

RHODES newsletter

OLD RHODIAN UNION

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Relly for Chancellor



AT a special meeting of the Rhodes University Council in Grahamstown, on Thursday, June 28, Mr Gavin Relly was elected Chancellor of the University. The Chancellor is elected for a term of seven years and is eligible for a second term of seven years.

Mr Relly replaces Dr Ian Mackenzie, who will have served two terms of office at the end of November this year. Mr Relly was educated at the Diocesan College for Boys (Bishops) and read for a degree in Politics, Philosophy and Economics at Oxford University before joining the Anglo American Corpora-

tion. He served the Corporation in a number of offices until he succeeded Mr Harry Oppenheimer as Chairman in 1983.

He has recently retired from that position, but continues as a roving ambassador for the Corporation. Mr Relly has a particular interest in the International Library of African Music (ILAM), which moved from Johannesburg to Rhodes University a decade ago, whose new building he opened on June 30, 1990.

Kirsten to bat for Rhodes

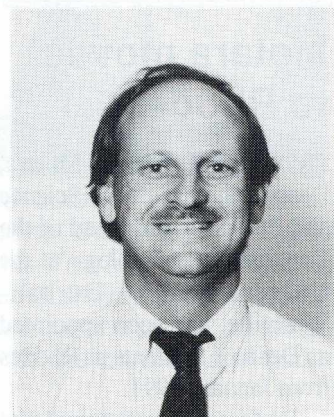
MR PETER KIRSTEN, the well-known cricketer, was appointed to the staff of the Rhodes University East London Division in September. Mr Kirsten will fill the position of Administrative Officer, Sport, Public Relations and Schools Liaison.

"The East London Division has been growing rapidly over the last few years and, as a result of this, we need to organize sport on the campus and to have a dedicated individual who will both foster interest in sport and attend to the practical aspects", Mr Raymond Suttner, director of the Division, said.

"Peter Kirsten comes to us with experience at national level in cricket and at provincial level in rugby. He has excelled at other sports as well. He is aware of the needs of a growing institution such as Rhodes in East London, and will be an extremely valuable acquisition to the University", he continued.

Rhodes East London entered the first cricket league for the first time in 1989, and although they came through without a win, they showed improvement on each occasion. "The addition of Kirsten to the line-up will both bolster the side and attract others who wish to come under his influence as coach and mentor", Mr Suttner said.

"Outside the sporting area, it is envisaged that Mr Kirsten will fulfill an important role in the public relations and schools liaison programme of the Division, and he will use ex-



perience gained in the commercial sector to our best advantage," he said.

"The Western Province Cricket Union is to be thanked for their reasonable attitude in releasing Mr Kirsten from his contract and allowing him to take up this post. This enables him to make his mark on Border sport as well, and bring his influence to bear on the many cricketers and other sports people with whom he will interact," said Mr Suttner.

"This appointment is extremely significant for the University and the East London community, as it is expected that Peter Kirsten will make a major contribution to this area.

**Let's do the
time warp
again!**

*Flapper freshettes, flu
epidemics, dance cards
and billy cans...*

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was like in the 20s
and 30s - page 7**

Annual Meeting of Convocation, 1991

In terms of the Rhodes University Statute, notice of any motion or matter for discussion at the above mentioned meeting must be given by a member of Convocation to the Secretary of Convocation (ie the Registrar) in writing by February 15, 1991.

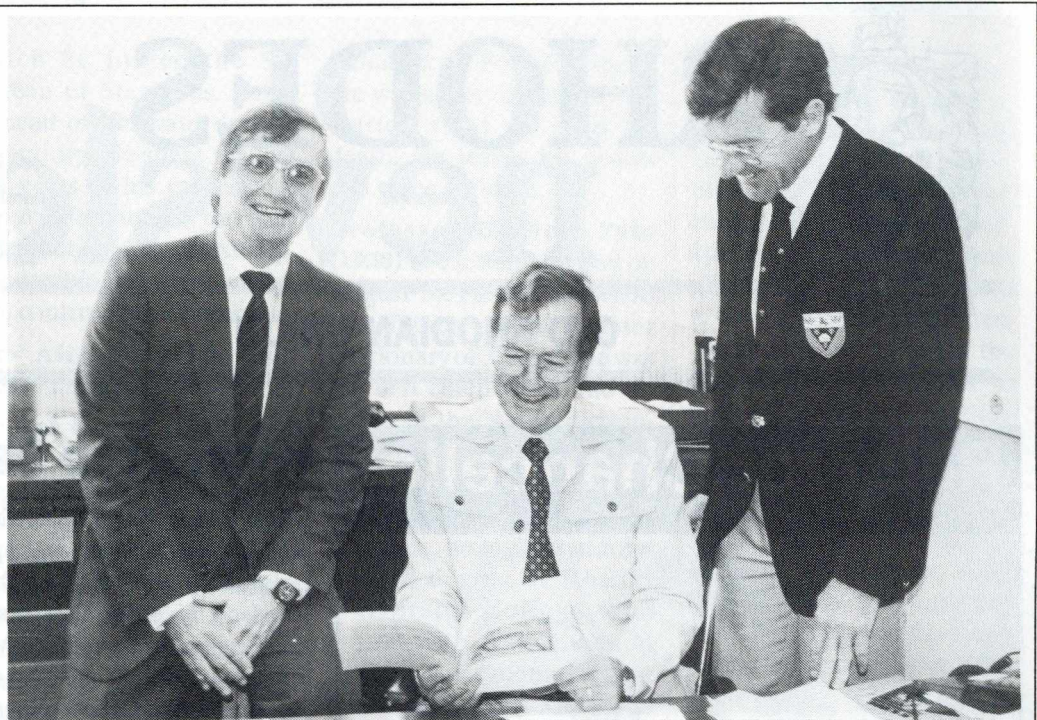
Motara moves to Rhodes

PROFESSOR Moosa Motara, Dean of the Faculty of Science and Professor and Head of the Department of Zoology at the University of Durban-Westville, has been appointed as Dean of Students at Rhodes from January 1991.

Professor Motara completed BSc, Honours and MSc degrees at the University of the Punjab, before registering for a PhD degree at the University of the Witwatersrand. He completed the PhD degree at the University of Notre Dame, USA, in 1978.

He was a Lecturer in the Department of Zoology and Entomology at Rhodes University until 1983, when he was promoted to Senior Lecturer. He was also Warden of Jan Smuts Hall. He joined the staff of the University of Durban-Westville in 1986.

Professor Motara is a member of, among others, the Entomological Society of Southern Africa, the South African Association for the Advancement of Science, the Zoological Society of Southern Africa, the South African Genetics Society, the American Mosquito Control Association, the Scientific Research Society of America, and the Pakistan Association for the Advancement of Science.



Seen with one of the first copies of Mr Billy Futter's new book, are Professor Ben Potgieter (seated), Dean of the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences at Rhodes University, Mr Graham Elliott (left), the publisher, and the author, a Senior Lecturer in Pharmacy Administration and Practice. The book is entitled: I'm Thinking of Buying a Pharmacy - A Practical Guide to Successful Small Business Management.

ELT course meets the challenge of people's language

THE status of English will become more prominent in the future and care has to be taken not to alienate it from those to whom it is not a mother tongue.

The course co-ordinator for the English Language Teaching (ELT) Honours course, Dr Dave Gough, said that if English was going to be a second language, it had to be a "people's" language.

