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A Great Day for the Irish

The degree of Doctor of Laws (Honoris Causa) was conferred upon Anthony John Francis O'Reilly at a Rhodes University Graduation Ceremony held in Grahamstown on 18 February 1998.

Excerpt from the citation presented by the Public Orator, Professor Pat Terry.

Mr Chancellor, if you will afford me the liberty of coining something of a cliché, it is a great day for the Irish. Their many clans, I am pleased to reveal, are gathered here in some force tonight. Indeed, this is, even for Grahamstown, that significant oasis in a part of the country some regard as otherwise devoid of culture, a somewhat unique occasion, at which it is my very pleasant duty as Paddy the Public O'Rator, O'bedient as always to the whims of council, to turn the attention of staff, of students and of many distinguished guests away from a contemplation of the winter Olympics, and to introduce them all to a fellow Gael, Tony O'Reilly, by making an oration with references oblique and slander omitted, the whole skillfully contrived to cause no offence, and with the ultimate aim of asking you, Sir, if you would oblige in a few minutes (since we have all been assured that the boulder does not owe fees), to convert said O'Reilly into our most recent Doctor of Laws, while the congregation, of course give him what the reporters here present will doubtless describe as a magnificent oration.



job saw him with a firm of industrial consultants in England for two years, after which he returned to Cork, where he took up a position for another two years with a merchant company specialising in agricultural products in Ireland. He also became a part-time lecturer in industrial management at Cork University. Playing rugby was, of course, still a dominant part of his life, and the highlight of this time, and perhaps the peak of his career, was undoubtedly his selection for the 1959 Lions tour of Australia and New Zealand. He went on to become the player credited with the highest number of tries ever scored by a Lion (38); the highest number of tries ever scored in Australia and New Zealand (22 in 23 matches); the highest number of tries ever scored by a Barbarian (36 in all) and the highest try scorer in test matches played by the Lions.

In 1962 at the ripe old age of 26, he was appointed as the youngest head of a state-sponsored body in Ireland, assuming the important role of Chief Executive Officer of the Irish Dairy Board, a post he held for four years. The almost unbelievable success of his career with the Board was achieved by meticulously organised campaigns to expand distribution of the country's dairy products. Within a few months of his arrival he had captured a significant slice of the market in England, and Kerry Gold was to go on to become a household name throughout the world. A critical analysis of this venture was later to earn him a PhD degree in agricultural marketing, from the University of Bradford in 1980.

His time at the Dairy Board was followed by a spell as Managing Director of the Irish Sugar Company from 1966 to 1969. By then his careful attention to detail and his flair for being a phenomenally successful businessman had attracted the attention of many people. In spite of attractive offers to remain in Ireland and possibly enter Parliament, he was head-hunted to join the firm to which he devoted the major part of his energies for the rest of his working life. In May 1969 he became Managing Director of H. J. Heinz Company Ltd., England, the company's largest offshore subsidiary. In 1971 he was promoted to Heinz World Headquarters in Pittsburgh as Senior Vice President - North America and Pacific, and immediately set about implementing reforms in the way the company did business, and in increasing efficiency. The production of tomato ketchup, for example, was honed to the stage where live tomatoes could be harvested and turned into the fully processed and bottled product within a few hours.

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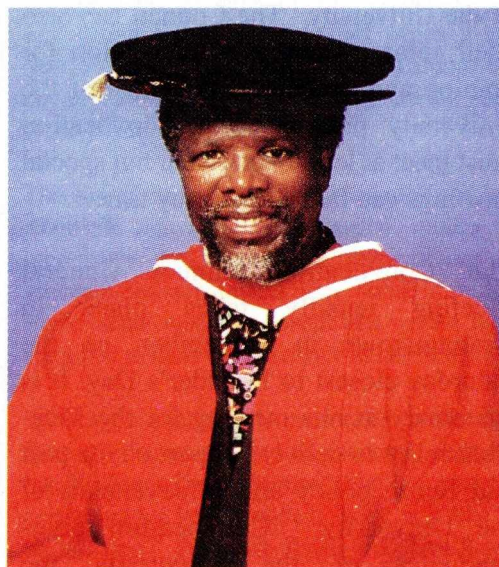
Doctor of Literature Degree
awarded to John Kani

The degree of Doctor of Literature (Honoris Causa) was conferred upon Bonisile John Kani at a Rhodes University Graduation Ceremony held in Grahamstown on 17 April 1998.

Bonisile John Kani: Actor, director and playwright.

