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Doctor of Literature Degree awarded to Pieter-Dirk Uys

PIETER-DIRK UYS was awarded a Doctor of Literature degree (Honoris Causa) at the Rhodes University graduation on 18 April 1997.

Excerpts from the citation given by the Public Orator, Professor Pat Terry:

Pieter Dirk Uys completed a Drama degree at the University of Cape Town in 1968 and went on to obtain a Diploma with Honours at the London Film School, where he taught film for two years. On his return to South Africa, Mr Uys became resident director of the renowned Space Theatre in Cape Town, where he exhibited his extraordinary creative talents as teacher, performer and director. He has produced over 30 dramatic works, many of them performed internationally, ranging from the hard-hitting drama of *Hell is for Whites Only*, written in the seventies, to the biting satire of the recent *Truth Omissions*. During the years of the cultural boycott, his work made it possible for the rest of the world to gain an insight into the South African situation. But the times have changed. True democracy, he believes is the right to disagree. One day, praise God, the last part of the stench of apartheid South Africa may indeed finally be buried with his most famous character, Evita Bezuidenhout, but till then a part of all of us will linger on in her. That perhaps, is the genius of her creator, a unique South African artist who has been serious about his talent for being funny, and funny while being serious.

Excerpts from the graduation address by Pieter-Dirk Uys:

Many years ago I was infected by the virus of theatre and it is incurable. I am D.R.A.M.A. positive. No wonder there is no vaccine, no cure. The theatre will not be trifled with. It chooses; we do not decide. Many of us start our dreams by saying: 'I'm going to be an actor.' Not all of us are allowed to get there. I said that too, but only after the theatre had hijacked me. It saw a sucker and said: 'Excuse me? Do you want life imprisonment with no hope of becoming President of South Africa? First Lady, maybe, but President? Nyet!' I studied Drama. I wasn't trained as an actor, I spoke like a South African. So in desperation they said: 'become a stage manager'. The best thing that ever happened to me. I am now an excellent stage manager who can act. Inspired by my heroes: Noel Coward, Tennessee Williams,

Alan Ayckbourn, Edward Albee, Kurt Weill, Sophia Loren, Marlene Dietrich, I was never shy to adore the Gods of Entertainment. And when I knew I could never marry Sophia, or call her mother or sister, I created my own superstar. She's not here. She's under the bed in a small box where she belongs. And anyway, Evita Bezuidenhout bought her doctorate from a PO Box in Potchefstroom for R50. But theatre decided that I would not be the next

Fugard.

Everything I wrote in the 70s was banned. For obscenity, for blasphemy, for setting the racial groups in disharmony against each other, for making the Afrikaner look ridiculous! The Censor Board became my PR Department. From 1973 the South African government became my personal scriptwriters. I was blessed with a white minority regime with absolutely no sense of humour at all and so it became my aim in life,

my ambition and my joy to make them angry with humour, to drive them so crazy with laughter that they would have strokes and retire to the Wilderness. And I had some success. But there was nothing funny about Apartheid. There is nothing funny about racism except in the theatre. How is it possible that a group of people like some of us, decent Christian, educated people, kind to animals and children, concerned about ecology and kultuur - how is it possible that some of us went blind and deaf, when women and children were widowed and murdered, and men were maimed and generations were crippled? Just because some pompous politician stood up and lied? And dropped names. 'God is on our side,' he said. 'Let us develop separately.' And we did. We developed so separately that it will take 100 years for us to find the rest of humanity. But there is a short cut to salvation. Humour. Laughing at one's fear. Putting guilt into perspective. Yes, I am guilty of Apartheid. I benefited from it. Like so many today, I can never say: 'I did not know what was happening'. I knew what was happening. I put it on stage. You saw it. You recognised a shared prejudice. And maybe you laughed. Because prejudice is absurd and must be laughed off the face of the earth.



Distinguished career award to Professor Kader Asmal

"Distinguished academic, Member of Parliament and champion of human rights and of the environment" was awarded a Doctor of Laws degree (Honoris Causa) at the Rhodes University graduation ceremony on 19 April 1997.

Excerpts from the citation by the Public Orator, Professor Pat Terry:

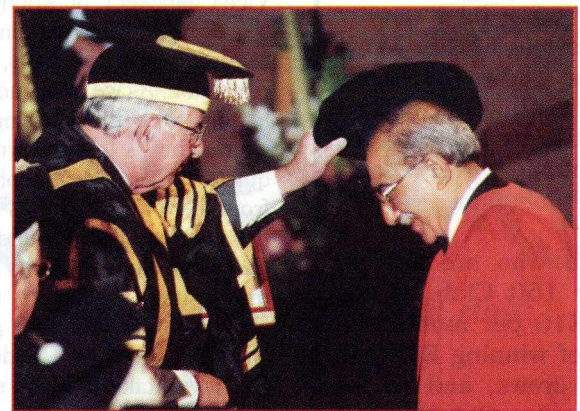
Kader Asmal was born in October 1934 in Stanger, Natal, and qualified as a school teacher at the Springfield Teachers' Training College, Durban in 1954. While working as a teacher, he studied for a BA degree through the University of South Africa and between 1962 and 1964 he obtained law degrees from the London School of Law. In 1990 he became Professor of Human Law at the University of the Western Cape. In 1992 he was appointed to the Council of the University of the North and was subsequently elected as its chairman, a position he held until 1995. When the new democratic government was set up in 1994, he became Minister of Water Affairs and Forestry. In 1995 he was appointed a Vice-President of the Independent World Commission on the Oceans and in 1996 he was made the Patron of the Global Water Partnership. Also in 1996 he was awarded the Gold Medal of the World Wide Fund for Nature, for work done for conservation in South Africa. He chairs the National Conventional Arms Control Committee of the Cabinet, the African National Congress Disciplinary Committee, the National Assembly's ethics Sub-committee and the Parliamentary Committee on Members' Interests. He is a Vice-President of the African Association of International Law, a member of the Board of Control of the Centre for Applied Studies at Wits and a member of various South African and international associations.

Excerpts from the graduation address by Kader Asmal:

All of us who have gathered here today to receive our degrees are, by virtue of those degrees, now privileged members of an elite minority of South Africans. You have been, one and all, regardless of how humble or how lofty your beginnings, blessed with a quality of tertiary education that will, in all likelihood, raise each of you to higher strata of our very stratified society. But I also raise two challenges, firstly to you who are about to leave this academic institution, and secondly to the institution itself. Just as the

Constitution grants not only rights to every citizen, but also responsibilities, the prime responsibility facing each and every one of us is to integrate the Constitutional values in every aspect of our lives. The preamble to the Constitution states that: We, the people of South Africa, believe that South Africa belongs to all who live in it. Belonging is not just about words and numbers in an identification document; belonging is not about where you were born, or where you live. South Africa can only truly belong to all who live in it, if all who live in it are active participants in governance on all levels. Belonging is a dynamic concept, it is an interactive concept, and it is one that we have to make real.

Rhodes University must surely seek to be, first and foremost, an African university. African not in quotas of black staff and black students, though representivity is crucial.



African not only in the presence of Wole Soyinka and Chinua Achebe along with T S Elliot, Jane Austen and William Shakespeare in the English 1 reading list. African not in an elitist inversion of the apartheid philosophy, but

African in a truly revolutionary sense. The future of this University must undoubtedly be that of an African university. This means that Rhodes must take up the challenge to create for itself a unique identity. The University has in its foundations a diverse mix of values and aspirations. Rather than being a handicap this is a strength. What is necessary is a vision of a vibrant institution where the identity of each member is respected and valued, and where each contribution is part of a larger whole. So I throw out the challenge: Transformation has to be actively pursued. Breyten Breytenbach, in that distillation of wisdom that is the art of the true poet, the gift of the true visionary, once wrote:

Die land vra water en hy kry bloed; die land wat die vuur in hom dra.

This land asks for water and it gets blood; this land that carries the fire within itself.

Let us water this land, let us nourish the hope and generosity of spirit of this new country of ours, and let us encourage the fires of creativity, the fires of innovation to burn bright under the African sky.

Editorial

As I write, Festival Fever is hitting Grahamstown... Although the National Festival of the Arts will have come and gone by the time you receive this newsletter, it is a major event in our lives here, something Grahams-tonians both love and loathe. For ten days our little town becomes the cultural hub of the continent as people swarm to the Eastern Cape to be a part of the fun. Some locals enjoy the crazy atmosphere and find novel ways of making a little extra money on the side. Others dread it and desert Grahamstown altogether, getting rich by letting out their houses to Festival visitors. The rest of us love the first few days of Festival and then become ungracious hosts, walking around wearing sweatshirts saying, "Go away! I'm a local!"

September will be a busy month for the alumni office, with eight reunions taking place locally. Our thanks go to all the branch contact persons for the time and effort they put into arranging these functions on Rhodes' behalf. Chris Meyer (1963), living in Vancouver, Canada has kindly offered to set up a branch of the Old Rhodian Union for us and we would like to send Dr Woods to attend a reunion there next year. We are persuading an OR couple living in New Zealand to get a branch off the ground and, with the help of John Mannheimer (1966), the Namibia branch is up and running again. Alain Mehl (1986), who recently moved to Perth, was kind enough to help us out for this year's Perth reunion, but is unable to act as our official contact person. Are there any Australian ORs willing to establish a branch in Sydney, Perth or Melbourne? We need volunteers - please contact me if you are able to assist.

We received a good response to our "debit order" fund raising drive last year, but many ORs who promised to donate at a later stage have not yet done so. In the light of this year's subsidy cuts, the University needs every cent it can get and our alumni are an important source of support. Please don't think that we are only after substantial donations - every cent helps!

For those of you who are not yet members of our 150 Club, please join! For only R10 per month you stand a chance of winning R500 in regular monthly draws, and at the same time allow the Old Rhodian Union to grant bursaries to children of ORs who would not otherwise be able to afford an education at Rhodes. Please contact me for more details if you'd like to join.

Once again, my final plea to you is to keep in touch! We 'lose' many ORs every year when they move away without informing us of their forwarding address. If you have any OR friends who are not receiving newsletters, they are probably on our 'lost list' - please ask them to contact me so that they can be reinstated!

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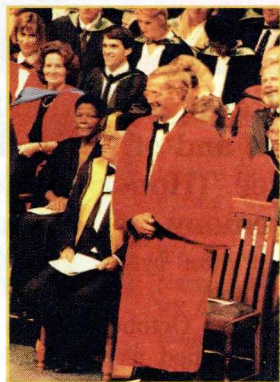
Rhodes University graduation ceremony awards

DR DEREK SCOTT HENDERSON

"Rhodes graduate, Rhodes scholar, scientist, educationist and administrator" was awarded a Doctor of Laws degree (Honoris Causa) at the Rhodes University graduation ceremony on 18 April 1997.

Excerpts from the citation given by the Public Orator, Professor Pat Terry:

Derek Henderson was born in 1929 in Durban. He matriculated at St John's College in Johannesburg in 1945 and remained for a further year as Head Boy while completing the first year of a Bachelor of Science degree through UNISA. He enrolled for a Science degree at Rhodes University in 1947. In 1949 he became the Eastern Province Rhodes Scholar and proceeded to Oxford where in 1951 he took an Honours degree in



Mathematics in the First Class at Lincoln College, which was converted to an MA, as is the practice at Oxford, in 1955. He went to Cambridge where he took an Honours degree in 1953, in the Logic Section of the Moral Sciences

Tripas at St John's College. Henderson returned to South Africa, to a career in the world of business, spending three years with Anglo-American. He left Anglo-American for a teaching post in Mathematics at Wits. After three years at Wits, he went to Harvard where he obtained a PhD in Applied Mathematics in 1960.

In September 1962, Henderson returned to the University of the Witwatersrand to found the first academic computing centre in South Africa. In 1967 he became the first Professor of Computer Science in South Africa. By 1969 he had become Head of the Applied Mathematics Department, and in 1974 he rose further to become Dean of the Faculty of Science. In 1975 Derek Henderson was appointed the third Vice-Chancellor of Rhodes University. When he arrived, the restraints of the apartheid regime were, perhaps, at their worst in education. As we now know, the tide was about to turn with the uprisings in Soweto a year later. What is less known is that Rhodes was quietly to assume a sophisticated role in the front line of the changes that started to sweep the country. Black students, who had in the past been denied places at traditionally white universities, began to register at Rhodes, slowly at first, but with growing momentum. By 1996, when Dr Henderson stepped down, the new intake of black students had risen to about 48% of the total.

DR CONRAD BAREND STRAUSS

"Old Rhodian, economist and distinguished banker" was awarded a Doctor of Economics degree (Honoris Causa) at the Rhodes University graduation ceremony on April 1997.