Dr Gough said that there would be a significant change in the status of English. Previously, it tended to be tied up solely in textbooks and the classroom, thus constraining its popularity and versatility.

"We hope that English will become more integrated with the speaker's life in terms of second language speakers," he said.

"The idea is to decolonize English and to integrate it with

the concerns and needs of the community."

However, one of the problems that would have to be countered in a future South Africa was that English would be accessible to a certain class of people while alienating another.

Dr Gough said that various proposals had been put forward, including making English the official language of the country. This would mean it would be the medium of instruction in schools, he added.

"If it became more community based, it would become the possession of the people and not something which is merely enshrined in textbooks."

The ELT course, the only one of its kind offered at an English university in this country, tackles language from a multi-disciplinary angle and teaches students to apply their knowledge critically to practi-

cal situations.

"The course emphasizes future language policies and encourages students to think about the need for new resources and new teaching methods," Dr Gough explained.

Much practical work has been integrated into the course and this year, students have taken on one of the day-care centres in Grahamstown as their project. Having designed their own course for teaching English to the pupils, they have tried to emphasize that English can be fun.

"A learner-centred approach is most important," Dr Gough said.

He feels there is an urgent need for people who think critically to go out and apply their knowledge.

"This need is becoming ever more pressing, but I think our course is meeting the challenge", he said.

R1.4million boost for Molteno Project

THE Molteno Project, piloted by the Institute for the Study of English in Africa (ISEA), has recently received another substantial boost in the form of a R1.4m donation from the British Council.

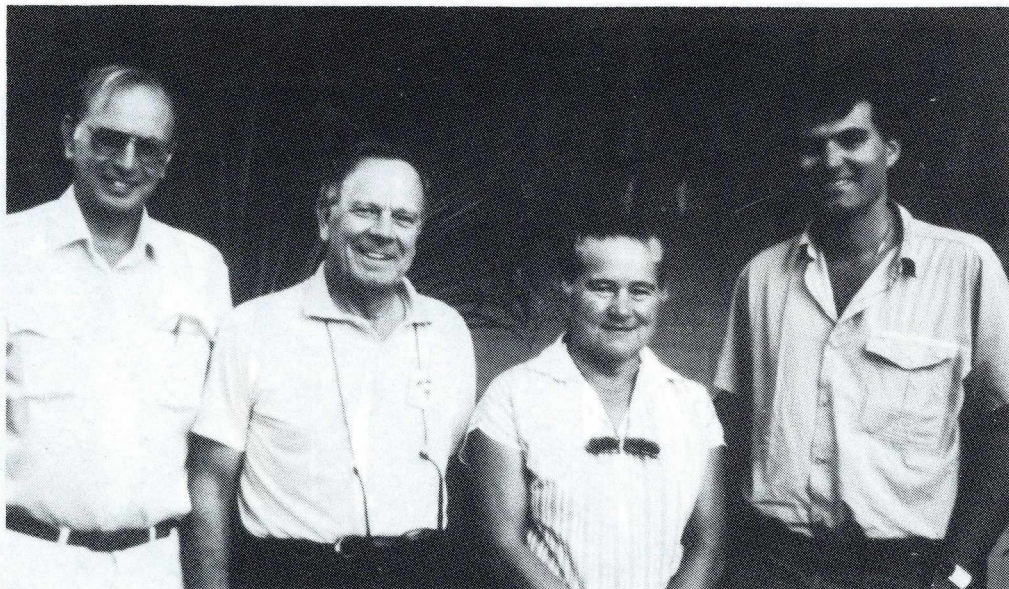
The British Council donation follows an earlier Canadian donation of R82 500, indicating the increasing level of support which the Molteno Project is receiving from the international community. The funds, to be spread over a four-year period, have been earmarked for Project expansion in the large Kangwane area.

"The British Council funding is precedent-setting, in that this is the first major donation we have received for a large area of a specific territory", said Professor Paul Walters, National Director of the Molteno Project. "The only thing comparable on a local level is AECI's donation for Thembisa schools in the region of the AECI Modderfontein plant", he said.

The Molteno Project has become a cornerstone of primary education upgrading projects in several territories in southern Africa. Building on the highly successful British programme, *Breakthrough to Literacy*, the Project developed *Breakthrough to Xhosa*, *Zulu*, *Venda*, *Northern and Southern Sotho*, *Tswana*, *Tsonga* and *Siswati*.

Accelerative courses in English, *Bridge to English*, *Bridge Plus One*, and *Bridge Plus Two*, have also been developed to teach English up to Standard three. Professor Walters explained that the latest funds would be used to equip about half the Kangwane schools with the *Breakthrough to Siswati* course, and the

Rhodians attend cycad conference Down Under



Against all statistical odds, four Old Rhodians met in the 'outback' of Queensland, Australia in July. The occasion was the Second International Conference of Cycad Biology, attended by some 110 international cycad experts. The four Old Rhodians, Professor Nat Grobbelaar (1947), Cynthia Giddy (Theron 1952), Dr Roy Osborne (1962) and John Donaldson (1979), contributed a total of twelve lecture and poster presentations at the Conference. All are actively concerned about the present and future conservation status of cycad plants.

Bridge to English courses. "This will also enable us to appoint a full-time trainer and coordinator for the Kangwane area", he added.

While more than 100 senior Molteno-nominated teachers have already been trained overseas through this co-operative venture, the number of places reserved for southern Africans on the three-month courses have recently been increased from 16 to 22 per year.

This means that by 1993, nearly 200 black teachers will have benefitted in this way. "This is a significant number of teachers", said Professor Walters. He added that feedback from Leeds concerning Molteno teachers has been very encouraging, and that these ladies have been used as examples to other teachers on courses around the world, through their ability to adapt to group and child-centered work methods.

Meanwhile, the Department of Education and Training (DET), following an extensive evaluation by the Human Sciences Research Council

(HSRC), has decided to place the Molteno Project's *Bridge to English* courses on departmental requisition lists for 1992. Schools under the DET, numbering about 12 000, will have the freedom to decide whether or not to implement the courses. The ISEA hopes that at least 30 percent of DET schools will adopt the *Bridge* courses over the medium term.

"The challenge is enormous. We are working in 5500 schools in southern Africa, including Botswana, and will need to extend the Project and train a larger team", said Professor Walters.

The Molteno Brothers Trust, the initial sponsors of the Project have increased their support by R100 000 in the current year. BP(SA), who help cover the central running costs of the project have recently invited a major new proposal from the ISEA for extended funding in the next three-year period.

Rag Appeal

OWING to the increasing costs of mailing the annual Rag appeal to ORs the Rag Committee has asked the Old Rhodian Union to allow its appeal to go out with this December Newsletter.

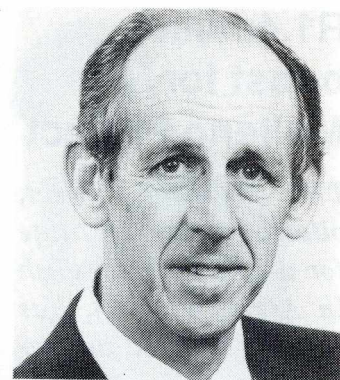
Old Rhodian President, Dr Eily Gledhill has enthusiastically endorsed this and appeals to Old Rhodians to support the students in their efforts to raise funds for local charities. She reminds ORs of their generations efforts and hopes that these (happy) memories will encourage them to remember and to give.