Excerpt from the citation presented by the Public Orator, Professor Pat Terry.

John Kani was born in 1943 in New Brighton, Port Elizabeth and matriculated at Newell High School, where, among other activities, he played rugby in a team captained by Winston Ntshona, whose career was to be closely coupled with his own for many years to come. The young Kani showed a love of theatre, drama and literature, working in the New Brighton community, starting drama groups and performing in schools and community halls, and growing to maturity in a climate of hatred and oppression as all opposition to apartheid was crushed during those awful years. Small wonder that he looks back on his reading of Orwell's *Animal Farm*, which had been published in the month that he was born, as making a significant contribution to his view of the world that was, and may yet still be.



Between 1965 and 1972 he worked on the assembly lines at the Ford Motor Company. But it is not for the construction of vehicles for transporting the human frame that he will be remembered, but rather for the construction of vehicles that would transport the human minds of an ever increasing circle of people. In 1965 he joined the Serpent Players, initially as the prompt for a production of *Antigone*. The arrest and deportation of one of the other actors to Robben Island for seven years would have seriously hampered the success of the production, had not Kani been able to step into the part overnight. So began his long association with Athol Fugard, who was experimenting with playmaking and improvisation in bridging the gap between raw contemporary experience and the universal elements in human relationships. Their early collaborative works were performed all over the Eastern Cape, but in 1972 and 1973 the team of Athol Fugard, Winston Ntshona and John Kani created two plays that were soon to be acclaimed all over the world. The first was *Sizwe Banzi Is Dead*, the second *The Island*, and both were far cries from the "innocent migrant gets lost in town" dramas or the romanticism of King Kong with

which audiences had hitherto been served.

After initial performances in South Africa, the London season of these two landmark works occupied Kani for most of 1973 and 1974. While in Britain, he mounted workshops and lectures at drama schools and at London University, and worked with West Indian communities, conducting workshops and giving lectures on South African politics and theatre.

Besides *Sizwe Banzi Is Dead* and *The Island* (which won him an Evening Standard Award nomination), John Kani's British career over the years has also seen him perform in *Waiting for Godot* at the Old Vic, *Master Harold and the Boys* and *My Children My Africa* at the Royal National Theatre (which won him an Olivier Award), and *Playland* at the Donmar Warehouse in the West End.

The successful tour of the UK was followed by an American tour, which was marked by his being nominated for Best Writer and Best Actor for both plays on Broadway and by the actors winning Tony Awards for their performances. As in London, his work was not confined only to the stage. He conducted lectures and workshops in New York with community drama groups at New York University, in Los Angeles and in Boston, where the black community awarded him the Pan African Culture Award.

1976 saw the team touring the length and breadth of Australia, after which Kani returned home and began to tour and conduct workshop groups in the rural areas of our land. This was, of course, at a time when events in Soweto had begun to focus the attention of the world on the behaviour of the regime with new and deepened interest, and when that same regime had reacted by imposing ever more repression and fear on its citizens. Kani himself was arrested and detained for three weeks and was released only because of massive demonstrations all over the world. Thus began a painful relationship with the South African security police. He was kept under constant surveillance, made to endure periodic detentions and passport confiscations, travelled abroad only because of political intervention by embassies of foreign countries, and was insulted while doing so by being issued with travel documents that declared his nationality as "onbepaald/undetermined".

In 1977 John Kani began his long and fruitful association with the Market Theatre in Johannesburg, which was to acquire a well-deserved reputation for protest theatre. Under extremely trying conditions many outstanding productions were mounted, such as when he became the first Black to portray Othello in South Africa, *The Blood Knot*, *The Native Who Caused All The Trouble* and *My Children My Africa*, which won him an AA life Vita Award in 1990.

Not all of these were looked upon with favour by our rulers of the time. In *Miss Julie*, for example, audiences saw him kissing a white woman on stage, and although the lights did not fuse, the ceiling did not fall, and the walls did not come

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His prowess in sport was effectively matched by his securing first place country-wide in the first paper of his Law finals, and coming third in the second paper. Following graduation from law school in 1958, his first

LIL HAIGH: PRESIDENT OF THE OLD RHODIAN UNION

Lil Haigh (Rademeyer) (1963) studied at Rhodes in the glorious sixties when characters were still to be found on the Rhodes campus. Remember the "Legs must Run, Make him Stand" parliamentary campaign by a student? And Rocky and the black pig? Who of that era can forget Conrad Cubitt in debate?