Excerpts from the citation by the Public Orator, Professor Pat Terry:

Conrad Barend Strauss was born in Upington, Cape, in 1936, and matriculated from Paarl Boys' High School in 1953. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics and politics from Rhodes University. After completing his degree, he studied for a Masters degree in Agricultural Economics at Cornell University, New York. In 1959 he returned to Rhodes where he researched conditions in the pineapple industry which had recently experienced a major boom and bust cycle. The fruits of this research saw him awarded his PhD in 1961 for a thesis entitled *Pineapples in the Eastern Cape: a study of the Farm Economy and Marketing Patterns*. He was appointed as a lecturer to start an Economics Department at the ill-fated Port Elizabeth Division of Rhodes University where, after only two years, he had risen to the rank of senior lecturer. With the

demise of the Port Elizabeth Division in 1963, he left academic life for the Standard Bank, where he was appointed a management trainee. In 1967 the 34-year old whizzkid was promoted to become Economic Advisor to the Standard Bank group. In 1978 he became Managing Director of the Standard Bank of South Africa Limited.



In 1984 he was appointed Group Managing Director of the Standard Bank Investment

Corporation, and Chairman of the Group in 1992. He was recipient of the Marketing Man of the Year Award from the SA Institute of Marketing Management in 1989. From 1988 to 1994 he was a member of the State President's Economic Advisory Council, followed by a spell as chairman of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry into the provision of rural financial services. Since 1990 he has been Chairman of the South African Institute of International Affairs. He has twice been President of the Institute of Bankers of South Africa and is a former Chairman of the Clearing Bankers Association of South Africa. In between all these duties he makes time to be a trustee of the Hans Merensky Foundation, the Institute of Virology, the Bradlow Foundation and a patron of the Museum Association of South Africa and of the Bureau for Economic Research at the University of Stellenbosch. He is a Governor of the Foundations of Rhodes University and the University of Witwatersrand and a director of several companies, including Africa Oxygen, Transnet, and Goldfields of South Africa Limited. For the last two years he has been the President of the South African Foundation.

MR JUSTICE ARTHUR CHASKALSON

President of the Constitutional Court of South Africa was awarded a Doctor of Laws degree (Honoris Causa) at the Rhodes University Graduation Ceremony in East London, on 9 May 1997.

Excerpts from the citation given by the Public Orator, Professor Pat Terry:

Arthur Chaskalson was born in Johannesburg in 1931. He has law degrees from the University of the Witwatersrand. He was admitted to the Johannesburg Bar in May 1956 and was a member of the Johannesburg Bar Council from 1967 to 1971, in July of which year he also took silk. He continued his membership of the Council from 1973 to 1984 and acted as chairman of the Johannesburg Bar in 1976 and again in 1982, in which year he became the Vice-Chairman of the General Council of the Bar of South Africa, a post that he held until 1987. He was also a member, and later the Convenor, of the National Bar Examination Board from 1979 to 1991. He has been a member of the Board of the Faculty of Law at Wits University since 1979, an Honorary Professor of Law at that university from 1981 to 1995 and also a member of its board for the Centre for Applied Legal Studies from 1979 to 1994. Throughout his career he has been preoccupied with the problems of human rights. In his career at the Bar he has appeared as counsel on behalf of members of the liberation movements, at such well-known events as the Rivonia Trial in 1963/1964 at which Mr Nelson Mandela and other leaders of the African National Congress were convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment. In 1978 he helped to establish the Legal Resources Centre. Between 1980 and 1991 he was an active member of the National Council of Lawyers for Human Rights.

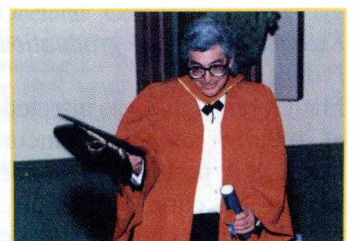
He was a visiting lecturer at Columbia University in New York from 1987 to 1988, a member of the faculty at the Salzberg Seminar on Human Rights in 1989, Vice-Chairman of

the International Legal Division of the International Bar Association from 1983 to 1993 and was elected as a Commissioner of the International Commission of Jurists in 1995. Furthermore, in 1990, he was a joint recipient with Dr Mogoba of the Human Rights Award of the Foundation for Freedom and Human Rights based in Berne in Switzerland. Arthur Chaskalson received the Premier Group Award for prestigious service by a member of the Faculty of Law at the University of the Witwatersrand in 1983. He became a consultant to the Namibian Constituent Assembly in connection with the drafting of the Constitution of Namibia in December 1989 and acted as consultant to the African National Congress on constitutional issues from April 1990 to April 1994. In June 1994 he was appointed by President Mandela to be the first President of South Africa's new Constitutional Court. In the same year he became Vice-Chairman of the Judicial Service Commission and Joint Honorary President of the General Council of the Bar of South Africa.

Excerpts from the graduation address by Arthur Chaskalson:

More than ten years ago I spoke at a graduation ceremony at the University of Natal. It was at a time when we were living under a state of emergency and the ordinary laws of the land had been subordinated to emergency regulations. Thousands of people had been held without trial under emergency regulations and the economy was in a parlous condition. I said then that "the years ahead of us in South Africa are likely to be years of great social and political change; they are also likely to be years of uncertainty, years of turbulence and years of conflict. They will be a crucible through which we will pass as a new society is moulded." Since then we have taken enormous strides towards establishing a new society. The 1996 constitution now provides a framework for the new society based on democratic values, social justice and fundamental human rights; it lays the foundation for a democratic and open society in which government is based on the will of the people and the legal protection of every citizen.

We are in the process of shaping the new society. Government is at its weakest during a period of rapid transformation and criminal elements have been quick to exploit these weaknesses. The resultant legitimate anger of the victims of crime and the fear engendered by crime has led to calls to curtail the rights entrenched in our constitution and to revert to harsh laws. We seem to have forgotten what it was like to live under such laws. The new constitutional order is founded on a commitment to respect and uphold fundamental human rights. We should not underestimate the importance of such commitment. The rights which are now enshrined in our constitution are our guarantee of freedom and democracy. If we succumb to the temptation to give up any of them, we are courting danger. The way forward is not to give



up our hard-earned rights but rather to take vigorous steps to enforce the law and at the same time to pursue the goal of transforming our society. We now have to protect and strengthen those foundations and build upon them so that the aspirations of the constitution become the reality. Each generation sees itself as having to remake the world, but the world is resistant and changes slowly. Your generation is privileged - you have the opportunity, indeed the responsibility, to remake our country and participate in the process of establishing an open and democratic society in which all can live in freedom and dignity. What you do and the way in which you do it can have a material bearing on the process of change.

Doctor of Divinity degree for The Most Reverend Winston Hugh Njongonkulu Ndungane

THE MOST REVEREND WINSTON HUGH NJONGONKULU NDUNGANE Metropolitan Archbishop of Cape Town was awarded a Doctor of Divinity degree (Honoris Causa) at the Rhodes University graduation ceremony on 18 April 1997.

Excerpts from the citation given by the Public Orator Pat Terry:

Rev Ndungane was born in Kokstad in April 1941, and grew up in Langa township, where his grandfather, father and two uncles were priests in the Anglican church. He matriculated in 1958 from Lovedale High School in Alice in the Eastern Cape. His activities during the Pan Africanist Congress Pass Laws demonstrations in the early 1960s saw him sentenced to three years on Robben Island. It was in prison that he received his first call to the ministry. He graduated from the Federal Theological Seminary in Alice in 1973, prior to becoming a deacon at St Marks in Athlone. After his ordination as priest in July 1974 he continued at St Marks, before moving to the United Kingdom to further his theological training in a three-year period at King's College London, while also serving as assistant priest in several London parishes.

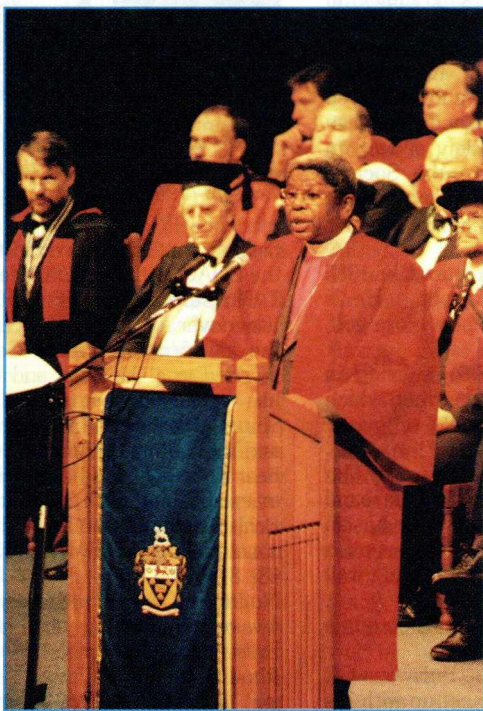
In 1980 he became Rector at Elsie's River, in Cape Town. This was followed by two years as principal at St Bede's Theological College in Umtata, before he was made a provincial canon in 1987, marrying his wife Nomahlubi and assuming the role of Chief Executive Officer of the Church of the Province of South Africa. This post he held for nearly five years during which he travelled widely, not only in South Africa, but also to Canada, Norway, Cyprus and the United Kingdom. After a sabbatical period in California, he was elected Bishop of Kimberley and Kuruman in 1991 and in September 1996 he was elected to follow Desmond Tutu as Archbishop of Cape Town.

Excerpts from the graduation address by Reverend Njongonkulu Ndungane:

We are fortunate in South Africa to be living in a country in which the miracle of transformation has occurred. It is often important, when we look down the road to the future, to recall our past. This is as true for those of us of more mature years as it is

for those of you on the threshold of new careers, with the excitement and anticipation that comes with youth. This is especially the case in South Africa where the temptation is great to sweep the past under the carpet in the interests of a superficial process of reconciliation. A university such as Rhodes can certainly not afford this

luxury. Those involved with it have to seek fresh ways of moving into the future in a manner that will allow the scars of the past to be healed. But first, let us travel back into the past. This University stands in a proud tradition of engagement with the community on education. Likewise, the stand that Rhodes took in the past on apartheid legislation frequently brought it into conflict with the government of the day. It is appropriate that Rhodes should be co operating with the community as it does, for it provides an opportunity to become involved in the process of reconciliation which is still needed in South Africa today, despite the political changes that have occurred.



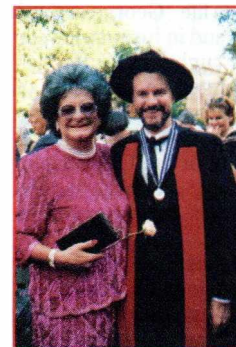
The effects of poverty are wide ranging and all encompassing. There is a sense in which poverty imprisons individuals and whole communities, robbing them of their ability to live with dignity and self-worth. However, Rhodes is still in the vanguard of change. As a University it is in the business of shaping young minds, encouraging

inquiring minds, and imparting knowledge and skills so that all people can become whole persons. For our quest is to ensure that all reach their full potential. With its campuses in Grahamstown and East London, Rhodes is still on the frontier of the development of human beings. Universities that want to be part of the 21st Century need to guard against any moves that could lead to an exclusive elitism. The ethic of sharing has to become paramount in our thinking. When this is internalised by us all, and particularly in the Eastern Cape context by the Rhodes community, then we will

begin to see a thriving transformation that will be able to bring about dramatic changes in the attitudes of people, in the economy and in the socio-political milieu. It is at that point that no one will feel threatened by our various histories, for we will appreciate that none of us can help being born into the culture of which we are part. And it is then that I believe a new tolerance and a new reconciliation will occur. For unlike the generations of the present, they will not have to base their competence on the prejudices of the past. Instead, they will be able to rejoice in those positive values that their cultures bring to others, and to share in the richness of their diversity.

Sies - Skande! Rhodes University snubbed by Doctor! Grad Garden party gate-crashed!

The traditional dignity and gentility of the Rhodes Graduation Garden party were shattered this year when, in a brazen display of effrontery, a large woman in a purple dress gate-crashed the proceedings. She then made it her business to appear in as many photographs of graduates as possible, alongside their proud parents, siblings and friends. Claiming to be a former diplomat, she is believed to be the reason why at least one of the newly capped Honorary Doctors snubbed the proceedings by not arriving at the traditional high point of the graduation weekend. Dr Pieter-Dirk Uys is well known for his aversion to appearing anywhere at the same time as Mrs Evita Bezuidenhout (as she was positively identified by Prof Gary Gordon) and, while he has often been seen shortly before or after many of her public appearances, he has made it a matter of principle never to share a platform with her. "You never know when she might say something rude like 'poep,'" he said. Speaking after the event, Dr Uys admitted that he knows the lady well. He



Mrs Bezuidenhout seen with public orator, Professor Pat Terry.

even has a high regard for her. He denied the snub, saying that he had heard that Mrs Bezuidenhout was going to attend the function and that, out of respect and consideration for her sensitivities, he had merely decided to be courteous and not to upstage her. Some people present were less than complimentary.