Rag Chairlady, Megan Carter, wishes you a happy Christmas and all the best for 1991.

Award named after Thomas Alty



The Rhodes Council recently instituted an award for members of staff who improve their qualifications at the higher degree level. The award, which is known as the Thomas Alty Award, is a tax free cash award made to staff who have been at Rhodes for not less than one year, and who have completed Masters, PhD or equivalent degrees. The awards are worth R2 500 and R5 000 respectively. At a ceremony recently, when seven staff members were presented with the award, the Vice-Chancellor, Dr Derek Henderson, said he had wished to establish the awards at Rhodes some time ago and was pleased that the University had found a means of honouring Dr Thomas Alty, Master of Rhodes University College from 1948 to 1950 and first Vice-Chancellor of the University from 1951 to 1963, while also giving an award to staff members who had gained higher degrees. Those who received the first Thomas Alty awards seen with Dr Derek Henderson, were : Dr Ron Hall (Dept of English); Mr Ephraim Lesoro (Dept of African Languages); Dr John Grogan (Faculty of Law); Dr Rob Midgley (Faculty of Law); Dr Pat Scott (Dept of Human Movement Studies); (Dr Derek Henderson), Professor Peter Clayton (Dept of Computer Science); and Mr George Wells (Dept of Computer Science). Professor Peter Mtuze (Dept of African Languages) has since also received this award.



Vice-Principal retires

DR Roux van der Merwe, who has been Vice-Principal of Rhodes for the past four years, announced recently that he intends to retire early in 1991.

Dr Van der Merwe has had a distinguished career, both as an academic and as an administrator. He received his first BSc degree as well as his PhD from Rhodes and was on the staff of the Leather Industries Research Institute for a number of years. Prior to his appointment as Vice-Principal of Rhodes in 1986, he was Volkswagen Professor of Industrial Relations at the University of Port Elizabeth, where he established the Industrial Relations Unit. He plans to return to Port Elizabeth, where he has a home at Amsterdam Hoek.

New journalism bursary from Pick 'n Pay

MR RAYMOND Ackerman has announced that Pick 'n Pay will sponsor a new scholarship in Journalism, worth R20 000, at Rhodes University.

The Sam Mabe Memorial Scholarship, as it has been named, will cover all tuition and books, and some other extras, for the full, four-year duration of the Bachelor of Journalism degree.

"We have especially requested that the scholarship be awarded to a student, like the late Sam Mabe, Deputy Editor of *The Sowetan*, from a disadvantaged background", he said.

"Sam Mabe had a clear vision of a new, better and

rehabilitated South Africa, and his memory, convictions and values need to be perpetuated", he continued.

"Achievement is a concept synonymous with freedom, because it is a free society which best promotes individual enterprise and excellence", Mr Ackerman said. "For me, the contents of newspapers, radio and TV broadcasts in a given country usually provide the best yardstick of the amount of freedom which exists there. Where criticism of the government is open, and officially permitted, so ordinarily is freedom. Conversely, where only good news is allowed, the good people are probably be-

hind bars, or like Albert Einstein, have left their native homeland in search of a freer environment.

Same Mabe was an outspoken champion of a free press, and along with his immense contribution to education and the concept of "nation-building", he left an indelible mark on South Africa in his relatively short life.

We should not - nor would he wish it so - remember Sam Mabe in tarnished bronze, or grey granite plinths. His memory needs to live, his values to permeate our divided society. If this scholarship can in any way entrench Sam Mabe's abiding values and his

professionalism, it will be an investment well made, money well spent. I, for one, believe it will", he said.

Editorial staff

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Old Rhodian Reunions

• Cape Town

About 130 ORs gathered to enjoy an extremely successful function organized by **Kitty Cruise (1965)**. **Dr Roux van der Merwe (1949)**, Vice-Principal of Rhodes, and his wife Liz were the guests of honour.

• Durban

This very enjoyable function, attended by about 30 ORs was organized by **Styx O'Donovan (1981)** and addressed by **Professor Mike Brown (1966)**. Mike was accompanied by his wife, Cindy.

• Johannesburg

About 200 ORs of different vintages attended a very successful reunion held at the Wanderers Club. The gathering was addressed by **Dr Derek Henderson (1947)**, Vice-Chancellor, who brought them up to date on the latest developments on both the academic and sporting fronts.

• Kimberley

This reunion, organized by **Richard Snyders (1974)**, was a formal and enjoyable occasion held in the Kimberley Club and attended by about 40 ORs. **Professor Trevor Letcher** and his wife, Val, attended. The toast to the University was given by **Mr Lawrence Shuttleworth (1933)**. **John Tidbury (1946)** and **Johan Smuts (1971)** were resplendent in their purple and white blazers and added a very festive note to the occasion.

• Port Elizabeth

A very successful function organized by **Brian Horn (1983)** was held at Bojangles Restaurant in the Skylink. About 50 ORs got together to

reminisce about the good old days. **Dr Alex Weaver (1973)** and his wife, **Meryl (Grewar 1975)** were the guests of honour. Alex gave an amusing, interesting and informative speech.

• Pretoria

This function held at the Boulevard Hotel was attended by approximately 30 ORs. The guest of honour was **Professor Doug Rivett (1939)** who was accompanied by his wife, Lettie.

• United Kingdom

A successful gathering was held in May at the King of Diamonds in Greyville Street (near Holborn) in London which included a number of new faces, some of whom were passing through London. The second function which took the form of a "braaivleis" was held in September at Hoe Bridge School, just outside Woking in Surrey. **Richard Foss**, a computer scientist from Rhodes,

who was on his way to a conference in Glasgow, was the guest of honour.

Profits from these two gatherings, as well as donations received during the year from ORs in England, are being sent to Rhodes to assist needy students. It is planned to set up a special fund to continue this support. In future mailings will be restricted to those who have indicated an interest in recent years, in order to reduce administrative costs and increase the profits remitted to Rhodes.

• 1991 UK reunions

Dates are still being finalized for next year, but provisional plans are for the "braaivleis" to be held in June and the London function in October. Details will be circulated in April to all interested Old Rhodians. To ensure you receive details, please contact Murray Graham on 081-574 2197 or write to him at 27 Dormers Wells Lane, Southall, Middlesex UB1 3HX - giving him your UK address

and telephone number.

• Zimbabwe

Harry Hall (1939), our champion reunion organizer, has written to let us know that all three reunions held in Mutare, Bulawayo and Harare were a tremendous success. The Mutare reunion was planned by **Jean-Anne Carroll (Palmer 1953)** and held in the home of the headmaster of Hillcrest College, **Dave White (1965)**. The Harare reunion was attended by 75 ORs, including **Vic Schaeffer (1925)** and **Pat Cooper (Fletcher 1927)**. The guests of honour at all three reunions were **Ray Suttner (1972)** and his wife, Carole.



Mrs Elma Hyslop, unveiling a plaque in memory of her husband, Dr James Morton Hyslop, at the Rhodes Union building on Founder's Day, September 12, 1990. Dr Hyslop was the Vice-Chancellor of the University from 1963 to 1975.

Please keep in touch!