After completing her BSc she followed her fiancé John to Cape Town, where she was appointed Larval Fish Research Officer at the South African Museum. A really steep learning curve for the "meisie" from Lydenburg in the Eastern Transvaal, as she did not know one marine fish from another! After four years at UCT the Haighs left for the traditional European experience. The time spent touring in Europe, working and meeting people in youth hostels, was certainly worth every penny. In 1973 John was fortunate enough to be appointed to the Pharmacy Department at Rhodes as lecturer in Analytical and Inorganic Pharmaceutical Chemistry.

The Haighs have become fixtures on the Grahamstown scene, so much so that friends and Old Rhodians, both young and old, always know where to find them. Being the only Haighs in the Grahamstown telephone book makes it even easier!



John has been a staff member at Rhodes for 25 years this year but Lil has had a myriad of jobs and careers. She has variously been a science and biology teacher, wine merchant, public relations agent, shopkeeper and freshwater research biologist, in both Ichthyology and Entomology. Currently she is back in the public relations field as coordinator for a water information and education project through the Institute for Water Research, on behalf of the Grahamstown TLC and the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry.

Life in Grahamstown has been varied, interesting and richly rewarding for the Haighs. They have had wonderful and supportive friends and acquaintances, have been able to practice their hobbies, further their education and rear two gorgeous sons. Gregory, 23 and David, 18 are both old boys of Graeme College.

Lil says, "I regard being President of the ORU as a real privilege and a golden opportunity to give something back to our wonderful institution. Rhodes is arguably one of the most loved universities in the country. I think only Stellenbosch rivals it in the affections of its alumni. Its unique life-style encourages team spirit among its students, an aspect of below the line education much prized by employers in the corporate world. The University has had its share of student unrest over the years. Most campaigns, such as the civil disobedience campaign of the early seventies, for example, have yielded positive results because where causes were legitimate, the Powers That Be have listened and acted! The University prizes its ongoing contact with alumni and members of the Convocation. (Please read our President of Convocation, Judge Zietsman's article which follows, regarding Convocation and the ORU.) We are all members of a large, warm and supportive family and I am happy to be your spokesman. If you have any suggestions, comments or questions, please e-mail me: lil@iwr.ru.ac.za."

CONVOCATION AND THE OLD RHODIAN UNION

There may be a measure of confusion concerning Convocation and the Old Rhodian Union, two bodies to which Old Rhodians may belong.

Membership of the Old Rhodian Union is open, *inter alia*, to all past students who have attended a course of study at Rhodes University for at least one year. The Old Rhodian Union is a non-statutory body. The members meet regularly and one of their functions is to raise money, mainly by means of the 150 Club, which is used to provide bursaries for needy students. This year bursaries totalling more than R50 000 have been awarded to various students. You can assist this worthy cause by becoming a member of the Old Rhodian Union Committee or by joining the 150 Club at the cost of a mere R10 per month which also gives you the chance of winning a cash prize.

Convocation, on the other hand, is a statutory body. It is constituted in terms of the Rhodes University (Private) Act, No. 15 of 1949. Members of the academic staff of the University are *ex officio* members and all graduates of the University can become members simply by notifying the registrar in writing that they wish to become members. (This is usually done at Graduation and all information is kept on the alumni database.) In terms of the Act, Convocation must elect three of its members to the University Council, and at its meetings the members are empowered to discuss any matters relating to the University and to convey the views of Convocation to the Council of the University. The Council can also itself refer matters to Convocation for opinion and advice. The Statute of the University provides that Convocation must meet at least once a year but special meetings can be called at any time.

The Convocation Annual General Meeting usually takes place in Grahamstown in September, on the Saturday closest to Founder's Day. It is customary at this meeting for the Vice-Chancellor to deliver a report on the past and future policy and achievements of the University. Convocation gives graduates of the University the opportunity to take a keen interest in the affairs and the future running of their *alma mater*, to discuss such matters on a regular basis and to offer information and advice to the Council. Steps have also been taken to form a National Association of Presidents of Convocation to foster interaction between the presidents of the Convocations of all South African Universities.

All graduates of Rhodes University who would like to have and maintain a meaningful contact with their University are urged to take the necessary steps to attend meetings of Convocation.

N.W. Zietsman
President of Convocation
8/4/98

1998 OLD RHODIAN BURSARY AWARDS

In April we celebrated the award of this year's Old Rhodian bursaries to twenty-five students at a party held in the Senior Common Room at Rhodes. In addition to the bursary recipients and their parents, local 150 Club members were invited to the party to meet the students, to see how their contributions have been spent and to witness the first prize draw of the year. If you are not a member of the 150 Club yet, or have allowed your membership to lapse, join now!