A member of the Marketing and Communications Division observed that "Evita's dress was so far removed from the correct 'Rhodes Purple' in its colour that it made a mockery of the corporate identity programme." A new graduate, claiming to be the 'Chancellor of Globania' thought it all "a bit rude," although he was noticed trying to kiss Evita on her cheek shortly afterwards. Others were, however, quite taken by her appearance. The conductor of the Rhodes Jazz Band quickly re-arranged a well-known piece in her honour and invited her to conduct the result - a rousing rendition of *Hello, Skattie*. The Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor were most gracious in according her full diplomatic niceties. Rhodes Registrar, Dr Stephen Fourie, himself gownned in purple (of the right hue, nogall!), said that the incident was of no damaging consequence and that, while this year's graduates would have photographs for posterity, "a little different to the usual," he could not see any reason to review the usual security arrangements. "We have identified the loophole," he said. "She left through the shrubbery, leaving an easily followed trail of tins of cat food. The loophole - and the whole matter - are closed."

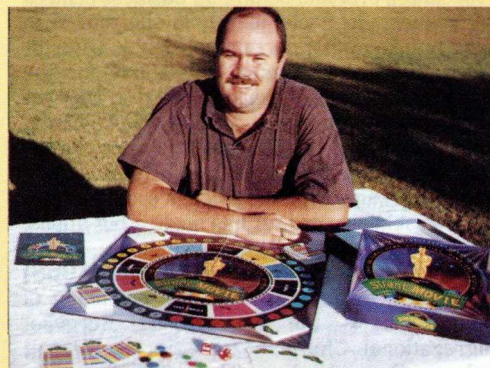


Mrs Bezuidenhout posing informally with a group of 1997 Rhodes graduates.

SILENT MOVIE

A new parlour game of movies, mime and mystery, conceived by Old Rhodian David Papenfus (1984), has recently been launched in South Africa. David, who has worked in Johannesburg for many years, says that his inspiration came during a game of Scrabble in 1994. He developed the idea together with a former colleague, Brad McCann and his girlfriend, Michelle Grizic. Called *Silent Movie*, the game is a formalised version of charades and is designed to appeal to all ages and backgrounds. No expert knowledge is required and categories include action/adventure, comedy, horror, musicals, science fiction, fantasy, thrillers and westerns. It's fun to play and keeps all players involved throughout. David and his friends have played the game more than 150 times and have never had a bad evening, even with people who claimed to

hate charades! Ster-Kinekor provided substantial financial backing and recently ran a cinema commercial for *Silent Movie*. The game is being sold in several chain and bookstores and there are plans to launch it in Australia, Europe and America next year.



David Papenfus (1984) with the newly launched parlour game, *Silent Movie*, which he devised with two friends.

A TRIBUTE TO TWO STRUBEN BOYS

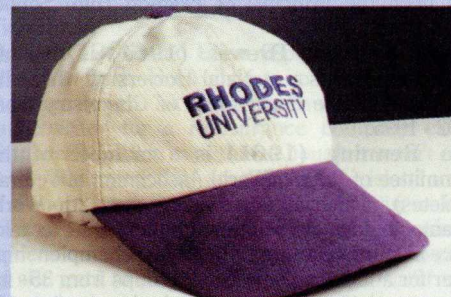
In memory of old friends Ken (Welsh) Broster (1952) and Vernon (Flash) Hunt (1952), Mike Barker (1952) sang the old "Struben Song" at the Durban Old Rhodian reunion in October last year. (In the April newsletter we incorrectly reported that the song had been sung by Bertie Wicks (1966).) Some of the Struben Boys of the early 1950s were: Ian Campbell (1952), Alistair Todd (1952), Pete Robinson (1952), Gat Hoal (1952), Mike Barker (1952), Doc de Villiers (1952), P C van Wyk (1952), Barry Falkson (1953), Mike Clarence (1953) and Gavin Pike (1953).

The Struben Song:

We are some of the Struben boys,
You see us wherever you go.
We sing our songs in showers
At all unearthly hours
We are expected at every show!!
As we go marching past the Women's Halls,
Doors and windows open wide
You can hear those Inkettes shout:
"Lady Wardens, let us out!
There go the Struben Boys!!!"

RHODES UNIVERSITY CAPS FOR SALE

Rhodes students enrolled for the post-graduate diploma in Enterprise Management this year are selling bull denim and corduroy Rhodes caps in a course requirement business venture. The caps are available to Old Rhodians for only R45, which includes postage and packaging. There are several styles of these top quality hats available: - blue corduroy crown and green peak - black corduroy crown and green peak - green denim crown and black peak - white denim crown and purple peak (illustrated).



White denim crown and purple peak. (Photograph by Rycherde Walters)

To order, simply mail your name, address, choice of hat and cheque for R45 (in name of CHAMM ENTERPRISES) to the Alumni Relations Office, Marketing & Communications Division, Rhodes University, P O Box 94, Grahamstown, 6140.

1920s

Oscar Tarboton (1924) is fit and well at the age of 92 and his wife has just turned 90.

1930s

Donald Sole (1934) wrote to tell us that as one of the founder members of the International Atomic Energy Agency, and as one of the two surviving leaders of the delegation to the Agency's first General Conference in 1957, he has been invited to attend the IAEA's 40th anniversary celebrations to be held in Vienna in September this year. He has also contributed to a commemorative volume to be published this year, as part of the anniversary.

Betty Conden (Muggleston) (1935) has moved from Selcourt to a retirement village, Shady Woods in Randburg. She would be interested in contacting other old Old Rhodians who may live nearby!

1940s

George Alers (1940) completed his degree in 1943 and after graduating, enlisted in the Royal Navy and gained a commission. At Rhodes he had the privilege to have included amongst his lecturers such outstanding men as Professors Dingemans, Rennie, Mike Roberts, Forbes, Peter Howarth and in his UED year, after the war, Professor Dan Morton. Today his life centres mainly around his family and his school. His wife, Frankie (Wooler) attended the Grahamstown Training College and between them they have completed 100 years in education! Their son, **David (1977)**, a cricketer, also went to Rhodes, where he met his wife, **Patti (Lawson) (1976)**. They both teach at Hudson Park in East London, where David is deputy headmaster. George and Frankie also have two lovely daughters and five grandchildren. Apart from his family, his school, Chaplin in Gweru has been his life. George arrived at there in standard 3 in 1930 and in his matric year was head boy and captain of rugby. After Rhodes and the navy, he was appointed to the staff of Chaplin and sixteen years later became headmaster, a post he remained in for seventeen years. He has been President of the Old Chaplin Association for thirty years. George sends greetings to all Rhodes friends of those golden years in a wonderful University.

Neil Emslie (1942) is still assisting with pastoral work of the Church of England in South Africa. He is also involved with MOTH, an ex-servicemen's organisation, having done publicity for the MOTH order's 70th anniversary in May.

Olive Muriel Townsend (Dixie)(1943) and her sister, **PM Dixie (1941)** have moved to the Westhaven Retirement Village in Florida, to be nearer to their family.

Yvonne Logan (Mather-Pike)(1946) and her husband have moved to Port Alfred after living in Grahamstown for 74 years.

Stafford Glass (1946) had a career as a university lecturer and school teacher during which time he obtained his MA and PhD degrees from Natal University. He is now retired and lives in Pretoria.

Cecilia Godden (Ingham)(1947) has returned to live in Cape Town, after 32 years in Port Elizabeth.

John Carver (1947) retired from MAST in Johannesburg at the end of July 1996. He and his wife Veda have retired to Cape Town where they have a house in Constantia. John is in touch with **Colin Bickle (1947)**, who now lives at Britannia Bay on the West Coast, also with **Anne Hope (1948)**, **Cecilia Godden (Ingham)** - see news above - and other Old Rhodians of his era.

1950s

Robin McGregor (1950) has just been appointed a member of the Competition Board. **Rowland (1952)** and **Jeanne (Hobson)(1955)** Thompson hope to return to Kenton in a few years time. Jeanne has taught at Pridwin for 18 years and Rowland runs his own Portfolio Management Business.

Professor **Peter Glavovic (1952)** received a PhD from the University of Natal. He has five children. He holds the Chair of Environmental Law, and is the Director of the Institute of Environmental Law at the University of Natal in Durban. He is also a senior partner in an environmental law firm, Ridl-Glavovic. He practised for 10 years in Zimbabwe (1957-1966) before going to Durban. He has run 13 consecutive Comrades Marathons, plays league squash, and partook of the Midmar Mile Swim and the Dusi canoe marathon. He joined the University of Natal's Law School after 24 years full-time practice as attorney. He is semi-retired at Mboma Mountain Estate, Karkloof and Umdloti Beach in Natal.

Rev George Martin (1952) is Headmaster of Lendy Park Primary School. He has given up running and is the Mashonaland East Bowling Singles Champion. He hopes to retire in 1999.

G M Todd (1953) and his wife have left Swaziland, after the recent sale of the Swaziland sugar and cattle ranch company, The Ren Syndicate Limited, which he managed from 1960 to 1992. They will be travelling between London and Knysna.

Arthur (1953) and **Jannette (Metcalfe)(1958)** **Townshend** have had all four of their children graduate from Rhodes, **Michael (1984)**, **Gillian (1986)**, **Anne (1989)** and **Peter (1991)**. Arthur's mother, **Nan (1960)** and father, **Pip (1972)** were also graduates of Rhodes University. Arthur and Jannette have moved from Natal to Grahamstown.

Marjorie Noelle Martin (Hallier)(1955) married Kenneth in the Wesley Methodist Church in Central Pretoria. He is a BSc graduate in electrical engineering from Natal University. They have lived in Pretoria for most of their lives, except for ten years spent in Bloemfontein. Ken worked for Telkom until he retired at the end of March 1993. He was awarded a gold medal and elected an honorary Life Member by the Society of Telkom Engineers for his long service to the Society. Marjorie has worked for the Government Department of Health and for the Simon van der Stel Foundation.

Michael John Holmes (1956) retired in 1985 after 29 years with the Nedcor group. He is working from home and is able to play more golf, run and watch cricket.

Andrew Murray Bennett (1956) is living in Bronkhorstspuit. He is a vegetable farmer, which he thinks will amuse some of his old scholastic friends.

Helen Granville (Honey)(1957), previously Van Hoof, remarried in 1990, after her first husband died ten years ago. After 39 years of working as an accountant, Helen has retired and now runs a business making patchwork quilts and wall hangings. She is living in Zimbabwe.

Ann Mary Cooper (Alison)(1957) has bought a farm at Waterval Boven.

Chris Everett (1959) attended the Bulawayo OR reunion in May was delighted to meet up with his contemporaries, Dave and Charlotte Woods again. He also met Paddy Ewer (McLelland), the daughter-in-law of his great friends, the late "Griff" and Jakes Ewer. The reunion brought back fond memories of late nights in the Great Hall, setting lights for the various University stage productions. Chris was a member of the "Technical" staff for four of his years at Rhodes - much to the horror of Prof Gledhill! After leaving Rhodes, he taught for some 16 years at Northlea High School in Bulawayo before being promoted to lecturer in charge of Science at the Bulawayo Teachers College. In 1982 he left teaching for a more lucrative career in industry, rising to the position of technical director in a large stationery manufacturing concern (Marvo) in Bulawayo. During this time he was thrown into the computer world and developed a great love for the infernal machines. He has since left the industrial world and has started his own company, Everlea Computer Services, supporting mainly Pastel Accounting Software in Bulawayo - quite a change from Physics! Chris maintains that Rhodes' discipline in learning has stood him in great stead. His wife, Lorna, has been a sales director at Marvo for 20 years and they have three daughters. The eldest, Jenny Rose (1991) is currently doing articles at Coopers & Lybrand.

Margaret Klauser (Scott)(1959) has three children, Sarah, a graduate of Lancaster University, Peter, MSc Computer Science graduate from Bristol University and Alice, still at Stronal School in Willshire. Margaret's husband, Theo, is Chief Executive Officer at Nestle in China.

1960s

Peter Barrowman (1960) took early retirement from teaching at the end of 1991, after 15 years as Headmaster of Komga Secondary School, due to re-organisation of the school to primary status. He bought a franchise in Master Maths, for teaching extra Maths, which is what he has been doing ever since. His daughter qualified at Stellenbosch and is now at UPE.