Keeping track of Old Rhodians is one of our priorities, as we strive to keep our records as up-to-date as possible. To help us do this, it would be much appreciated if you would enclose your last address label when notifying us of a change of address, if possible, as the label contains computer information which makes the alteration to the name and address easier. If you can't supply a label, don't worry - send us your new address anyway - we need to keep in touch!

Jo'burg Reunions

A NUMBER of Old Rhodians meet infrequently and informally in Johannesburg in order to keep in touch. In May this year a dinner was held at the Johannesburg Country Club and a large number of the regulars attended:

Alan (1965) and Jill Appel (McKechnie 1962); Des (1964) and Barbie Bramwell (Bayford 1966); Doug (1961) and Wendy Barrow (Brotherston 1963); Keith (1966) and Anne Bonyng (Swan 1968); Shaun (1966) and Lesley Bownes (Loundes 1966); Bruce and Pam Brothers (Hausman); Peter (1964) and Cas Bunkell (Thornley 1963); Howard and Paula Chamberlain (Smith 1963); Derek and Sheryl Coetzer; Hugh (1964) and Ali Duncan-Brown; Trevor (1963) and Lynn Evans (Bam 1962); Digby (1962) and Jan Eagle; Mike (1964) and Rosemary Fuller (Brooks 1965); Roy (1961) and Janet Fury (Deenik 1963); Archie (1966) and Carol Houghton (Stephenson 1966); Rob (1963) and Roslyn Hancock (van der Riet); Lynn Searle (Humphrey 1977); Mick (1966) and Jan Holderness (Parrot); Lee and Helen Irvine (Harraway 1965); Tim (1961) and Lynn Bigg (van der Westhuizen 1962); Joan Gardener (McKechnie 1962); Chris (1961) and Glynnis Jepp (Mackenzie 1963); Johan and Gail Loubser

(McLoughlan); June Pryce (McClure 1965); Paddy (1962) and Sherry McKinlay (Hewlett 1963); Ian (1966) and Elizabeth McGregor; Neil Muirhead (1965); Jeremy (1963) and Maureen Turner (Haarhoff 1966); John (1965) and Shirley Turner (van der Poel 1968); Peter (1962) and Di Thompson (Reynolds 1966); Terry (1967) and Di Sutherland (Lewis 1965); Dave (1961) and Rusty Robertson; Dick and Helen Williamson (Duncan-Brown 1966) and Ivan Zartz (1964).

A reunion in Grahams-town is being planned for September 1991, the 25th year of those Old Rhodians who graduated in 1967. It is expected that a large number of these Old Rhodians will form the nucleus of this reunion and a committee in Johannesburg will be contacting everyone who was at Rhodes from 1963 -1966 whose addresses are available. It would be helpful if those who read this and are interested could contact Hugh Duncan-Brown at 011-839 4310.

The Grahamstown reunion will be held from Friday, September 6 to Sunday, September 8, 1991. Please make a careful note of these dates and keep them free for a visit to the old *alma mater*.

Eureka! Urica!

RHODES University and the University of Port Elizabeth have recently signed contracts for the installation of a locally developed library computer package at their respective libraries.

"The Urica computer package was developed in South Africa and is marketed in Europe, Australia and New Zealand", the Rhodes University Librarian, Mr Brian Paterson said.

"It is an integrated system, and all library functions are operated on it, including ordering, cataloging, retrieval and issuing", he explained.

In this unique co-operative venture, the two universities agreed to install the same computer software package to improve cost-effectiveness and increase productivity.

A project team involving specialists from both universities worked with an outside consultant from the Department of Information Science at the University of the Orange Free State, Professor Dirk Fokker, to assess needs of their libraries and evaluate the available computer software.

"The Urica software was unanimously rated as the

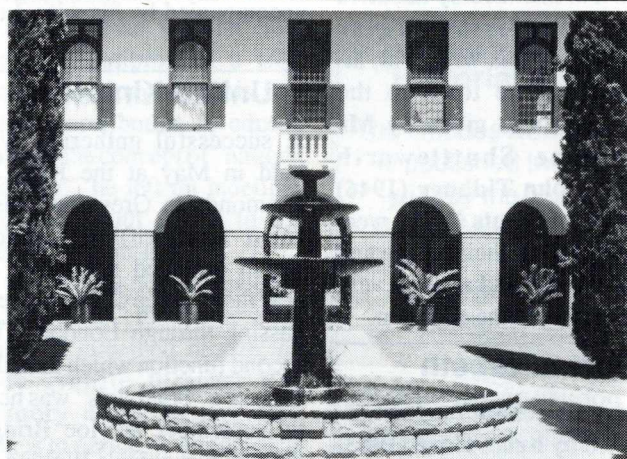
team's first choice", Mr Paterson said. "Both libraries will be working on implementing the systems during the remainder of this year", he added.

The computerization of the libraries at Rhodes University and UPE follows the trend established by other southern African universities which have already done this. The Urica system effectively makes the traditional card cataloging system redundant.

Mr Paterson said the package will also eventually improve library usage. "This software gives people many more points of access to the library's collection. It is easier to find what you're looking for and this will make the library better used", he said.

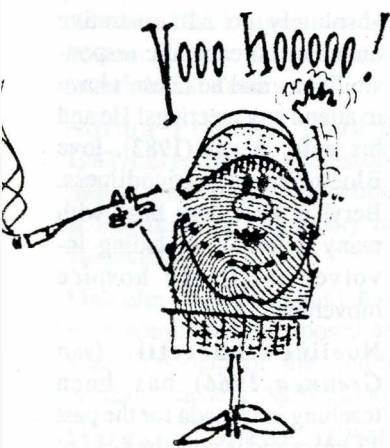
From the librarian's perspective, the Urica system will help tighten up control over the loan of books to borrowers. "It will be easier to locate books on loan and keep track of the library's holdings", Mr Paterson explained.

"This joint project has saved the universities a substantial expense, while also drawing staff from Rhodes and UPE libraries closer", the librarian concluded.



The Hugh Chapman Memorial Fountain in the main quadrangle at Rhodes.

Old Rhodian News



1920s

Marjory Ball (1920) writes from Port Elizabeth to tell us about her period at Rhodes as a "Flapper Freshette". "I arrived at Rhodes University College at the beginning of 1920 as a resident of Oriel. There were no inside toilets, and despite the scandal over the death of a woman student the year before, during the 1919 influenza epidemic, no sanatorium. Grahamstown had no electricity then and relied on gas. After supper we used to dance for half an hour in the common room to warm up before going to chilly bed-sitters to swot. It was the custom to hang a billy-can filled with water over the solitary gas mantle, snuggle into padded dressing gowns and settle down until ten o'clock when we broke for tea or cocoa. Coffee was the strongest drink I ever saw at Oriel. Dressing up for formal dances was almost as much fun as the dances themselves. We walked to dances with our shoes carried in a bag or, if lucky enough, rode on the back of a boyfriend's motor cycle.

Elaborate suppers were a feature of balls then, and one always hoped the current boy friend would ask you for the supper dance, the first, last and perhaps one or two extras. To dance with one man all evening would have been considered very fast. We were very strict with our menfolk and if anyone had too much to drink he would find it hard to get a partner next time.

The new science block was just nearing completion and one could recognise the first year chemistry students, who seemed to be enjoying aniline dyes. Socks and shirts a deep purple!