This year we had fifty-five applicants for our bursaries and the ORU committee and its bursary sub-committee had the difficult task of deciding to whom to award the bursaries. This, as always, involved weighing the merits of academic ability and effort against financial need. The committee has no doubt that the twenty-five students who were eventually chosen for bursaries are all worthy recipients, but as always we know that some who really deserved bursaries have been left out. We wish that we could help them all and be able

to award bigger bursaries.

It is a great pleasure to report that eight of last year's bursary holders graduated in April, three with BA (Hons) and one each with LLB, BJourn, BSc, BFine Art and BMus degrees. We were able to increase almost all the bursaries by small amounts this year. This was made possible by an increase in 150 Club subscriptions (keep up the good work!) and, in the case of the United Kingdom Old Rhodians, by the generous increase in their contribution, from the £500 we have received from them for a number of years, to £750 this year. This provided over R6 000 and it was decided to split the sum into two bursaries, the United Kingdom "Gold" at R4 000 and the United Kingdom "Silver" at R2 000. Altogether the amount disbursed increased from R50 000 last year to R58 700 this year.

Photographed below are some of the winners of this year's Old Rhodian Bursary Awards.



Principal Bursary Holders:
back: Vivienne Whitfield (Chapman Gold), Christopher Green (C. Hummel), Jodi Cheiman (OR Diamond), Kerry Buchan (OR Gold)
front: Ilana Kretzmann (Gruber), Kirstin Williams (UK OR Silver), Shelly Adriaanzen (UK OR Gold)
inset: Chantelle Pepper (OR Silver)



Chapman Bursary Holders:
back: Philippa-Jane Vermoter, Christopher Thurman, Matthew Gilbert
front: Veruschka Carboni, Jennifer Verner, Jane Breetzke



Old Rhodian Bursary Holders:
back: Gregory Hacksley, Michael van Hille, Richard Poole
front: Sarah Bownes, Eloise Riekert, Stephanie Hacksley, Catherine O'Grady

Champion of Human Rights

The degree of Doctor of Laws (Honoris Causa) was conferred upon Gert Johannes (Jakes) Gerwel at a Rhodes University Graduation Ceremony held in Grahamstown on 17 April 1998.

Gert Johannes Gerwel: Distinguished academic and champion of the Afrikaans language and of human rights.

Excerpt from the citation presented by the Public Orator, Professor Pat Terry.

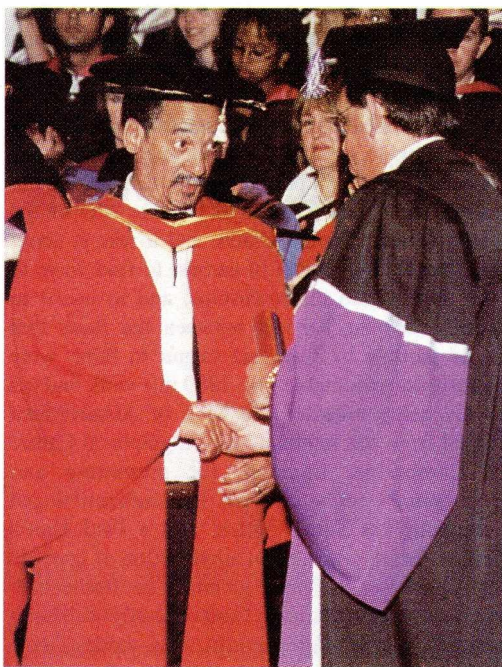
Jakes Gerwel was born in 1946, and grew up in what he recalls as a loving, idyllic and uncomplicated early childhood as the seventh child in a family of ten on a sheep farm in the Kommadagga district of Somerset East, in the Eastern Cape. Although his parents had not received much schooling of their own, they were determined not to let this happen to their children, seven of whom became teachers. The young Gerwel received his primary schooling at a church-based farm school, his secondary schooling at the old London Missionary Society institution, Dower Memorial College in Uitenhage, and went on to matriculate from Paterson High School in Port Elizabeth.