Daphne ffolliott (1961) received the Port Elizabeth Rotary Club Annual Award of Honour, for her dedication to the teaching profession. Daphne has been the Principal of Pearson High School since 1992.

Siegfried Ernst Drewes (1961) is now an Emeritus Professor at Natal University, where he was head of the department of Chemistry from 1992 - 1995.

Leo Benning (1961) is a member of the committee of WAVA (World Association of Veteran Athletes), which is supervising the 12th World Championships of veteran athletes, due to take place in Durban in July 1997. These championships cater for athletes in 5-year age groups from 35+ for women and 40+ for men right into the nineties. He is the SA Veteran Athletics (SAVA) statistician and also the Executive Chairman of Western Province Veterans. At the recent SAVA Championships in Durban he won the high jump, the 300m hurdles and the 200m steeplechase in the age group, men, 60-64. Leo also assists with sport on a part-time basis at Tafelberg School in Sea Point.

Wilfred Meyer (1961) wrote to let us know that Old Rhodian geology students once again met for breakfast at the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada's annual convention in Toronto, in early March this year. It was the



Eric Cunningham (1962), Wilfried Meyer (1961), Hamish McGregor (1956), Maureen Watts (Thornhill) (1974), Peter Waterman (1975), Tony Watts (1972), Gerhard Meyer (1963), Willem Fuchter (1976) and (inset) Michael Klugman (1947). Also at the convention, but not at the breakfast, were Anthony Ransom (1965) and Volker Petzel (1985).

biggest convention ever in the 60-year history of the PDAC, with over 7000 delegates registered.

J Christopher Meyer (1963) has been living in Vancouver for the past 20 years and is a partner in the law firm of Watson Goepel Maledy. He is married to a Canadian and has two children. He has recently been appointed Honorary Consul for South Africa for the Province of British Columbia and the Yukon Territory. He would be pleased to hear from any Old Rhodians in the area, with a view to establishing an ORU Club for the Province of British Columbia, and would like old classmates to contact him. Tel: (604) 688 1301 (w) and Fax: (604) 688 8193.

Norman David Trethewey (1964) has spent a few very interesting years at Sua Pan in northern Botswana. During his stay he met up with Old Rhodian friends in Zimbabwe, **Rich Wilde (1964)** and his wife **Robyn (Hart)(1966)** and **Steve Bardwell (1965)** and his wife **Colleen (West)(1966)**. **Alistair Keith Kenyon (1965)** is Senior Divisional Research Geologist with Anglo American. His wife Jenny is with the Open Learning Systems Educational Trust as a Teacher Developer and is currently doing an MA at Rhodes.

Jenny Kirkland (Hill-Lewis)(1966) is still farming in Zululand. Her eldest daughter has a tour company on the Great Barrier Reef and her two sons study in Durban. Jenny is involved in a wonderful project where hundreds of housewives all over Natal collect plastic packets for a recycling project. Jenny trains up to 15 rural communities a month, where they learn to weave and crochet doormats, beach mats, sun hats and bags, earning up to R600 per month each. Her wonderful husband donates all costs.

Bill (1966) and **Sue (Goddard)(1966)** Gordon have moved to Kloof, Durban. Bill was promoted to SDAR head office in Pinetown, after 23 years in Cape Town. Their daughter remains in Cape Town. Prof **John Gouws (1966)** and his wife, **Anne (Will) (1983)** are the proud parents of a daughter, Mary Ruth, born on 7 November 1996. John became head of the English department at Rhodes at the beginning of last year. In the same year, **Ivan Rabinowitz (1966)**, his exact contemporary, took over as head of the UNISA Department of English.

Albert Edward Honey (1967) is still active, teaching and training bands, arranging and composing for choral and instrumental ensembles. **Gillian Theunissen Horsley (1967)** spent last year as the Director of Olympic Services for the Centennial Olympic Games and Paralympic games in Atlanta. It was a wonderful experience, entailing the direction of the first public information program for spectators ever and setting up business centres at all venues. In September 1996 she moved to Beijing to take up her current position as Director of the Office of Community Relations for the International School of Beijing. There is an ever-growing SA community in Beijing and Gillian is drinking Ceres juice for the first time since she left SA for the States in 1992! The Rob Kaplan story (see his Web page on fighting violence and crime in SA: www.robkaplan.org.za) has made a big impact and the 50 000 expats are abuzz with it all.

Roland (1968) and **Elsie (Dunstan)(1968)** **Steel** moved to Cape Town at the beginning of 1996. Ron is the Minister at Bergvliet Congregational Church. Elsie is teaching at Wynberg Boys High. They are living in Noordhoek and are really enjoying the Cape.

Peter Southey (1968) was made Managing Director of Nedbank (Swaziland) in January 1997. He loves the country and the people and is enjoying the challenge.

Demetris Palos (1968) is now serving in the "World Church in Britain Partnership" in Birmingham and teaching part-time at Queens College. He completed eight years as General Secretary of Christian Citizenship of the Methodist Church in December 1996.

Rob (1968) and **Caro (Eva)(1971)** **Heard** have moved to Pretoria. Rob is still a scientist at the Atomic Energy Corporation while Caro has started her own advertising and PR business. **Kingsley (1968)** and **Jessie (Cook)(1976)** **Dale** have moved to Bryanstan where Kingsley is minister at St Mungo's United Church. Jessie is painting again and children Heather, Jonathan and Bethany are at school.

Marguerite Oosthuizen (Poland)(1968) now has her doctorate. Her great-grandfather, Rev A W Brereton was the first Registrar of Rhodes and her grandfather **VCHR Brereton** one of the first six students. Her uncle was also at Rhodes (**DC Brereton**), and when she arrived here in 1968 she was one of the first fourth generation Rhodians, along with Sir Basil Schonland's grandson. Her grandfather was the most ardent Old Rhodian, attending every reunion in Cape Town (she thinks he was the chairman at one time). He died in 1977 at the age of 90. Marguerite hopes that one of her daughters will go to Rhodes, as there is a long and happy tradition to uphold.

Judith Shopley (1969) really enjoys receiving the newsletter, but as a 1969 starter, finds that these days the Old Rhodian news for her is in the middle section! Judith is the manager of SANCA Information & Resource Centre, a specialised substance abuse research, lending and reference facility, where she makes use of her social work skills as well as being the librarian. Over the years she has served on various library interest groups and is presently Chairman of Medlib (Medical Librarians) and the PRO of her choir. Judith enjoys hiking and the outdoors and still keeps in contact with **Patti Rosenberg (Botha) (1969)**, **Yolandi Dreyer (Yui) (1969)** and **Ruth Kay (1969)**.

Andy (1969) and **Fran (Hayward)(1969)** **Lawrence** are happy to be living in the most beautiful city in the world, Simonstown, Cape Town. Andy is the Regional Manager for a multi-media development company and Fran represents a documentation specialist company. Their son Mark is reading for his Masters in Electrical Engineering at UCT. Their daughter Kirby is in her final year in Physiotherapy at UCT.

Kathleen Satchwell (1969) was appointed as Judge of the High Court, Transvaal Provincial Division, in October 1996.

Julie Reinette Streicher (Norden)(1969) started as Editor of External and Internal Publications of the agricultural company, WPK Agriculture in Malmesbury in May. She has two children who study and live in Stellenbosch.

1970s

Peter Kenneth Ward (1970) is married and has two daughters, Michelle (12) and Karen (10), both at Roedeand. He has been a partner at Deloitte & Touche for over 14 years. He still has contact with fellow Old Rhodians, **Mike Tanner (1970)**, **Keith Willows (1970)**, **Monkey Edwards (1970)** and **Rob Jones (1970)**.

David Bekker (1970) and **Jessica (Mackintosh-Hay) (1972)** are married with three children: Danielle, 20, a final year student in chemical engineering at WITS; Rozlyn, 18, in her first year of Medicine at WITS and David, who is 15 years old and in Std 8 at Sandringham High School. David senior is Group Personnel Manager at Marley (SA) (Pty) Ltd and until recently Jess has been involved in aviation medicine, doing medical evacuations of the sick and injured, from all over the world through Europe Assistance. She has now been appointed Duty Manager at Virgin Atlantic. The Bekkers can be contacted on e-mail: bekker@netactive.co.za

Christian Louis van Wyk (1971) is the owner of CitiChem Pharmacy and is married with two children. He send regards to Graham House old boys from 1971/1972.

Stephen George Buckland (1971) is now living in Zimbabwe. He completed his PhD in the Divinity Faculty at Cambridge in 1997 and is now teaching at Ampe College, a Jesuit College in Harare.

Richard Mackrory (1972) and **Lynda (1975) (Brookstein)** have been in New Zealand since January this year. It is different but they are enjoying the life style and their children are flourishing in the new school environment. The Kiwis are generally friendly, which has made the transition easier. They would love fellow ORs to contact them at 1 Cheval Drive, Glenfield, Auckland, New Zealand or e-mail: mackers@ihug.co.nz

Jake Alletson (1972) formed Alletson Ecologicals, an environmental consultancy, in 1997. **Marjorie Courtenay-Latimer (1972)(PhD, Honoris Causa)** experienced a most wonderful 90th birthday on 24 February 1997, with letters from all over the world and flowers and phone calls from many people.

Barbara Anne Curtis (1972) is back in Windhoek, doing environmental consultancy work. **Gordon David Bonellie (1973)** qualified in 1979 at UCT with a MB ChB. He married Moira Nelson in 1981, the sister of Heather Nelson (1970), who was the Rag Queen. He has his own private practice in Cape Town, as obstetrician and gynaecologist. They have two children, Kate-Lyn (13) and David (11).

Bert Stakenborg (1973) let us know that he had recently located a long-time friend, thanks to Rhodes and the Internet. She is **Zita Naun (1974)** who now lives in Centurion, Gauteng. He reports that she received a UED from Unisa in 1982. She has two children, Natalie (17) and Ryan (18) and teaches Std 10s at Hoerskool Swartkop in Pretoria.

OLD RHODIAN NEWS (Cont.)

Peter Rhys Dalbock (1973) is in the gospel ministry, pastoring the Plumstead SDA Church, after 17 years with the Cape Education Department.

Matthew (1973) and **Nicolette (Maynier) (1975) Guiney** have two daughters, one in Std 9 and the other in Std 6. Matthew is the Deputy Head of the South African College High School, and Nicolette is the Sales Managing Director for Plexicorsa.

Tom Davey (1974) has recently moved to Port Elizabeth where he has been appointed headmaster of Theodore Herzl School.

Thomas Frederick van der Nest (1974) is a pensioner, living in Kwelera.

Michael Williams (1974) moved to Atlanta, Georgia, in 1977 and is Manager of VIP Travel in Los Angeles.

John Bruce Robertson (1974) was appointed Principal of Tamboerskloof Primary School in January.

Michael Anthony Howarth (1975) is living and working in Johannesburg, as a stockbroker for Edey Rogers & Co, a division of ABSA Bank.

Dr Jeff (1975) Peires is Director of Economic Affairs / Environment and Tourism for the Northern region of the Eastern Cape (Queenstown area). His wife, Mary-Louise, who is an ex-staff member of Rhodes, has resigned from Unitra to join him in Queenstown.

Barry Lotz (1976) resides in Devon, England.

Marisa Patricia Stevens (Everitt) (1976) has moved back to Grahamstown, from Bisho.

Vaughn Galloway (1976) has been working as a pharmacy manager for Pharma Plus Drugmarts in Canada for the past 7 years and would like to hear from any Old Rhodians he knew. Vaughn can be contacted at: 277 Haig Road, Belleville, Ontario, K8N 5E5, Canada or e-mail: vgall@bel.auracom.com

Noel Smith (1976) has been appointed a new director to the Board of Acacia Holdings. He had been responsible for Acacia Holdings' agricultural supply companies since 1991, when he joined E W Tarry as managing director. Following the acquisition by Acacia of Tinto Industries in 1994, he was appointed managing director of the combined agricultural divisions, which were named Agriquip. He had previously been in management positions with Duly's and Plessey.

Peter Mann (1976) is still working for Anglo American, but has been sent to work in Kitwe, Zambia as an exploration geologist.

Denver Hendricks (1977), previously at the University of Port Elizabeth as Director of Student Affairs, and is now Director-General of Sport in the Government.

Robyn Raw (Davis) (1977) has been married to her husband, Walter, who works for Old Mutual, for 13 years. Robyn does locums in Pietermaritzburg and Howick, which gives her time to spend with her two sons, Philip (9) and Charles (6).

Ali Ridgway (1977) is married to Julia and they are living in Somerset West. They have three children, Taryn (6), Stuart (4) and Dean (1). He has just been appointed the financial director of a subsidiary in the Polifill Group of Companies and still supports Manchester United.