The year was drawing to a close with exams looming. Despite not being a really dedicated student I did succeed in passing them, and Professor Kidd, head of the faculty of English, even invited me to stay on to write an essay. I was sorely tempted, it had been such a magical year. Never again perhaps should I feel so sure I knew all the answers, or have so much fun".



1930s

Dan Morton (1936) writes from Cape Town to tell us something about Rhodes in the mid-thirties. "Grahams-town in January 1936 seemed incon-

ceivably dead to a new arrival from Britain. The schools and colleges were closed, the lawyers were also on holiday, and so were all those who could get away to the "Kowie". Installed in what was popularly called "Jnningsdorp" and is now Oakdene I spent the first few days looking around what had not yet acquired the name, the campus. The front of the College, with the tower, had just been built, but still needed much internal work before it was ready for occupation. What was to be the library is now the senior common room and council chamber. There were four men's residences, College, Milner, Botha and Struben and three women's,

Oriel, Jamieson and Beit. The Great Hall, a wood and iron structure, was on the site of John Kotze, and on the site of the present library was that very important unit, Kaif".

Donald Savage (1930), the well-known Eastern Cape artist, and his wife, Betty, recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in Port Elizabeth with their family.

1932 Graduation

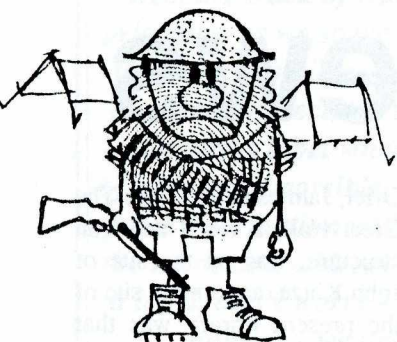
THE following is an excerpt from the *Daily Dispatch*, East London, printed on Thursday, June 23, 1932 on the Rhodes University College graduation ceremony.

The hour is eleven of a bright fresh morning in June, and the High Street of our sleepy little town (nothing changes!) is unusually full of gowns and mortar-boards. We are on our way to the City Hall, where in the presence of their elders, tutors and parents, this year's graduates are to receive their degrees. Rhodes has acquired during its short life many of the characteristics associated with the best university traditions of Europe. Our distinguished visitor, the Vice-Chancellor, has come all the way from Bloemfontein, Principal Kerr and members of his staff had undertaken the perilous journey from Fort Hare, and in the crowded congregation there were many Old Rhodians who had travelled many a mile to attend a college function.

Address by Mr P C Gane, chairman of the RUC council.

Mr Gane reminded the "new-born" graduates that whatever discontents might exist in the South African Union, there had never been a time of such vivid and entertaining investigation into its lingual, ethical, geological and anthropological history, its plants and animals and its agricultural needs.

1940s



Joy Abraham (Wood 1940) writes to tell us that after approximately 45 years she visited Rhodes in 1989 and was completely bewildered by the many changes that have taken place. She says that Rhodes and Grahamstown will always be very special to her.

Peter Blackbeard (1948) has retired as headmaster of Westering High School of which he had been the headmaster since its inception 20 years ago.

Mike Hanley (1946), a top-flight hurdler while at Rhodes, and **Harry Hall (1939)**, who returned to Rhodes briefly in 1946, managed to squeeze in a lunch together in Zimbabwe with their wives 44 years later. Mike and his wife flew back to Australia that evening.

Roy Parkin (1940) and **Elaine (Lawrence 1944)** have settled very well in Perth and find the "Aussies" friendly and helpful and have made many friends. Roy re-qualified as a barrister and solicitor in Australia and practised as a consultant with a legal firm for two years until his retirement.

Herby Selfe (1946) tells us that he was an oppidan in 1949 doing his UED, married to **Joan (Rogers 1945)** and living in Prof Dan Morton's home up near the Settlers' Hospital.

Joe Sutton (1945) has retired as managing editor of the the Sunday Times. Joe's retirement will be a very active one as he is planning to renovate his house and play bowls and golf.



1950s

David Swanepoel (1958) is the Chaplain of Woodridge College, director of the Post Matriculation Programme and teaches English. The headmaster, **Keith Starck (1954)** and the senior master, **Roger Carter (1957)** are both Old Rhodians.

Alan Wilson (1957) has been appointed executive chairman of Masonite Africa Ltd in Durban.



1960s

Peter Ashton (1966) is the manager of the Water Quality Information Systems Programme at the CSIR.

Michael Austin SJ (1964) continues his work in the Diocese of Johannesburg in the field of Adult Religious Education, is the pastor of the Rivonia parish and makes regular forays into newspaper and radio journalism.

Leo Benning (1961) has been

awarded his Springbok Masters Colours at the South African Masters Track and Field Championships held at Secunda in May. Leo tells us that one of the reasons he decided to study at Rhodes was to benefit from Doug Coghlan's coaching in the field of athletics. Leo is the second person to have completed the Two Oceans marathon 20 times. He is a teacher at Tafelberg School where he is the sports organizer and is in charge of physical education.

Martin Barker (1968) has been appointed headmaster of George Randell High School.

Joel Bergman (1964) has written to tell us that he spent his first year at Rhodes in Adamson followed by two years in Thomas Pringle and that despite the many hours of bridge, innumerable games of snooker at the Vic and Graham Hotels, golf virtually every day at the Grahamstown Golf Club and (with women's residences out of bounds) as many visits as possible to Bots, he somehow managed to obtain a BA in Economics and Roman Dutch Law. He returned to Rhodes in 1969 and obtained an LLB in 1970. In 1971 he moved to Johannesburg where he was side-tracked into short-term insurance broking. He has his own Sandton-based company and visits London frequently as well as travelling extensively. He has reciprocal arrangements with insurance brokers in London, New York, Los Angeles, Tel Aviv and Antwerp. Through associations formed as a direct result of his broking activities, in 1988 he obtained the agency to represent an international company specializing in the handling of exports of diamonds and jewellery to all the major diamond centres worldwide. He married in 1972 and has two teenage daughters.

Lorna Dunn (Barnes 1960) teaches English and Religious Education at Girvan Academy in Scotland where her husband, **David (1977)** who teaches

Physics and Computing, has been promoted to senior teacher.

Prof Eddie Higgins (1963) has been a temporary senior lecturer at Vista in Bloemfontein for the last two years and is thoroughly enjoying it. As a former Dean of Social Science he says it's like heaven having absolutely no administrative duties or bureaucratic responsibilities - and he doesn't have to attend any meetings! He and his wife, **Beryl (1983)**, love Bloemfontein's friendliness. Beryl is kept very busy with many activities including involvement in the hospice movement.

Noeline Laccetti (van Greunen 1966) has been teaching in Canada for the past 13 years and is now the head of the English department of a secondary school which has an enrolment of 1 550. She has a 12-year old daughter and an 11-year old son.

James Leatt (1963), a former Methodist Minister and Cape Town academic, is to be the new principal and vice-chancellor of the University of Natal in 1991.

Ian McGregor (1966) has been appointed the chairman of Lintas SA. After graduating he started his career as a management trainee with



Unilever. After eight years with the company, during which time he moved to Johannesburg as a client services director, he went on to the United States in 1980 where he worked for McCann-Erickson, SSC&B and Lintas.

Glen Merryweather (1964) has joined the wholesale division of SA Druggists and is now running the Elandsfontein branch in the Transvaal.