He proceeded to the then University College of the Western Cape only three years after it had been founded as yet another pernicious example of social and educational engineering by the Nationalist Government. He remembers UWC at that time as a very desolate place intellectually, and physically even more so, with scattered prefabricated buildings reached by paths through the sand and bush. He contemplated doing a BSc and then medicine, but after his first year he changed courses. In 1967 he completed a BA, majoring in Afrikaans-Nederlands and Sociology, following this with a BA Honours in Afrikaans-Nederlands, both degrees being awarded cum laude. For eighteen months he lectured in Afrikaans at the Hewat Training College, Athlone, prior to going abroad where, studying on a bursary from the Belgian Government, he obtained a Licentiate in Germanic Philology at the Vrije Universiteit of Brussels in 1971. On his return he spent six months as an Afrikaans teacher at Grassy Park High School, Cape Town, before starting his long and fruitful association with his tertiary *alma mater*, the University of the Western Cape, where, inspired by the poet and philosopher Adam Small's teaching, he took up appointment as lecturer in Afrikaans en Nederlands in July 1972. Promotion to Senior Lecturer came four years later, and shortly thereafter in 1979 he received his Doctorate in Literature and Philosophy (*magna cum laude*) from the Vrije Universiteit of Brussels for a thesis entitled *Literatuur en Apartheid*. His thesis dealt with the way the Afrikaans novel in the period 1875 to 1948 had been a crucial carrier of the racial ideas that would eventually culminate in the apartheid state and is widely regarded to this day as a pioneering work in Afrikaans literary criticism and in the sociology of literature.

His academic career continued on its upward path. In 1980 he was promoted to Professor and Head of Department and in 1982 he was appointed Dean of the Faculty of Arts. Shortly after UWC received full autonomy as a university in 1984, he became Rector and Vice-Chancellor from January 1987. Throughout his academic career he continued to publish a variety of books, monographs, articles and essays and delivered papers on literature, education and socio-political matters.

In 1985, just after his nomination to the post of Rector he made it clear that UWC, as an educational establishment and as part of the educational machine, could choose either to be opposed to the historical movement of our society or become a facilitating agent for it, while at the same time retaining what was essential to his definition of a University. In a series of controversial movements, UWC was

rapidly transformed and the student population shot up from 6700 in 1986 to 12400 in 1990. The resulting effects of Government underfunding became critical; the proportion of black students rose from 6% to 30% in the same period, totally dispelling the myth of UWC's being only a "coloured" institution, while the proportion of students who spoke Afrikaans as their first language declined from 72% to 48%. For some years places were offered to students without reference to their performance at school; residences became overcrowded and occupied to some extent by squatters. There were complaints of intimidation; students and staff took to the streets in demonstrations headed by Gerwel himself, and the University's Chancellor, Desmond Tutu, and the University was threatened with closure.



UWC had its sights firmly fixed on three major areas in which Gerwel was convinced they could make an inestimable contribution and gain recognition. The first of these was in academic development, where UWC adopted an integrated approach to what elsewhere largely took the form of separate academic support programmes. The second was a unique concentration on graduate and research development to provide the transfer of meaningful skills to formerly disadvantaged people. The third was to concentrate on conducting policy research in areas such as economic planning, regional co-operation, human rights law, education policy options and primary health care, as the University's particular contribution to the advancement and building of democracy in the country. Gerwel's foresight and leadership in this respect were recognised when in 1986 he received an honorary doctorate from Clark College, Atlanta, followed in 1990 by one from the City College, City University of New York. In 1995 he received honorary doctorates from both the University of Cape Town and the University of the Western Cape.

Although he had hoped, after the new dispensation came into existence, to be able to extricate himself from University administration, and to concentrate more on research, fate was to decree otherwise. In May 1994 he was appointed at very short notice, and somewhat to his surprise, to his present position of Director-General in the Office of the President and Secretary of the Cabinet. What would have appeared to be a strangely antagonistic career path earlier in his life - acting as part of the Government machine - at one stroke became the centre of his existence. This move opened a new and challenging set of opportunities to one who describes himself as a family man, never happier than when he can enjoy the company of his wife, Phoebe and his two children, relaxing and watching cricket, or reading the works of Karl Schoeman.

The contribution of this illustrious person to the academic, educational and cultural life of South Africa is beyond dispute.

Alex Borraine

The degree of Doctor of Laws (Honoris Causa) was conferred upon Alexander Lionel Borraine at a Rhodes University Graduation Ceremony held in Grahamstown on 18 April 1998.

Alexander Lionel Borraine: Priest, politician, and earnest seeker for many years of Truth and Reconciliation.

Excerpt from the citation presented by the Public Orator, Professor Pat Terry.