William Rae (1977) has recently moved with his wife, Kerry, and children, Stephen and Heather, to Durban, where he is working in the department of medical physics at Addington Hospital.

Miles Clarke (1977) occasionally "tours" the Rhodes home page and it was our picture of the campus that prompted him to write. Grahamstown always holds special memories, he thinks largely because one tends to walk the town so much. His journalism career in SA included stints on the Argus in Cape Town and in radio news at the SABC in Sea Point. He emigrated to Australia in 1989 with immaculate timing - PW was still in power and once he'd irrevocably burnt every bridge, SA changed forever! Miles spent three years as editor of a trade publication aimed at the conference and incentive travel industries and in late 1992 launched his own business, Miles Clarke Communications, providing writing and PR services, mostly to the tourism and hospitality industries. Other journalism ORs he has come across in Australia include **Trish Murphy (1977)**, **Liz van den Nieuwenhof (1975)**, **Simon Butler-White (1977)** and **John Kingsley Jones (1975)**. Miles would happily respond by email to any ORs who may have queries about the great land of Oz: mccmcc@ozemail.com.au

Brian Trinder (1978) is still living in Gisborne, New Zealand and really enjoys his work in a very busy retail pharmacy. He and his family love New Zealand and have settled down well. Brian would like his Pharmacy friends to e-mail him: brian.t@bpc.co.nz

Barry West (1978) is happily married to Jenni, and they have two beautiful twin daughters. He is also very happy in his 16th year of teaching at Cambridge Junior School in East London.

Lindy Henry (Cooke) (1978) married Malcolm and they have two daughters, aged four and two. They are living in Tokai, Cape Town. Malcolm is a medical doctor, practising in Fish Hoek.

Danny Andropoulos (1978) joined **Allan Lowndes (1974)** as a partner in his legal practice (Smit and Lowndes) in 1985, practising out of Johannesburg. In 1990 they were joined by **Simon**

Pratt (1977) and in 1996 by **Phillip Jones (1974)**. Along the way, they have had other Old Rhodians such as **Michael Tilney (1985)**, **Kevin Jones (1990)** and **Jacky Pirc (1991)**, working with them.

Grace Welsh (Aling) (1978) married David. They have two sons and live in Mpumalanga. After leaving Rhodes, she gained her MA (Registration of Oils) in Newcastle.

Janette Strachan (1978) is the Principal of Parkhurst Primary School in Johannesburg.

Julia Denny-Dimitriou (Denny) (1978) is still working as a journalist and has also been ordained as a self-supporting deacon in the Anglican Church. **Charles Dixon (1979)** was due to retire in June this year, after three and a half years of teaching Science and English at Butterworth High School. Charles and his wife, Anne, plan to move back to their old house in Graaff-Reinet.

Margaret Beaumont (Sugden) (1979) married Guy. They have two children, Amy (6) and Josh (6 months) and live in East London.

Peter (1979) and **Elise (Thorvaldsen) (1980) Macadam** moved to Christchurch, New Zealand in June 1997. Their two children, Stuart (5) and Simonne (3), will soon be joined by another, who will be the first NZ citizen in the family.

Paul Sulter (1979) married **Nicola (de Kock) (1978)**. They have two children, Philip (born 1990) and James (born 1994). They live in Randburg. Paul has been a freelance copywriter since 1996 and Nicola obtained her HED from Unisa in 1996. She has been a teacher-librarian at St John's Prep School since January 1997.

Terry Anne Bosman (Springer) (1979) is working in regulatory affairs for Pharmacia & Upjohn in Johannesburg. She has two children aged seven and five.

Janet Rita Thorpe (1979) lives in Cape Town where she is Development Manager in the Information Technology Division at Syfrets. She is married to Brendan Manca and they have a three-year old son.

1980s

Leone Marais (1980) has been working at MTN (Cellular Network) for the past three years. Last year she worked in the fraud department. Her e-mail address is: marais1@mtn.co.za

Raymond (1980) and **Andrea (Goldschmidt) (1981) Muller** live in Johannesburg. They have two children, Nicholas (4) and Caitlin (1). Raymond is the Hospital Business Unit Manager for Eli-Lilly, South Africa.

Russell Jones (1980) has worked for Sappi Limited most of the time since leaving Rhodes in 1983. He spent seven and a half years in SA in various positions and then five years in Europe as Group Information Technology Manager. He left Sappi in June 1996 and took three months off to travel. He joined Carter Holt Harvey, a large New Zealand forest products company, in October 1996 and he and his wife have now settled in Auckland. **Alice Callinicos (Robertson) (1980)** lives in Harare. She has four children and has her own film company.

Christian (1981) and **Amanda (Sherman) (1978)** moved back to Grahamstown in July this year. Christian will manage the African Musical Instruments Factory.

Stafford Rorke (1981) has been very active indeed since he left Rhodes in 1985. He worked at Vaal Reefs Exploration and Mining Co, Orkney as sport administrator/biokineticist before moving on to the Altech Group, Boksburg where he was manager: health and fitness. Next came a stint at the University of Zululand as a lecturer in human movement science, after which he obtained a PhD from UPE in 1992. This was followed by some time working for First National Bank as the manager of a group wellness programme. In 1993 Stafford emigrated to Canada with his wife, Ruth and daughters, Coral and Claire, where he joined the University of Regina as administrator/lecturer. Two months ago he accepted a post as Visiting Professor and Acting Director of the Exercise Science Program in the School of Health Sciences at Oakland University, Michigan, USA. He visited SA briefly last year, when his father passed away, and became quite homesick afterwards.

Caryn Ebstein (Danielsen) (1981) married Mel on 12 April 1997 in Pinelands, Cape Town.

Michelle de Fotard Brown (Sabbagh) (1981) has two daughters aged seven and five years. She is working as a pharmacist at a community health centre in Uitenhage.

Fiona Kemball (Thurston) (1981) is married to Dr Athol Kemball (1979) and they have two children, Jeremy and Steven. They live in New Mexico, USA.

Dr Beryl Ensor-Smith (Andrews) (1982) obtained her Doctorate in Music (DMus) in 1995. She has now relocated to Simonstown.

Colin Hobson (1982) has been transferred to California to continue working in GIS at Autodesk Inc. **Janet (Ledingham) (1982)**, twins Bryn and Jared (5) and daughter, Erin (1), will join him in the USA. His Email address is: colin.hobson@autodesk.com

Deanne Lee Fetting (Watson) (1982) has two lovely daughters, Melanie (2) and Toni (7 months).

She lives in East London.

Diane Austen (1982) is teaching at the Sacred Heart Boys College in Auckland, New Zealand.

Michelle Curry (Enslin) (1982) is married and had a daughter in 1996. She would like to get in touch with **Alison Muggleton (1982)**, **Margie Bott (1982)**, **Rosy Green (1982)** and **Janet Maclaren (1982)**. Her address is: P O Box 13, Bromley, Zimbabwe.

Graham (1984) and **Gail (Thomas) (1983) Mosdell** live in Johannesburg. Graham is Marketing Manager of Informix and Gail is a part-time housewife, doing computer consulting from home. They have a son, Tyler (4) and a daughter, Erin (2).

Bryn Lewis (1984) married **Karen (Edwards) (1986)** in 1992 and they have a son. Bryn worked for Whitesides Attorneys in Grahamstown for five years and has now opened a financial consultancy in the thriving town of Port Alfred.

Deborah Martindale (1984) lives in Grahamstown. She is still working at Rhodes University and at the same time is studying BBil through Unisa. She has a son (2) and is in regular contact with **Shirley (Robinson) Screen (1988)** and **Nicky (Cowley) Harris (1989)**.

Caroline Elliott (Handler) (1984) married Clive on 5 April 1997 in Grande Roche Chapel in Paarl. **Mary-Jane Rose (Hillier) (1984)** married John Rose in January 1995. Their son, Richard, was born in February 1996.

Saleem Chicktay (1984) graduated from Rhodes in 1986 and emigrated to Canada from the United States in 1993. He is working for a growing information technology company, as a consultant working on various projects like Internet/Intranet. Saleem says that although Toronto is a beautiful city, but no matter where you go you will always miss your roots. E-Mail: Saleem-Chicktay@lgs.ca

Cameron Searle (1984) is Marketing Manager at Lever Ponds in Durban.

Robert Driman (1984) obtained an LLB from Wits in 1989 after graduating from Rhodes with a BJourn. He married Clare Hollands, a psychiatrist, in Durban in June 1995. He is a partner at Deney's Reitz, a large national law firm, where he specialises in commercial litigation from its Johannesburg office. His e-mail address is: drirob@hotmail.com

Monica Clark (Williamson) (1985) emigrated to South Island, New Zealand in May 1997, together with her husband, Raymond, and daughters Phillipa and Tarryn.

Wendy-Anne Wilson (1985) has just returned from working in Northern Botswana. She is a quality assurance pharmacist at PBM in Cape Town.

Patrick Boltler (1985) is living in Cape Town. He is director/owner of The Language Teaching Centre, a private school that teaches English to foreigners.

Jane Swain (Moore) (1985) married Brad in April 1995. She is Features Editor on Film and Broadcast magazine. In May 1996 she was at the Everest Base Camp as part of the Everest expedition support group. Her son, Jonathan, was born in March 1997.

Peter Driessel (1985) married Janine Tullet from England in February 1991. They are both involved in the diving business. Peter was the first South African Diving Course Director. They both qualified in America before returning to South Africa to open their own business. Peter is now Regional Manager for Africa and the Middle East for PADI International Limited and only spends about 55 days a year in South Africa.

Helen Ilsley (Achterberg) (1985) married Rob Ilsley in 1993 and they have two children. She has established her own management consultancy firm and is joint Managing Director.

Douglas Bramsen (1985) returned from England in 1994. He joined the Medical Aid Society of Central Africa in Bulawayo, as the Deputy Chief Executive.

Claire Knollys (1986) completed an HDE Pre-primary in Cape Town and is presently teaching in Fish Hoek.

Russel (1986) and **Ellen (Spaargaren) (1987) Brooke** have been living in Bermuda since October when he was headhunted to be an underwriter for a reinsurance company called TempestRe. Ellen says that although it wasn't easy in the beginning, they are enjoying the island more and more each day. She is not working as it is difficult to get employed with all jobs being offered to Bermudians before ex-pats, but doesn't complain as she gets to play a lot of tennis and meet new people instead.

Alain Mehl (1986) recently moved to Perth, Australia. He is married to Katja and they have a daughter, Alexandra who is one and a half years old. Alain works for On Demand Digital Printing & Copying as a computer operator. See their web page: www.ondemand.com.au

Conan (1986) and **Leanne (Macdonald) (1985) Olivier** have moved to Johannesburg after many years of involvement with the Rhodes and Grahamstown communities. Conan has been appointed sports officer at the University of the Witwatersrand and Leanne is a financial administrator at a private research company. They

have bought a house in Edenvale with a big garden for their children, Jess and Nike.

Lisa Orffer (Adcock) (1986) is happily married to Andrew and they have a daughter, Taryn-Lee. She works as a human resources manager in Johannesburg.

Caryn French (Knott) (1986) married Glenn in August 1996. He is an ex-jockey, now a racehorse trainer, so they spend their Saturday afternoons at Borrowdale Race Course in Harare. She has been a manager in a retail group of pharmacies for the past three years.

After leaving Rhodes, **Leigh-Ann Vetch (1986)** travelled overseas for a year and a half. On her return, she worked as a travel consultant in Johannesburg. In 1997 she moved to Cape Town where she is still in the travel industry and very happy.

Marjon van der Westhuizen (Luchs) (1986) has been living in Zimbabwe since the end of 1990. She is married to a tobacco farmer, Rob van der Westhuizen, and they have two children, Saskia (3) and Jordan (2). Marjon is in charge of all the administration and bookkeeping on the farm and has opened a small school for labourers' children. She would like to know the whereabouts of her fellow BPrimEd students and is interested in organising a ten-year reunion in 1998-99 for students and lecturers of that period. Her address is P O Box 240, Chegutu, Zimbabwe.

Russell Nelson (1986) is working as a management accountant for Kromberg and Schubert in East London. He married Karin (Wagner) (1986) in September 1995.

Douglas Fairall (1986) worked and travelled through the United Kingdom and North America for three and a half years after leaving Rhodes. He has since settled in Harare, where he is working at a merchant bank. He married Chantelle in December 1995. His e-mail address is: dougfa@mbca.gaia.co.zw

Angelique McInnes (Sweetman) (1986) married Hugh on 30 November 1996 and lives in Christchurch, New Zealand. She is studying for an MCom at Lincoln University and is also lecturing there.