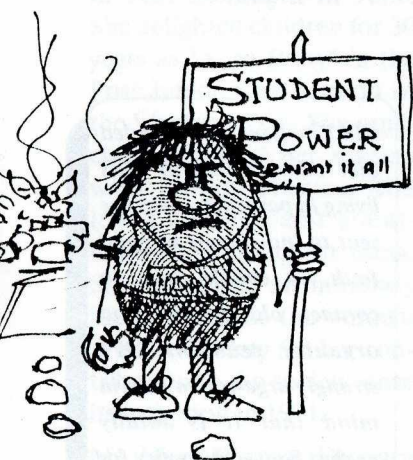
Norma Presmeg (Parnell 1962) has accepted a professorship in mathematics education at Florida State University in Tallahassee.

Malcolm Venter (1966) has been nominated unopposed as Vice-President of the South African Teachers' Association.

Margaret White (Elliott 1965) is married to Robin, chief officer in the Merchant Navy, and has two children, aged 14 and 12 years. She teaches pupils who have learning difficulties at Marr College in Troon, Scotland.

Avril Wilson (1960) is the first chairlady of the Board of Governors at Durban Girls' College in its 133-year history! The Board, which has 16 members of which four are women, oversees the ethos and finances of the school.

1970s



Colin Burnett (1971) has been married for 13 years to Diane of Durban and has three

children. Colin was transferred from Durban to Johannesburg two years ago and is employed with Consol Glass Speciality Products Division as Marketing Manager.

Mandy Carver (Sherman 1978) is living in Surrey with her husband, Christian and two children, aged two and three years. She teaches piano playing in her spare time.

Harvey Donamazic (1975) and **Sue Eldridge (1977)** were married in 1982 while living in Johannesburg where Harvey worked as the Financial Manager for Group 5. Sue worked in advertising as an assistant to the producer making television commercials for J Walter Thompson advertising company. They have one son and now live in Perth where Harvey is the Financial Manager and Company Secretary for the Campbell Group.

Gwyneth Evans (1976) married Stephen Riley who is a former officer in the Marines, and who is studying for a social science diploma and working part-time for the Nottingham City Council in Sleaford, England.

Virgil Goncalves (1971) emigrated to Australia in 1986. He is married to Lesley and has two sons, aged nine and six. Virgil is the editor of a country newspaper in South Australia and would like to hear from old "mates" via c/o Whyalla News, P O Box 183, Whyalla 5600, South Australia.

Janice Green (1977) writes from her home on a farm which is shared with a friend, one dog and two cats and is very isolated to tell us that at the end of 1981 she decided to fulfil a longterm plan and travel around Europe. She spent a year hitch-hiking around, working where she could and eventually getting a job on one of the charter sea-going yachts where she spent a very care-free time. She then returned to the UK and settled down into a

job working with racehorses. After four years as a free-lance rider in the South of England, she retired from the equestrian world - richer in experience but financially bankrupt. She then joined British Caledonian airways and a new career unfurled. In 1988 British Caledonian merged with British Airways and she then worked for them. After a year's service she was eligible for concessionary travel. Now, instead of writing letters she drops in to see many old friends. Some of the many friends she sees regularly are: **Joelle Colaers (1977)** who lives in Brussels and works as a tri-lingual secretary. **Hazel Jones (1977)** lives in Cape Town where she works for the CSIR as a virologist. **Rosemary (Burrows 1978)** and **Andy Gray (1978)** live in Durban where Andy works at the King Edward Hospital and Rosemary recently won a "Pharmacist of the Year" award for Boots. **Angela Kayser (Davidson 1977)** and her husband, John, have two children and live near Ascot. Janice feels that it is "quite incredible" how friendships formed during one's "Rhodian years" are solid enough to last for so many years.

Charlie Griffin (1971) is a professional musician and entertainment agent in Cape Town. He would love to keep in touch with old friends from Rhodes. His telephone number is 021-41 71355.

John Hallam (1973) and **Shannon (Morris 1976)** live in Port Elizabeth where John is

the commercial manager for the SA Druggist group. They have two sons who are both at pre-primary school.

Gavin Hartley (1971) is the general manager of the largest firm of solicitors in Perth and his wife, **Bev (Parkin 1971)**, is a part-time computer consultant.

Bruce Johnson (1973) is the SABC music organizer / producer for the Eastern Cape in Port Elizabeth. He played his inaugural organ recital as organist and choirmaster of Holy Trinity Anglican Church in July. Bruce's thesis was on the rise of the French organ symphony. He has a reputation as an outstanding organist and choirmaster.

Maureen Louw (Schonfeldt 1975) of the Division of Science and Food Technology at the CSIR in Pretoria was recently awarded Foodtek's 1989/90 Young Achiever Award. The award is presented annually to a member of the Division younger than 35 years who has made an outstanding contribution to the Division in the areas of research, development and implementation. Maureen is married to Martin and has a four year old daughter.

Michele Marnewick (James 1979) is married to Maurits and has a baby girl, Bianca-Leigh, born on September 7 in Johannesburg. Michele manages the dispensary at the Florence.

Derek Parkin (1970) is an international partner in Arthur Andersen & Company, one of the biggest international firms



"And now for the weather forecast for Grahamstown and vicinity..."

of Chartered Accountants and is based in Perth.

Jill Sneesby (1977) enjoys and promotes wildlife through the lens of her camera. She has travelled extensively throughout South Africa, and was invited to lecture at the first Photographic Society of Southern Africa Wildlife Convention at the Kalahari Gemsbok Park in 1989. She is currently president of the Port Elizabeth Camera Club, and has had articles and photographs published in numerous magazines and books. Together with Barrie Wilkins she wrote, photographed and published the book "Kalahari Safari".

J C Swarts (1974) has married **Jeanine (van Ginkel 1974)** and lives in Durban.

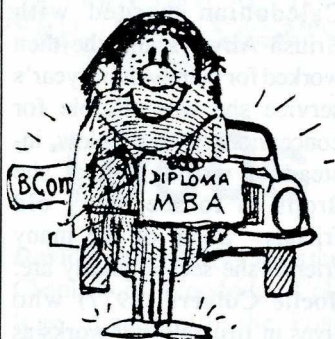
C van der Spuy (1974) recently moved to the national head office of South African Breweries Beer Division as the Personnel Manager (Employment).

Ed Walsh (1975) and **Sally (Mountain 1976)** have two children and live in Durban where Ed is the Public Relations Manager for UNISA in Natal.

Anne Williams (1971) is presently one of five TV programme producers in the SABC-TV's variety department. She was delighted to be back in the Eastern Cape

recently as adjudicator for the annual Pemads Salters Cup one-act play festival and then travelled to Grahamstown to visit her father, Syd.

