.

About 700 students from the two universities competed in 21 sporting activities that ranged from underwater scuba to rugby.

The highlight of the meeting was the first team rugby match. For the first time in 12 years, points for the other events did not count and the outcome of the meeting hinged on the rugby match.

U.P.E. won 21-4.

champagne

South African Breweries presented a trophy to the winners of this match. This will be known as the Castle Lager Intersivity Floating Trophy and will be an annual award.

All the ingredients that make up this mini-carnival were present and the cheer-leaders, crowds and champagne queens dominated the stage.

Rhodes won the surfing and spearfishing events, all the rowing races, the first team women's road relay, the first team men's and women's basketball, the first team men's and women's squash, first team men's hockey and soccer.



Grocott's Mail

A strong men's team won the first team hockey event at the INTERVARSITY clash.