Lumkile Ndevu (1986) is a part-time student at UCT. He is also a consultant at Old Mutual in Cape Town.

Winsome de Wet (Jackson) (1987) has recently moved to Hilton, Natal. She has a daughter, Robyn (2).

After lecturing at Technikon Natal for over six years, **Dione Johnson (1987)** has decided to venture forth into the great unknown - via London. She tells us that she still can't stop the partying that started at Rhodes! She has kept her address in Durban from where mail will be forwarded and would love to hear from any of her old HMS buddies. Her address is 7 Jabula Hill, Umhlanga, 4320. **Ant Hudson (1987)** has recently moved to Durban where he is Regional Manager of Foschini Stores in Natal. He is currently doing his MBA on a part-time basis. He reports that he has still not mastered golf but is trying.

Graham Tasker (1987) worked for Da Gama Textiles for four years. He has now taken up a position with de Beers as a production accountant at the diamond mine in Oranjemund. He has been happily married to Tracey Johnson since May 1996. **David (1987)** and **Lyn (McMurchie) (1988)** Murray are living in New York. David is working for Morgan Grenfell Deutsche Bank, on the equity side.

Diana du Preez (Crouch) (1987) married Paul in January 1997. They are living and working in Sydney, Australia.

Julia Seal-Swanepoel (Seal) (1987) and her husband, Pete Swanepoel (1986), left in May 1997 to explore America, thereafter Europe and hopefully Australia.

Gary Baker (1988) married Lorri on 16 December 1995. They live in Port Elizabeth. He is in contact with **Andrew McLean (1987)** and **Cheryl Wright (1988)**.

Janine Hoek (1988) lectured in Psychology at Fort Hare after she left Rhodes. Last year she moved back to East London with her husband and baby son, Ulrich (1).

Andrew (1988) and **Wendy (Venter) (1989) Seirlis** were married in December 1993. They have a daughter, Hannah, born in 1996. Andrew works at PG Industries Zimbabwe as part of a team looking to improve the performance of the business.

Nichola Erasmus (Lourens) (1988) is married to Christian (1988). She is a social worker at St Michaels Children's Home in Cape Town.

Rebecca Pointer (1988) has recently bought a house. She will be getting married to Peter van Heusden in April 1998. She is working as the publishing co-ordinator at an adult basic education NGO.

Alice Aubrey (Hulley) (1988) married Garth in March this year and is living in Honeydew. She started working at the Witwatersrand National Botanical Gardens in June.

Susan Hughes (1988) is currently on a working holiday overseas, based in London for the last year. She recently became engaged to a Zimbabwean.

Resabel Geelan (Riego de Dios) (1988)

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OBITUARIES

Winsome F Barker (1926)

(Obituary by John Rourke, curator of Kirstenbosch Gardens)

The death of Winsome Barker on 27 December 1994 at Wynberg was more than just the close of a long chapter in the history of Kirstenbosch. It was the end of an era for the Compton Herbarium. Miss Barker arrived at Kirstenbosch in 1929 to take up the Solly Scholarship and continued to devote her time to the herbarium until the late 1980s, long after her retirement in 1972. The story of her life and work is essentially the history of the founding and early development of the Compton Herbarium at Kirstenbosch. Buddy, as she was known to her friends, graduated with a BSc from Rhodes in 1928 with the highest marks in Botany and Zoology. She declined a University Scholarship to undertake an MSc in Botany, but instead accepted the Solly Scholarship offered by the newly established National Botanic Gardens at Kirstenbosch for a young graduate wishing to study the South African Flora. For the two year duration of the scholarship, she was under the wing of her guide and mentor, Louisa Bolus, the curator of the Bolus Herbarium, a dedicated and thorough teacher. In 1933 Buddy was offered an appointment as Botanical Assistant to Professor Compton, the Director of Kirstenbosch. This was the first purely scientific post created by the Trustees of the National Botanic Gardens. In 1938 the Bolus Herbarium was relocated to the Rondebosch campus of the University of Cape Town and in 1940 Buddy accepted the responsibility for developing the new Compton Herbarium. By the mid 1950s the herbarium had grown to 70000 sheets, increasing to 110000 sheets by the time she retired. Over 10000 of these were her own collections made mainly in the Western Cape and Namaqualand. A steadfast commitment to the goal of building up the herbarium meant that there was little time available for research. Despite the constraints she retained a strong interest in the Amaryllidaceae and Liliaceae, especially *Lachenalia*, on which she published extensively. All her publications were illustrated with her own drawings and at least 35 of her colour plates were published in *The Flowering Plants of South Africa* between 1930 and 1938. Buddy Barker was a modest, self-effacing person who eschewed the limelight and was never happier than when she was getting on with the job she did so well. Her work in the Compton Herbarium was an outstanding achievement for which she will be remembered and honoured as one of the National Botanical Institute's great pioneers. Her name is commemorated in several South African plants, among them *Leucadendron barkeriae* I. Williams, *Haemanthus barkeriae* Snijman, *Lachenalia barkeriana* U. Mull-Doblies and *Romulea barkeriae* M.P. de Vos.

Dr Richard Saunders (1926)

Richard Lorraine de Chasteneay Holbourne Saunders (MD, FRMS, FRSE, FRSA) of West Jeddore, Nova Scotia, Canada, died on 21 December 1995, at home, aged 87. Born in Grahamstown, he was the youngest son of the late Col. Frederick Anastasius and Lucy Anderson (Meiklejohn) Saunders. Educated at St Andrew's College and Rhodes University, he graduated from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, first as an MB ChB, then with the postgraduate degree of MD for work on spina bifida. Before coming to Canada in 1937, he was Visiting Physician at the Settlers' Hospital, Grahamstown, House Surgeon at the Royal Infirmary, Bradford, England, and Lecturer and Demonstrator in Anatomy at the University of Edinburgh. During most of his long career at Dalhousie University, he was Campbell Professor and Head of the Department of Anatomy, becoming Professor Emeritus in 1973. A gifted and highly regarded teacher and researcher, he founded the Anatomy Museum which bears his name, developed the Pathology Museum, designed the University mace and coat of arms and was consultant for the revised Nova Scotia Anatomy Act and Human Tissue Act of 1964. He received international acclaim for his pioneering work on the medical, especially neurological, applications of x-ray and electron microscopy. His research in this field was undertaken at Dalhousie and at the Cavendish Laboratory, University of Cambridge, England, the Montreal Neurological Institute, the Instituto Rocha Cabral, Lisbon, Portugal, the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, England and the Bowman-Grey Medical School, Winston-Salem, NC. He was most recently Consultant in Microfocal Radiography for the Cerebro-Vascular Project of the National Institutes of Health, Washington, DC. He was a Fellow of the Royal Microscopical Society, the Royal Society of Edinburgh, the Royal Society of Arts and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He was also a member of the American Association of Anatomists, the New York Academy of Science, the *Alpha Eta* Chapter of *Phi Rho* Sigma (honoris causa) and *Alpha Omega Alpha*. An accomplished painter in oils and watercolours, he was a former member of the Board of Governors of the Nova Scotia College of Art and a member of the American Physicians' Art Association. He was predeceased by his wife, the former Sarah (Moya) Cameron Macintyre and is survived by his son, Alastair Corston de Cusance Maxwell, of Dartmouth.

Rev Donald (Roy) Briggs (1947)

Roy Briggs received his BD in 1952, shortly after Rhodes became a University as opposed to a University college. For one year, therefore, he was the only person in the world entitled to wear that hood! He served churches in Cape Town, Durban and Pretoria and after his retirement to Pietermaritzburg he continued to serve as acting minister in two churches.

He died in Cape Town on 28 December 1996 and leaves his wife Audrey, three children and three grand children.

Frank Streeten (1947)

(Obituary from *The London Times*)

Reginald Hawkins Streeten, known as Frank, was born in Bloemfontein on March 19 1928. He received a degree in English and Classics from Rhodes in 1947 and retained his interest in classical civilisation throughout his life. After leaving Rhodes he obtained an external LLB from UNISA and while studying, worked from 1948 to 1952 as Registrar to Mr Justice G Steyn of the Cape Provincial Division of the Supreme Court of South Africa. He soon formed the opinion that under the Nationalist Government there was no room in South Africa for someone of English descent and moved to Rhodesia in 1952. In 1966 he made the difficult decision to leave Africa, where he saw no future for himself or his family. His first eleven years in London were spent as a member of the Statute Law Revision team and he succeeded as its head in 1978. In the next 15 years he was responsible for four large Statute Law (Repeals) Acts and a large part of the 1995 Act was initially prepared under his direction. He extended the scope and techniques of statute law revision on such a scale as to amount to major innovation and widened the range of sources used for research. Privately he kept much to himself and it was only at his funeral that many of his friends learnt anything of his work achievements, and his colleagues discovered his love of playing the organ and his keenness on sports such as watersports, gymnastics, tennis and walking. Frank died on 4 April 1997, aged 69 and is survived by his Swedish wife, Bodile, whom he married in 1962, and two sons.

Joseph (Joe) William Truter (1949)

(Obituary by Rev Howard Kirkby (1947))

On 6 May 1929 Joe was born into the large family of Mr and Mrs Fred Truter of Grahamstown. He attended Graeme College, progressing well in class and soon discovering the joys of cricket and athletics. After matriculating in 1948, Joe went to work in the Department of Justice as a clerk in the Grahamstown Magistrates Court. The following year he became articled to Wheeldon and Rushmere and began his legal studies at Rhodes. In the mid fifties he married Lois and they were blessed with four daughters, Dulcie, Debbie, Helen and Glynis. After qualifying, Joe joined the late L. Boysie Green and was a much respected member of the legal fraternity in Grahamstown. In 1975 Joe and his family moved to Port Elizabeth so that his children could pursue their studies in music. He joined Rushmere, Noah and Partners and was in practice with them until he reached the company's retiring age last year. Apart from law and his family, Joe's main interest was athletics and his great talent as a high jumper (National Champion from 1952 to 1959) led him to the well-deserved accolade of a Springbok blazer. As a founder member of the Senior Athletic Club of Grahamstown, Joe was able to plough back his experience, wisdom and enthusiasm into the sport he loved. Joe died of a heart attack on 12 May 1997. Those who knew Joe best will remember him as a good team mate, counsellor, father, husband and friend.

Isadore (Issy) Sacks (1961)

(Obituary from *SA Medical Journal*)

Issy died at home in Cape Town on 31 March 1996 after a long illness which he dealt with in the dignified and brave manner which exemplified his life. Issy was born in Cape Town on 19 August 1937 and after attending SACS school he proceeded to Rhodes to qualify in his first profession with a BSc (Hons) in Pharmacology. Returning to the Mother City he followed the profession for a short while but achieved his longstanding aim and entered Medical School where he graduated in 1969. Despite the tolls of advanced illness, he attended and enjoyed the company of his classmates at their recent 25th reunion. After completing his housemanship at Addington Hospital, Durban, he proceeded to a rewarding career in surgery. He completed registrarship at Groote Schuur and Red Cross Hospitals and was awarded the FRCS in Edinburgh in 1977. He took up a specialist post at Conradie Hospital where he is fondly remembered for his role as Principal Surgeon and Head of Surgery. Under the leadership of Issy Sacks, the Department of Surgery at Conradie Hospital flourished, providing high level care for patients and an enquiring environment for junior staff. His enthusiasm and love of teaching will be long remembered. He was appointed Honorary Senior Lecturer in Surgery at his *alma mater*, the University of Cape Town, and contributed to the activities of the Department of Surgery at Groote Schuur Hospital by a continued attachment to the trauma unit and regular attendance at clinical meetings. His high standard of care and compassion for his patients, and concern for both junior and senior colleagues will be recalled by all who had contact with him. No problems of friends and acquaintances were too much for him and he spent many hours going that extra mile for others. Isadore was a religious man, whose observance of his faith was an important feature throughout his life and without doubt the basis for his high standards. He contributed long and weary hours to SEHDASA as vice-chairman, yet another example of his concern for the welfare of his colleagues. His greatest pride was his three sons, all at UCT. He is greatly missed by all who knew him, a loving husband, a great father, a concerned colleague and a dedicated doctor. He leaves his wife, Hilary and sons, Richard, Justin and Graeme.