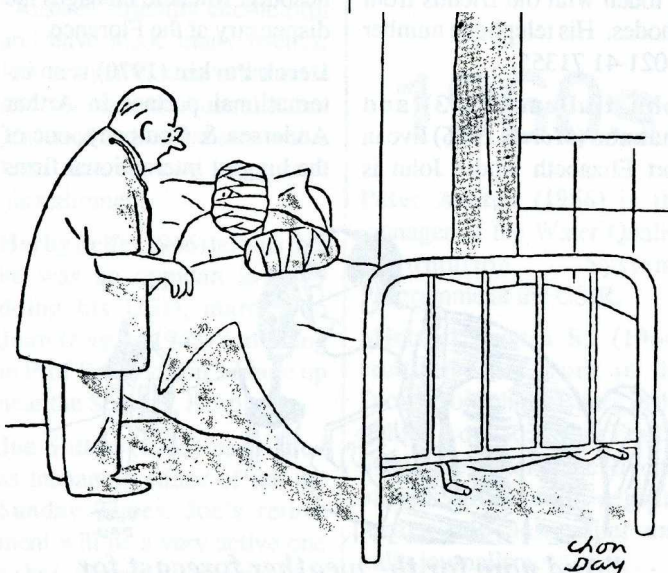
1980s



Judith Allen (1984) is a professional assistant (litigation) in Cape Town and is married to Advocate Pierre Cloete.

Shona Bagley (1988) is the Deputy Features Editor of Cosmopolitan magazine. She was recently one of ten recipients of the World Press Institute's award of a five month scholarship at Macalaster College in the United States.

Norman Collins (1985) is the Kaffrarian Museum's new collection's manager. Norman has strong family ties with his latest career venture as a portion of the museum was recently named after his grandfather, **Dr C J Skead (1982)**, a former director.



"Hmmm - I don't like the look of that eye."

Michelle de Foiard Brown (Sabbagh 1981) is married with one daughter and is a pharmacist at the Uitenhage provincial hospital.

Mervyn Elliot (1981) and **Kemble (Phillips 1983)** live in Kempton Park and have one daughter born in December 1989.

Mariita Eager (1984) has left for London to seek new challenges after three-and-a-half years with Radio 702 as a news reporter.

Graham Giles (1983) has recently bought Game City Pharmacy, Durban in conjunction with Graham Morey. Graham says the pharmacy will be run on his belief that the customer is king.

Ashley Hayden (1984) is one of M-Net's top presenters. Ashley recently completed the serial, *The Game*, which was broadcast on TV1.

Khume Khangala (1984) is the editor of the Venda Development Corporation monthly magazine which was launched in June at the Boardroom of the Corporation's headquarters in Thohoyandou.

David Lake (1980) is a partner in a firm of Attorneys in Harare. He has played cricket for the Zimbabwe B team on several occasions and twice for the A team. His wife, **Beatrice (Eve 1983)** has been teaching at Arundel School in Harare and was recently awarded a scholarship for a teachers' course at the Goethe-Institute in Munich in 1991.

Olga Mangope (1981) is an executive producer for Bop TV and was recently awarded the Star Tonight Award for best Actuality Reporter on TV2, TV3 and Bop TV for her programme *The Able Disabled*.

Andrew Pons (1984) is the co-author of a new Industrial Relations Handbook. He has also written a number of industrial relations articles for magazines and journals.

Robyn (Rodney 1982) married Kinross Bentley in Leeds in June. Robin and Kinross live in London where Robyn has been teaching at a primary school. Her brother, **Stuart Rodney (1985)** is working for Elliott Construction in England and was recently promoted to the position of Media and Public Relations Manager.

Craig Sparg (1981) has been appointed the Senior Manager of Finance at the Ciskei People's Development Bank. Craig will be in charge of accounting and the financial information section of the bank as well as being responsible for the small business project and head office departments.

Jacqueline Watts (1987) practised as a clinical psychologist in private practice in Durban before coming to Rhodes in 1987 to complete her PhD in psychotherapy. She is now a consultant for a large Barlow Rand company which is engaged in a culture change programme as well as running a private practice.

1990s...



Old Rhodians are reminded that address lists of ORs living in particular areas are sent to individuals in good faith, to enable them to contact old friends and organize reunions. We strongly urge you to bear in mind that it is totally against University policy for these lists to be used for commercial purposes.

Mrs M E A Baillie (*Deale* 1940) in Edenvale on September 9, 1989.

Mr Paul Bradford (1964) in Zimbabwe on February 2, 1989.

Mrs Annette Douglas (*Greyling* 1967) in Port Elizabeth on February 20, 1990.

Dr John Dick (1929) in Glenashley, Durban on August 4, 1990. After graduating from Rhodes in 1933 with an MSc in Zoology he gained a scholarship to the Imperial College, London where he obtained his PhD and in 1939, his DIC. After two years at Cedara in the Division of Entomology, John joined the Experiment Station as its first entomologist. In 1964 he became Chief Entomologist a position he held until 1971 when he became Scientific Liaison Officer. John's excellent command of the English language stood him in good stead as general Agricultural Editor to the International Society of Sugar-cane Technologists, and he even took Spanish lessons to lessen the pain of communication with South American contributors and delegates! He was fluent in Afrikaans, French and German.

Mrs Betty Dibleby (1936) in Port Elizabeth in June. She delighted children for 30 years as "Aunt Betty" in the Post Junior Club section of the Weekend Post. She especially delighted her readers with animal stories. She loved animals and spent much time caring for them. She was made an honorary life member of the Animal Welfare Society for her contribution to the society since its inception in 1971.

Mr Mark-Warren Ferreira (1980) in a car accident in Johannesburg in July 1987.

Mrs Sylvia Garner (*Wintermoore* 1949) in England on

June 27, 1990.

Mr Lewis Barnett (Boysie) Green (1932) in Grahamstown on Thursday, October 11. The following is extracted from a tribute by Dr D S Henderson at the memorial service in the Rhodes Great Hall on Tuesday, October 16.

"Boysie was born in Grahamstown in 1914. His schooling was at Kingswood College, whence he was awarded the Municipal Scholarship to Rhodes University College. After his admission as an attorney in 1937 he began practice on his own, and was later joined by two partners. They practised for many years as Green, Truter and Douglas. In 1981 they amalgamated with another firm to form Whitesides. In 1986 he stepped down as a partner, but remained with the firm as a Consultant. He thus practised the Law in this City for over 53 years. His interest in rugby began as a small boy, but recurring bouts of rheumatic fever precluded his active participation. Nonetheless, he had a lifelong devotion to the game. In the 50s he became President of the Albany Football Club, then at the acme of its status as a force to be reckoned with in East Cape rugby. Boysie's interests ranged wide, and included business, charitable, educational and cultural undertakings. Historic Grahamstown, a property investment company emphasizing the restoration of buildings of historic value, was one of his concerns. He was also a founder Trustee of the Josie Wood Trust of the South African Library for the Blind, and later became its Chairman. He was invited to join the Council of Kingswood College, and was for many years Chairman of its Finance Committee. Some twelve years ago he joined

the Rhodes Council, as a co-opted member and rapidly became chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, and later was in addition Vice-Chairman of the Council. At the beginning of 1990 he was elected to the Chair, where his tenure was all too sadly brief. Both institutions owe him a great debt for his counsel and wise husbandry during difficult times. When the concept of a memorial to the 1820 Settlers was first mooted, Boysie was invited to join the inaugural committee. From the beginning he was intimately connected with all phases of the development of the 1820 Foundation. Up to the time of his death he was a member of its Council, and served for many years on its Executive Committee. Nor did his cultural activities end there. At an age when the thoughts of other men are turning towards pipe and slippers Boysie acquired an entirely new interest. He assisted his wife Ann in reviving Omnitheatre, and later became its first President. His contributions were recognized through his appointment to the Board of CAPAB, where he served until its organizational format was restructured. All these multifaceted contributions to our civic life in its widest sense were formally recognized when he received the prestigious Merit Award of the Grahamstown Rotary Club in September 1989. To his widow Ann and members of the family we extend our warmest sympathy and condolences. We commend also the courageous manner in which the whole family, not least Boysie himself, faced the trials and tribulations of his final illness. We shall not easily forget him.