Alex Borraine was born in 1931 in Pinelands, Cape Town, as the youngest in a family of three sons. His older brothers were both killed in action in 1944, and at the age of 14, Borraine reacted by leaving Maitland High School and finding work in an oil company. It was not long before he sought a more lasting meaning to his life.

In the early 1950s he undertook active church work in the Cape Town area, where as a Sunday school teacher he was first exposed to the problems of the coloured community and the results of chronic poverty. Realising the benefits of education, Borraine enrolled at Rhodes University in 1954, where he completed a BA degree in 1956, majoring in Biblical Studies and Systematic Theology. In the same year he was ordained in the Methodist Church.

He was chaplain at the University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg, from where he proceeded with his wife to Mansfield College, Oxford, and thence to Drew University in Madison, New Jersey, where he undertook doctoral studies. Although he left Drew in 1965 to become general secretary of the Department of Education and Youth Ministry of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa, he went on to complete his PhD in Historic and Systematic Theology in 1969.

In 1971 he was elected the youngest ever president of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa, and started a phase of his life where he became increasingly concerned about the political future of South Africa, and frustrated and angered by the contradiction he perceived between what people professed as Christians, and how they behaved in their daily lives. He felt that changes were necessary to ameliorate the economic and political situation in the black, coloured, and Indian communities, and as a result, when Anglo American Corporation - the largest employer of black labour in the private sector - offered him the post of Employment Practices Consultant in 1972, he eagerly accepted. During this period the move was started which led ultimately to trade union rights being extended to all workers, rather than being restricted only to white workers.

Borraine had joined the Progressive Party in 1965, where at first he played a low key, supportive role. In 1970 he was invited to stand for Parliament in Durban, but declined, as the black leadership in the Methodist Church advised him that his role in the Church was crucial. However, Borraine's experience at Anglo made him aware of the crippling effects of labour legislation on the mining industry - legislation that had made it difficult for him to institute the changes he desired. This focussed his attention on the role of Parliament and the need for an opposition that would express views similar to his own. Although finding his work at Anglo both exciting and challenging, he held back for a while. When he finally agreed to stand in the Pinelands by-election in 1974, he won a three-cornered contest by 34 votes, bringing the number of Progressive Members of Parliament to seven, and leading to his becoming their spokesman for labour, education and health.

Borraine held the Pinelands seat in the 1977 and 1981 elections, increasing his majority each time. In the words of one commentator, he became the MP most hated by the ruling party. Following the 1976 riots, Borraine sided with those who exerted pressure on the government to establish the De Lange Commission of Inquiry into education, and his repeated calls for a commission of inquiry into labour practices in South Africa led in 1977 to the government appointing the Wiehahn Commission, which recommended many of the changes he had advocated for years.

Such energy in the political arena was soon to draw attention from outside the country. In 1976 he was elected a Fellow of the Centre for International Affairs, Harvard University, and awarded the Harvard Peace Prize, and in 1977 he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from Drew University. This recognition coincided with his own realisation that if the country were ever to return to normality it would require the trust and support of players from within

and without, something to which he increasingly turned his attention. In October 1985, in the midst of the imposition of states of emergency, Rubicon speechmaking, and other Canute-like contortionism, Borraine and other Progressive Federal Party leaders met an African National Congress delegation in Lusaka, Zambia - the first such meeting between a parliamentary grouping and the banned organisation.



But more momentum was needed. When van Zyl Slabbert, leader of the PFP, resigned from Parliament in 1986, Borraine realised that the party was unlikely to continue to grow in the direction he would like, and he too resigned a week later. The two travelled abroad to raise funds for a national institute to research and promote democracy in South Africa. The Institute for a Democratic Alternative for South Africa was the outcome, a body whose major focus was to try to work towards negotiation politics, by bridging the gaps within South Africa and between those in exile and those who lived in South Africa. Through direct contact, by debate and discussion, through publications, workshops, seminars and conferences such as were held in Dakar in 1987 and Paris in 1989, the Institute sought to help South Africans of all races to discover an alternative to apartheid that would be non-racial and democratic; to reassure those fearful of what a post apartheid South Africa might be like; and to mobilise the skills, knowledge and experience of all those who could help the communities in the crisis areas of South Africa.

After the elections he resigned from IDASA to found the Institute for Justice in Transition, where he acted as Executive Director from August 1994 until December 1995. He turned his attention to the problems of how best to create a climate for a debate acknowledging and redressing the serious human rights violations which had taken place in South Africa; and on how best to enable South Africans to develop a culture of human rights and a respect for the rule of law.