LOOKING BACK 50 YEARS

We recently asked Mr George Alers (1940) of Harare, Zimbabwe to send us some news and old photographs to publish in our alumni newsletter. George's game at Rhodes was rugby. He played for the 1st XV as an "Ink" and was awarded colours three years in a row. 1946 was a great year in the annals of Rhodes rugby and George was proud to be a member of the rather famous 1946 team. He wonders whether the achievements of that year have ever been matched. Under the leadership of Murray Hofmeyer and Bob Crebo, they beat the mighty University of Stellenbosch at Coetzenberg, the University of Cape Town at Newlands and the University of the Orange Free State in Bloemfontein. In the opposite teams were several Springboks, including Stephen and Denis Fry, as well as several other Western Province players. Our 1946 1st XV returned from their Western Cape tour the all-conquering heroes and a wonderful reception awaited them at the Grahamstown station. Their own "World Cup" exactly 50 years before!



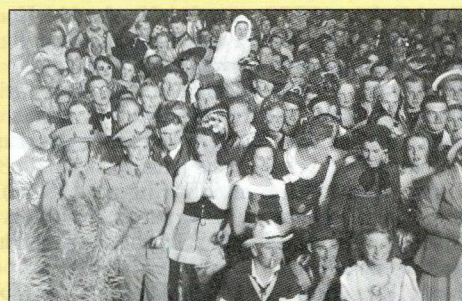
RUC 1st XV Touring Team 1946

Back row (left to right): R Coetzee, I Zasman, C Clothier-Sinclair, J Blignaut, G Alers, T Heugh, D Hanson, E Norton, A Cole
Middle row: K McMillan, N Macdonald, I A Macdonald, G Whitehead, De de Villiers, P Bellew
Front row: B Gardner, J Muller, M Gillmer, M Hofmeyer, R Crebo, J E Neale-May



Fun on the Great Field - 1946

The 1st Rugby XV hockey team appropriately made up and togged out to take on the Rhodes ladies 1st Hockey XI. Standing, left to right: Murray Hofmeyer, Keith McMillan, Bob Crebo, Neil Macdonald, Malcolm Gillmer, Jock Macdonald
Kneeling: Brian Gardner, George Alers, "Zas" Zasman, "Titch" Muller



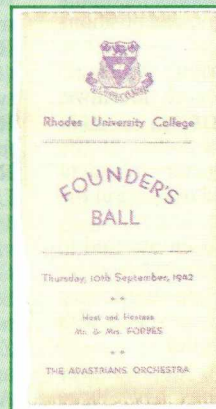
George also included two photographs of Founders Ball in 1942, together giving a good view of the revellers in the old corrugated Great Hall, which stood in University Street opposite Beit House. George, who remembers names of many of those at the Ball, is in the picture on the left, near the front, looking sideways with a white scarf around his neck.



More Golden Memories

Last year the alumni relations office received a visit from sisters Maureen Taylor (1969) and Leslie Salter (Taylor) (1966), and Lesley's daughter, Annette, now a first year student at Rhodes. In the August 1996 issue of RHODES we published a photograph of the Taylor sisters handing their mother's purple and white striped blazer to Dr Woods, to be placed in the Rhodes Museum. They also brought along their photos of events at Rhodes in the late 1960s and a beautiful photograph album which had belonged to their mother, Anna Francina "Goose" Taylor (Goosen) (1940).

In Goose Taylor's photo album we again came across the group photo of the 1942 Founder's Ball, pictured in George Aler's news above, and discovered this 55 year old dance card:



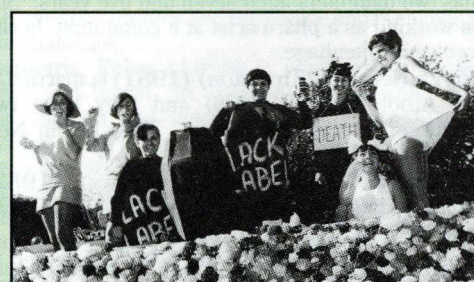
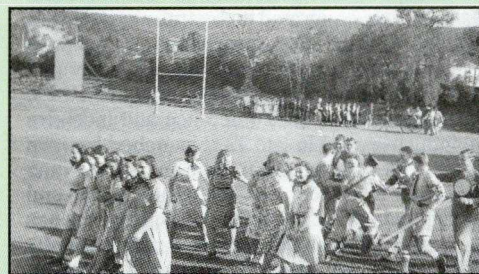
That night the Adastrians Orchestra had played four quick steps, six waltzes, two fox trots, two Paul Joneses, the conga and the rumba. According to the pencilled-in card alongside the programme, Goose danced with Johan eight times, including the first and last dances. She also waltzed with both Edgar and Wilken, did a slow fox trot with Donal Hobson and the rumba with George Cook. At the end of the evening the dancers sang *Die Stem van Suid Afrika* and *God Save the Queen*.



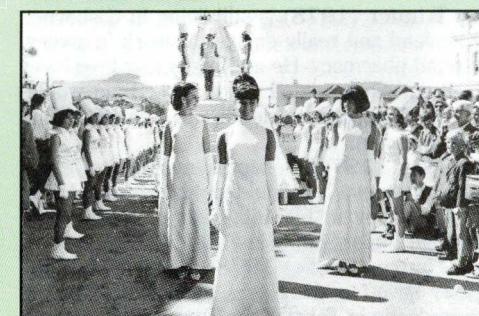
Between 1939 and 1942 groups of students called "KP groups" would get together for coffee parties in the Botanical Gardens. Pictured above are four Rhodes women at such a party. Third from the left is Goose Goosen and one of the other ladies is Lesley de Wet. Who are the other two?



Above and right: The annual Rag celebration during the War years was a rather watered down affair.



Rag during the late Sixties, on the other hand, was a festive affair! First year students in 1967, from left to right, are Pat Mahard, Meryl Rennie, Selma Londt, Cathy Gregor and at the far right, Chick Chunnnet. Who are numbers 5 and 6?



Rag Queen in 1966, centre, was Jane Parks with Anne Brink and Corrie Clark.

Report on 1997 Reunions

United Kingdom

A highly successful reunion of UK Old Rhodians took place at South Africa House on Wednesday 30 April. Well over a hundred ORs, spanning many generations, came from as far afield as Ireland and Wales, Lancashire and North Yorkshire, Somerset, Lincolnshire and Guernsey to meet Dr and Mrs Woods. Also present were a number of "Ikeys" (UCT alumni) who knew Dr Woods from his days as Professor of Microbiology at UCT and latterly, Deputy Vice-Chancellor. Guest speakers were Mr Beston Banda, First Secretary at the South African High Commission and Dr Woods. In his address Mr Banda referred to the changes being implemented in tertiary education in South Africa. He also congratulated Old Rhodians based in the UK on their fund raising activities for student bursaries. Dr Woods talked about his vision for Rhodes University and of the major growth planned for the East London campus. This was the first Old Rhodian reunion to take place at South Africa House and is the most ambitious reunion organised in recent years. The organising committee hopes to repeat the success of this year's event in years to come.



Dr David Woods (1959), Mr Beston Banda, Dr Allan Gray (1955) and Mrs Gill Gray.



Old Rhodians enjoying the 1997 reunion at South Africa House.

Zimbabwe

On their way home from the UK, David and Charlotte Woods attended OR reunions in Harare on Friday 2 May and Bulawayo, Saturday 3 May. Despite it being a long weekend in Zimbabwe, both reunions were very well attended. **Hans Christen (1981)**, who always makes a big effort to ensure the



Charlotte and David Woods, Richard Young (far right) and the Bulawayo ORs drink a toast to the University.

success of the Harare reunions, reports that 94 ORs attended the function. **Richard Young (1982)** organised the Bulawayo reunion, which drew a larger crowd than ever before. Our special thanks go to Hans, Richard and **Neil Deacon (1988)**, who went out of their way to host the Woodses in Zimbabwe.

Queenstown

About 30 Old Rhodians attended the Queenstown reunion dinner held at the *Nag & Crawl*, Queens Junior's Club House, on Friday 23 May. This successful party, the third reunion organised by **Adrie Stockdale (1970)** and her committee, only ended at 12.30am, nearly beating last year's record of 12.45am, set by Dr Woods. The guests from Rhodes were Dr Sirion Robertson of the School of Pharmacy and his wife, **Sally-Anne (Heather) (1970)** of the Education Department. Sirion's informal address, and remarkable voice, went down well with the Queenstown crowd. This is proved, Sirion reports, by the fact that nobody threw eggs while he spoke! It is apparent that there is genuine and considerable warmth towards Rhodes amongst the Queenstown ORs, who made Sirion and Sally-Anne feel comfortably welcome. The Queenstown committee is sorry to be losing **Neil Crawford (1973)**, Deputy Headmaster of Queens College, to Muir College in Uitenhage, where he will take up the



Sirion Robertson, Sally-Anne Robertson (Heather) (1970), Adrie Stockdale (1970) and Neil Crawford (1973).



Debbie Locke (1989), Stefan de Beer (1991), Liesl Opperman (1991), Chris Horak (1992) and Fiona Bentley (1990).

position of Headmaster in the fourth term. Congratulations Neil!

USA

During a fund raising trip to the USA, David and Charlotte Woods met many ORs. On Wednesday 21 May they had lunch at the New York Sky Club with **David Hagen (1949)** and his wife, Elisabeth, **Dr Desmond Goddard (1942)**, **Willie Pietersen (1956)** and his wife, **Laura**, **Dr Stephen Tim (1961)** and his wife, **Nancy**, **William Miller (1972)** and **Warne Boyce (1949)**. On Saturday 24 May they met ORs for breakfast in Providence, Rhode Island (see photograph right).



Sue Long, Lesley MacKellar (Robertson) (1974), Bobby Robertson (Lesley's mother), David Woods and Warne Boyce (1949) enjoying breakfast in Providence, with Charlotte Woods behind the camera!

1997 Reunion Dates

Australia

Old Rhodians in Perth have been invited to meet David and Charlotte Woods in August.

ALAIN MEHL

Tel: 9388 2322 (w)
9305 4897 (h)
Date: Saturday 2 August
Venue: The Hyatt Regency

Namibia

JOHN MANHEIMER

Tel: 0926461 237103(w)
051-430 0436 (h)
Fax: 2342106
Date: Saturday 30 August

Bloemfontein

ROY GORDON

Tel: 051-47 7831 (w)
051-430 0436 (h)
Fax: 051-447 6951
Date: Tuesday 2 September

Kimberley

MARK FLETCHER

Tel: 0531-81 3221 (w)
Fax: 0531-81 3221
Date: Wednesday 3 September

Cape Town

DAVID HART

Tel: 021-686 3982 (w)
Fax: 021-786 3496
CANDY GALLOWAY
Tel: 021-685 3452 (h)

Fax: 021-685 3452
Date: Friday 12 September

Grahamstown

LISL GRIFFIOEN PATERSON

Tel: 0461-31 8569 (w)
Fax: 0461-31 1902
Date: Weekend of 12, 13 and 14 September

Johannesburg

ROSE RIDGEWELL

RU Johannesburg Office
Tel: 011-788 5543 (w)
Fax: 011-788 1098
Date: Friday 12 September

Durban and Pietermaritzburg

BERTIE WICKS

Tel: 031-368 3393 (w)
031-23 5913 (h)
Fax: 031-368 3398
Date: Friday 19 and Saturday 20 September

George / Knysna

GRAEME POLLOCK

Tel: 0441-74 2333 (w)
0441-71 2281 (h)
Fax: 0441-73 5872
Date: Friday 10 October

Port Elizabeth

SEAN BOWNES

Tel: 041-52 2697
Date: To be advised

FOUNDERS' BALL

13 September 1997
Hugh Chapman Memorial Hall

Tickets: R120,00 per couple
obtainable from Shelly Samuel
Marketing and Communications Division
Rhodes University - Tel: 31 8520
e-mail: ados@giraffe.ru.ac.za

♪ Wine glasses
♪ Live Band ♪ Cabaret
♪ Spot Prizes

Cape Town Reunion Dinner/Dance

All Old Rhodians in the Western Cape are invited to attend the 1997 party!

Date: Founder's Day, Friday 12 September 1997
Venue: Peninsula Room, Kenilworth Racecourse
Time: 19h00 for 19h30
Dress: Smart casual
Price: R100 per head
Price includes a three-course meal and Cape Town's top party band,
The Charlie Griffin Sextet (Charlie Griffin, OR 1970)

- * Surprise guest speaker!
- * Full cash bar at club prices
- * Limited numbers, so BOOK NOW!

RSVP: Candy Galloway (Maytham) (1975)
Tel and Fax: 021-685 3452
(Please book by 12 August)



Above: The Charlie Griffin Sextet - music for all ages.

Friends of Old Rhodians are welcome! This will be a reunion to remember!

The Word on Woods

Cathy Hornby interviewed the Vice-Chancellor, Dr David Woods to find out more about the sporting career of the "man at the top."