Dr Georg Gruber (1957), a Senior Lecturer in the De-

partment of Physics and Electronics at Rhodes, died after a brief illness on Monday, September 17. He leaves his wife, Judy, sister, Inge, three children and two stepchildren. Dr Gruber was born in Austria in 1936, and grew up in Vienna. His parents emigrated first to Australia and later to South Africa where his father, a former conductor of the Vienna Boys Choir, was Professor and Head of the Department of Music and Musicology at Rhodes from 1953 to 1972. Georg Gruber's connection with Rhodes spanned over 30 years. He registered as a first-year BSc student in 1957, and completed BSc, Honours, MSc and PhD degrees at Rhodes, having joined the university staff as a Junior Lecturer in 1962. Dr Gruber was promoted to Lecturer in 1963, and to Senior Lecturer in 1975. Dr Gruber's research interests included radio astronomy and science education, and he spent several periods both as a Research Associate and a visiting Professor at Innsbruck University in Austria. He also devoted much time to generating enthusiasm for science as a career at school level, and in 1970 started the School Science Lecture Series, lecturing about science to school children in the Eastern Cape. Dr Gruber was involved with the Rhodes University Staff Association (RUSA), as a member of the RUSA committee of which he was also Chairman from 1984 to 1986. He was the Vice-Chairman of the Rhodes Club from 1969 to 1977, and Honorary Secretary of the Old Rhodian Union. He was also involved with the Rhodes School Science Festival as a member of its Organizing Committee, and was an executive member of the Committee of Univer-

sity Teachers' Association. Georg Gruber also had many outside interests, and was well known in music, dramatic, sailing and flying circles in Grahamstown. Blessed with a fine bass voice, Georg was a member of the Rhodes University Choir for ten years and took part in many local musical productions. He held his private pilot's licence for 20 years and regularly flew members of the Grahamstown Parachute Club.

The Honourable Mr Justice Matthew Hart (1925) in Durban on June 29, at the age of 82. After graduating from Rhodes he practised as an attorney in Queenstown and Caledon. He moved to the Transvaal, working for several years in Pretoria and Johannesburg. He was admitted to the Johannesburg Bar, taking silk in 1963. Four years later he was appointed to the Transvaal Bench, where he acted until his appointment to the Supreme Court (Grahamstown Division) in 1969. He was transferred to Windhoek in 1972 where he was acting Judge President for a short while. He retired in 1978, but a few months later was recalled as acting judge in Cape Town, Windhoek and in Natal, where he acted for a year in 1979. He was knighted by Pope Paul VI in 1969 for his dedication to Catholic schools and the Order of St Gregory the Great was conferred upon him for his work as chairman of the Catholic Schools Action Committee.

Mr Paul Kincaid (1983) in a car accident in August 1990.

Mr Willie Marais (1956) in Cape Town in June 1989.

Mr Ronald Owen Morris (1951) in Pretoria on January 14. After graduating he was employed by the City of East London for five years after

which he joined the SA Bureau of Standards, rising to head of the water testing laboratory. He spent the last five years of his career as a deputy director in the Department of Water Affairs, responsible for water pollution control in the Transvaal.

Mrs Alicia Morris (Bull 1939) in England on June 18.

Mr Jock Omond (1928) died after a short illness in late August in Port Elizabeth. He was 80 years old.

After graduating from Rhodes with a BA in History and Psychology and an education diploma, he taught at Healdtown where he later became principal. It was while at Healdtown that he and his wife, Joyce, became aware of a remarkable young black student whom they helped to continue his education. His name was Robert Sobukwe, later to become founder of the Pan-Africanist Congress.

Jock later became an inspector of education in Kokstad. In the mid-1950s, with the introduction of Bantu Education, he transferred to Port Elizabeth, responsible for a circuit that stretched from the Eastern Cape to Cape Town. He remained in that post until retiring in 1975.

He had many outside interests: in the late 1950s, after taking up an Imperial Relations scholarship at London University, he was instrumental in founding the South African equivalent of the Outward Bound schools, Veld and Vlei. In addition, he was active in hockey coaching, tennis umpiring - including being a linesman at Wimbledon - and, in later years, bowls.

On his retirement, he began a long involvement with gifted children which led to the establishment of the Office for the Gifted and

Talented in Port Elizabeth. He was active in that organization right up until his death. He leaves his widow and three children.

Professor Herbert Pahl (1930) in Plettenberg Bay on August 14. He was known as the "father of the Greater Dictionary of Xhosa". He was the first chief-editor and director of the Xhosa dictionary project at the University of Fort Hare. After matriculating at Dale College with a first class, he registered for a science degree at Rhodes University College, and passed with distinctions in Zoology and Botany. He won the Captain Scott Memorial Medal of the Biological Society for Zoology. In 1931 he obtained a higher education diploma, in 1938 he was awarded the lower diploma in Bantu Studies, and in 1940 he obtained a BA degree from Unisa with distinction in Xhosa. In 1967 he was seconded to the Xhosa dictionary project by the Department of Education and in 1972 was appointed ad hominem professor at Fort Hare. Although he retired in 1989 he continued to assist with the completion of the first of three volumes of the "mammoth" dictionary project.

Mr A B Patel (1961) in an armed robbery in the family pharmacy in Durban on June 29.

Dr Michael Elio Szendrei (1938) in Magoebaskloof in 1989. He was born at Fiume, Italy in 1919. In 1934 his family moved to the Belgian Congo. He matriculated at Dale College in King William's Town and obtained a bursary to attend Rhodes in 1938 as a result of his scholastic achievements. At the end of 1940 he completed a BSc degree with a distinction in Physics. In 1942 he obtained his MSc, again with a distinction in Physics. Together

with the late Professor Jack Gledhill he was selected to accompany the Harvard University Eclipse Expedition to Queenstown and following on this they collaborated in research on the ionosphere. This research resulted in Sir Edward Appleton recommending the award of the PhD degree in Physics to both of them in 1947 for their joint thesis, A study of conditions in the upper atmosphere and their deduction from radio measurements. In 1947 he married **Anne Cunningham (1941)** and had two children, Michael and Susanne. Anne died in 1983. After obtaining his PhD Dr Szendrei took up the post of lecturer and later senior lecturer in the Physics department at Rhodes until 1955, when he was appointed Senior Research Officer at the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) in Pretoria. He remained at the CSIR until his retirement in 1985.

Mr Lennox Shapiro (1937) in Port Elizabeth on August 29 at the age of 71. He was news editor of the Evening Post for 26 years. He graduated with a BA in 1939, shortly after the outbreak of World War II. He joined the South African Army and served as a lieutenant in the President Steyn Regiment until taken prisoner at Sidi Rezegh. He was in prisoner-of-war camps in Italy and Germany. He began his career as a journalist as a reporter on the Sunday Express in Johannesburg. In 1948 he returned to Port Elizabeth as a senior reporter on the Daily Advertiser, which later merged with the Saturday Post to become the Evening Post. He was forced to retire after having a stroke 12 years ago. He was a keen sportsman and played rugby, tennis, cricket and later bowls.