In its relatively short life, the Institute organised two major conferences, the first entitled *Dealing with the Past*, and the second entitled *Truth and Reconciliation*, both of which attracted delegates from within South Africa and from the rest of the world. In addition, the Institute organised many local seminars and workshops on the same two themes, and published a pamphlet outlining the proposals for a Truth and Reconciliation Commission. This work paved the way for the establishment of the present TRC. Indeed, at the request of the Minister of Justice, the Institute organised a number of technical workshops dealing with the preparation of the Act establishing the Commission, as well as the implications of the Act in terms of staffing, communication and so on.

To his current task of leadership in this Commission, Alex Borraine has brought the same talents and integrity that took him to the top of the church and politics. Along with his chairman he has worked tirelessly to achieve fairness in situations where lesser men would have been destroyed by the horror or be driven to hatred and revenge.

The communities, the constituencies and the nation he has served and continues to serve have had their humanity enhanced by the presence and actions of this gentle giant and distinguished Old Rhodian.

Doctor of Laws to Aron Bacher

The degree of Doctor of Laws (Honoris Causa) was conferred upon Aron (Ali) Bacher at a Rhodes University Graduation Ceremony held in East London on 8 May 1998.

Aron Bacher: Sportsman, sports administrator, tireless worker towards the reconstruction of sport in this country, and a gentleman.

(The Public Orator outlined the Rhodes East London graduation ceremony and the career of Ali Bacher as a fast-paced commentary of a cricket match, too long to be included here in full.)

We remind viewers who have just tuned in that you're with Top Sport, and it's time now to cross over to East London for our blow by blow commentary on the Aron Bacher Benefit Game.



Thank you, good evening everyone, yes, welcome to a really balmy evening down here in the Border region, where everyone in this large happy crowd is still rejoicing after the announcement that young Makhaya Ntini, who hails from these parts, has been chosen to go overseas tomorrow with the National Squad. Right now we are reaching the end of a tournament that started three weeks ago in Grahamstown, one that has produced a wonderful mixture of scholarship and surprises. In the very first match the Humanities team under the strong captaincy of Ian MacDonald quite dominated play, scoring no less than 428 runs, followed a long way behind by Honeybee Hepburn's Scientists with a solid 209. Tonight's game has been quite different. The Pedagogues, ably led by Captain Pat Irwin and Vice Captain Dave McKellar have recovered completely from their rather poor showing in Grahamstown, where they were all out for 75, and have at last showed what they can do under the right conditions. On a slow pitch that at times was crowded with officials they have amassed a very respectable 115, safely ahead of Big Mac's boys and girls, who could only scrape together a team by combining with Phil van der Watt's Commercial Union side, and who so far have scored only 88, with very little chance of making up the difference in the few minutes left to them. With me in the commentary box is a doyen of commentators who scarcely needs any introduction. Some of the highlights of the match so far, Charles?

Well, Trevor, after a brief opening partnership by Woods and Gaybba, this match has undoubtedly belonged to old hand Ali Bacher, who came on right near the start to face the music. And, incidentally, what wonderful music it was, Trevor! I came here tonight fearful that we would have to listen to that tuneless brass band from St George's Park. Mercifully we were spared all that, and instead were treated to some truly magnificent singing from high in the stands. If he has done nothing else for the sport of Graduation in this country, Bacher can surely take home some of the credit for that achievement.

What about the rest of the match, Charles?

Well, Trevor, this has certainly been a unique match in almost every respect. I suppose one can expect all sorts of surprises now that we are all playing to new rules, and discovering all those promising youngsters who have been waiting in the wings. And of course, captains are no longer bound by that ridiculous colonial limit of only having eleven players in a team, all of them male. But, unless I am mistaken, although we have seen many times that number make their debut here

tonight, quite incredibly all of them - with the exception of Bacher, who has yet to score the really big one - have scored exactly one run each, and what is more, they have all, without exception been dismissed by the same man, young Vinnige Fourie, who sent each one packing back to the stand from the Registrar's End in no uncertain manner. Quite remarkable, and surely something new for the annals of the game.

We'll be right back after this short commercial break:

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Well Charles, now we have the chance to discuss the career of this quite remarkable person. You have a long memory - when did it start?

There was a story doing the rounds that he was actually a tennis player to begin with but one day at the age of about 12 or so an uncle hauled him off the tennis court at Balfour Park, to make up the numbers in his team and placed a bat in his hand. The gentle opposition bowled underarm for a few overs, then overarm, then found they couldn't get him out, and within a few months he was the terror of the side. After that it didn't take long for him to go on to become captain of the King Edward's side.