Dr David Woods is in his own words "a true amateur." This may be a surprising thing to say about a man who was one of only twenty A-rated scientists in the country before he gave up research to become the Vice-Chancellor of Rhodes University. It is even more surprising when you realise that he is talking about his sporting career, which boasts many prodigious achievements including being the Danish Squash Champion, competing in the British Open, and being ranked number one at Oxford University. Believe me, the label "true amateur" is not motivated purely by modesty - playing amateur sport is an important part of Dr Woods' life philosophy.

David Woods grew up in the picturesque surroundings of Michaelhouse where his father was a Master. His father, who excelled at sports, played cricket for EP and Natal. With this background the young David Woods enjoyed playing sport and went on to play first team squash, tennis, hockey and cricket. After school he came to Rhodes University and studied for a BSc. Although he played first team hockey as well it was really at Rhodes that he began to concentrate on squash. He didn't exactly choose squash over the other sports - it really chose him: "because it was the only sport you could play when it was dark. In those days we had pracs every afternoon and on Saturdays, so when we got out in the evenings we would go and play squash. It was about time management," he remembers. It seems appropriate that something like "time management" would have forced the choice of squash on to David Woods. As I spoke to him I became more and more sure that if, for some reason, he had concentrated on cricket or hockey instead, he would have put in the same amount of effort and would have achieved the same heights as he did in squash.

David Woods earned his colours for squash while at Rhodes and played for S.A. Universities from 1960 to 1962. He was also part of the Knight's tour to England in 1961. Although there is much to be proud of in his sporting career, the highlight for Dr Woods was the Rhodes Squash Championship in 1962 where he beat the number one seed at the time, Eric Brotherton, who went on to become a

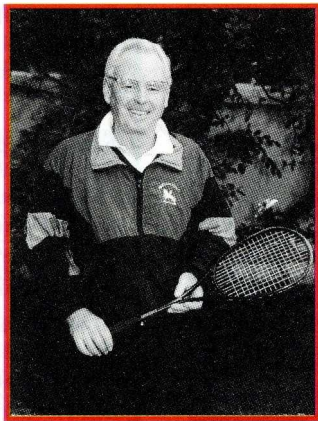
Springbok squash player. At the same time he played first team hockey for Rhodes and squash for EP, participating in the Jarvis Cup and becoming the EP Champion in 1962.

After Rhodes University Dr Woods went to England to study at Oxford. "Oxford is like Rhodes but on an international level," says Dr Woods. "It is highly residential - university life in a university town but instead of meeting people from all over the country you meet people from America and France." To attend Oxford is an achievement in itself and indeed Dr Woods was achieving well academically, earning his Doctorate at Oxford, but he also played first team squash, becoming a 'full blue' and was the captain in 1964 and 1965. Dr Woods became the Danish Squash Champion in 1965 and also made the final sixteen in the British Open in 1966 - "this was an amazing event. I was beaten by an Egyptian, Talib, who went on to win the event. That was in the days when the Egyptians were the best in the world, before the Pakistanis became good."

Dr Woods returned to Rhodes to lecture. He spent twelve years here, during which time he started courses in Microbiology and began the Microbiology department. He played EP County Districts Cricket, EP squash and tennis in the local league. He also served as Vice-Chair of the Sports Union. Sadly in 1980 Rhodes lost Dr Woods to UCT.

In the intervening years Dr Woods was an A-rated scientist - one of only twenty in the country. Strangely enough with all his prodigious achievements Dr Woods never considered turning to sport as a career. "In my day you didn't make a lot of money from sport. Besides, I knew my limits as a sportsman." Dr Woods' career is noticeably without limits when it comes to achieving either academically or in sport, but he is afraid that the latest trend is to become like America, "a nation of watchers, where you have a few sportsmen at the pinnacle and the rest are spectators. Sport loses when everyone would rather stay at home and watch the Boks on TV instead of going out and playing sport themselves."

For Dr David Woods sport is about getting the most out of life. He plays sport for the pure enjoyment of competition and exercise. He says it relaxes him and allows him to clear his mind. "When you are fit you feel better and you work better," he says.



*Dr David Woods
(Photo by Foto First)*

The Old Rhodian Sports Scholarship

Cathy Hornby, a final year BJourn student, interviewed Caroline Birt, a promising young hockey player and this year's winner of the Old Rhodian Sports Scholarship.

Caroline Birt is a highly motivated and ambitious eighteen year old who has won the Old Rhodian Sports Scholarship this year for her outstanding achievements on the hockey field. She became an EP hockey player at only fourteen and currently trains with three different clubs: EP under 21, EP women and a regional squad trained by Nikki Du Toit. Caroline was selected for the South Africa U21 squad which went to the Junior Africa Cup in Zimbabwe at the end of April and she is off to Korea for the Junior World Cup in September.

Because of the many travelling costs involved in attending training camps and going overseas, the Old Rhodian Scholarship certainly offers some welcome relief. Without it Rhodes would probably have lost Caroline to UPE, who were making her quite substantial offers - and this is one girl you'd rather have on your side at Intervarsity. Caroline is



*Caroline Birt
(photo by Foto First)*

studying for an HMS degree but hopes that she will only have to use it in the distant future when she is forced to retire from active involvement in sport - "I hope I'll play sport for the rest of my life, until I fall into a wheelchair." You can tell by her dedication that Caroline is crazy about sport. She practices for three or four hours every day and travels to Port Elizabeth four times a week to practise on the astroturf. Caroline says that it's such a rare experience that some days they have to be dragged off the astroturf and told to go home. With this kind of enthusiasm and her excellent record it is likely

that she will achieve her goal: "I want to be in the women's squad for the 2000 Olympics by the end of next year."

She has certainly come a long way from the days of mini-hockey. Caroline was in the first team at her high school, Kingswood College and was the Athletics Captain and Tennis Vice-Captain. She was also named sportswoman of the year in her matric year. She has the support of her parents and also her brother, who played a lot of sport. Although Caroline enjoys team sports, at the end of the season "it's nice to go off and do something on your own", so Caroline plays tennis, golf and windsurfs for recreation.

"The thing I love about sport is the people you meet through it. They don't look at anything else, like race. We're all there to play."

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married Daniel on 30 December 1995.

Janine (Victor) (1988) and **David Hoare (1985)** were married on 13 April 1996. Janine is Scientific Research Officer (taxonomist) at the National Botanical Institute in Pretoria.

Shaun Hamilton (1988) sends greetings to all his Social Work colleagues (class of '92) with special regards to Social Work department staff. He also sends regards to all his Rhodian friends. He lives in Harare.

Celia John (1988) is currently working in corporate communications and marketing for Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

Jackie Palframan (Halse) (1988) enjoys receiving the Rhodes Alumni Newsletter, which she reads from cover to cover to keep up to date with what her fellow ORs are up to. She married Mike in December 1993 and has been working in Port Elizabeth ever since, now at Alexander Forbes. They have no children yet, although they are on the horizon. Mike's brother and his wife are ORs, **Steve (1989)** & **Sandy Palframan (Dwenger) (1988)**.

Samantha Venter (Barnard) (1989) enjoys being able to call up the Rhodes home page to read our latest press releases, for her own interest as an alumnus, but also because she works for the "opposition" (UPE) as a journalist! After completing a BJourn in 1992, she worked for the EP Herald in Port Elizabeth for three years, covering the crime and court beats for much of the time. She is now working for UPE as a journalist in the Communication and Marketing Services department and thoroughly enjoying it! In the interim Sam has married Carl Venter, a graphic designer with his own business in Port Elizabeth. She would love to know what the rest of her Journ class mates are doing now and can be contacted on e-mail at: liassv@upe.ac.za

Julia Turner (Manns) (1989) is married to Alec Turner and lives in Cato Ridge. She has completed her articles and is now studying for an LLM in Environmental Law at the University of Natal-Pietermaritzburg.

Terry Rudston (Papenfus) (1989) and **Nick (1988)** are living in Cape Town. They have a son, Matthew, who was born on 26 January 1997.

Jacques (1989) and **Kim (Southgate) (1991)** Nel became proud parents of a daughter, Kelsey, on 23 January 1997.

Peter Townsend (1989) is working for Anglo American Prospecting Services in Mali as a geologist.

Clement Geraghty (1989) married **Nicola Loren (Gardner) (1991)** on 11 January 1997.

Cindy Lee Moritz (Kesler) (1989) is a feature editor on SA Home Owner. Her e-mail address is: moritz@global.co.za

Wendi Kruger (Griffin) (1989) married Francis on 21 March 1997 and they are expecting their first baby in October. They run the Beaverlac Campsite in the Olifants River Mountains.

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Shereen Essof (1990) has been working with the Zimbabwe Women's Resource Centre and Network (ZWRN) since October 1995 as a research and advocacy officer.

Dawn Davies (Newton) (1990) is teaching

Grade I at Victoria Primary School in Grahamstown and wardening at Prince Alfred House. Her husband is doing his Masters in Computer Science

Angelique Adcock (Bloem) (1990) had a fairytale wedding on 22 April 1995 at Kenton-on-Sea. She and her husband, Scott, are farming and eventually plan to establish a game farm.

James Semata (1990) served as Chairman on the Governing Council of the Setlogelo Technikon (now Technikon North West) from 1994 to 1996, assisting it in its transformation stages.

Having graduated, **Katy Robertson (Brownlee Sykes) (1991)** travelled overseas for two and a half years, basing herself in London and touring the UK, Europe, Australia and the USA. She often came home to Zimbabwe in between but eventually **Bill Robertson (1990)** decided that he'd had enough of it and they were married in December 1996. Bill has recently qualified as a Certified Information Systems Auditor at Deloitte and Touche. They live in Harare, where Katy is employed by the competition, Coopers and Lybrand! Bill has some future international secondment prospects himself and together they should be doing a bit more globetrotting yet.

Kathy Seldon (1991) has been overseas for about two years, the first of which was spent travelling in Europe and au pairing in Germany. For the last year she has been working in London for an investment bank in fixed income, a job which she enjoys. At the moment Kathy has no plans to return to South Africa to live.

Pamela Morice (1991) has been working as a social worker for the Department of Welfare in Springs for three years. She also waitresses at "Turn 'n Tender", Boksburg over the weekends.

Mike (1991) and **Carol (Hall) (1988)** Stonier are living in Bournemouth, England.

After completing an Honours degree in International Studies at Rhodes in 1992, **Waldemar Budeli (1991)** accepted the position of Media & External Relations Officer at the University of Venda's Public Affairs Department. Between March and May 1994 he was seconded to the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) as Provincial Media Liaison for Northern Province. He continued working for the University of Venda until September 1995 when he took a year-long study leave to the United Kingdom, gaining an MA in International Relations at the University of Leeds. In October 1996 he resumed work at the University of Venda. Waldemar's e-mail address is: mwb@univen.caddy.ac.za

Joe G McDaniel (1992) and his wife Jan recently moved from the St. Louis, Missouri area to Jackson, Tennessee where he has accepted a new position as project engineer with Sonoco Products Company. Sonoco is a large packaging manufacturer, with more than 19000 employees. If you have eaten Pringles potato chips, they were probably packed in a Sonoco container. Joe lives a one-hour drive east of Memphis and Old Rhodians who may be passing through Tennessee are urged to contact him on e-mail: twomacs@aol.com

Kathryn Keating (1992) is currently studying third year medicine at Wits.

Katy Marcussen (1993) is getting married to Don Percival in September 1997. She is an extension officer for the Protea marketing company in Juliusdale, Zimbabwe.

Paula Balmer (1993) taught at Northlands Girls' High after travelling through the USA, thanks to Student Interchange. She is now making her way

GRAHAMSTOWN - ANNUAL RHODES ROMP!!

Please join us for what promises to be another enjoyable reunion weekend in Grahamstown on Friday 12, Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 September. (Invitation and reply form enclosed)

The weekend programme is as follows:

Friday 12 September:

18h00 onwards: Informal meet & greet at the Settlers Inn Motel

Saturday 13 September:

09h00: Meet for registration and welcome on Administration Block steps.
Split into groups for various activities.
09h30: Internet Demonstration
Chemistry Department "Whizz Bang Show"
Computer Music
Tour of ILAM (International Library of African Music)
Tour of LIRI (Leather Industries Research Institute)
Tour of the JLB Smith Institute of Ichthyology
Ergonomics Demonstration (Human Movement Studies)
11h00: Tea in Arts Major Foyer
11h30: Convocation and Old Rhodian Union AGM
13h00: Lunch in Canterbury Hall
14h30: Group photograph
15h00: Walking tour of the campus and a visit to the Rhodes Museum
19h30: FOUNDER'S BALL (see poster on previous page)

Sunday 14 September

10h00: Chapel service
11h00: Tea on St Peter's lawns