Rumour has it that after he left KES, he went on to Wits University to study medicine, but wouldn't full time study rather have got in the way of sport, Charles?

In most cases yes, but you must remember that it was only Wits and not Rhodes that he chose to attend, so that left him plenty of time to captain Balfour Park Seniors when he was only twenty. He went on to captain Transvaal the next year, and in 1965 he even managed to fit in a little tour to the UK with what were then called the Springboks, where he played in all three tests, scoring 218 runs altogether, and helped our boys to win that memorable series 1-0.

The Aussies visited us in 1966/67, and in one of the first matches our friend Ali made an enormous score - 235 I think it was - and took an unbelievable catch or two to make sure that Transvaal wrote themselves into the record books by becoming the first provincial team to beat an Australian team in South Africa. So it was no wonder that he was selected to play in all four tests, in another memorable series that we won 3-1.

The Aussies came back for more of the same sort of punishment in 1970. Young Bacher, still only 28, took over the captaincy from Peter van der Merwe, and immediately distinguished himself by showing he could handle a coin as well as he could a bat. D'ye know, he won the toss at all four tests? South Africa went on to win all four tests by some very large margins. In the last one, at St George's Park, he made his best score of the series, 73, and took the last catch off the last ball to dismiss Connolly off the bowling of Trimborn for only 3 runs. All this made him the obvious choice to lead our boys to England later that year, but as we all know, the tour was cancelled, and in fact this country was not able to play any further test matches for nearly twenty years.

That must have been rather a blow. Was there anything else left for him to do, Charles?

You'll remember that I said he'd been to Wits, where in between games of cricket, he had also had the sense to take in a few lectures and to emerge with an MB BCh - that's how he became Dr Bacher, of course - and so fortunately he had a degree and another career to which he could turn. He was in private practice in Rosebank until about 1979, which didn't leave much time for sport; in fact he retired from the game in 1974 after a truly spectacular career spanning 120 first class appearances, in which he had made 7894 runs, scored 18 centuries, and taken 110 catches.

Another case of a promising career in sport cut prematurely short by the antics of our politicians, Charles?

No, you underestimate him entirely; Ali's never been the sort of chap who couldn't turn a situation around. By 1979 he'd got a bit tired of medicine, I think. He tried industry for a couple of years, but his heart was in cricket, and by 1981 he became MD of the Transvaal Cricket Council, and went out again to bat, if not literally, at least figuratively, with renewed intensity. The first few years after that were largely taken up by organising rebel tours to this country, but by the mid eighties it became apparent that the status quo could not survive much longer, and all sorts of people began to change their outlook and to go all out to grasp the opportunities for redress that kept presenting themselves, Bacher among them. By 1986 he'd become MD of the South African Cricket Union, and it was at about this time that he began in earnest to find ways to take cricket into the townships, and to use it to break down the barriers between the races that lesser mortals by then had begun to think were almost insurmountable. By 1989 this work had led to his being awarded the Men of Achievement Award from the International Biographical Centre of Cambridge, England, for promoting and developing cricket amongst the underprivileged community of South Africa, and a Paul Harris Fellow Award, awarded in appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations between people of the world. He made almost annual trips to the ICC in London, desperately trying to convince them that this country should be readmitted into the world order, but with no success. But towards the end of that year, the most amazing sequence of events started to unfold. The SACU persuaded Mike Gatting to bring out a team, which he did in the face of enormous counter pressures from the MDM and others, but even as they played their first matches, they were completely outflanked when the President of the Parliamentary Team almost without warning announced that he would permit the top player in the Victor Verster team to come out of forced retirement and bat once again for the ANC side. Nothing much could hold sport back after that. Within an unbelievably short time the SACB and the SACU had merged to form the United Cricket Board of South Africa, and by mid 1991 a delegation from the UCBSA comprising Geoff Dakin as president, Krish Mackerdhuj as vice president, Ali Bacher as MD and the redoubtable Steve Tshwete were told by the ICC that South Africa could at last re-enter the test arena. So it was that cricket led the way that many others were to follow, largely through the efforts and diplomacy of one of whose skilful guidance it can surely be said that the once most colonial of our games has transformed to become a national endeavour unifying the nation like few other activities, and exemplifying what our new democracy is striving for. And of course, the development programme of the UCB is the most important of its structures. It is here that the imbalances of the past are to be redressed, the strengths of the future determined, and an example shown to the world that will go beyond the playing fields.

His influence is felt all over the world now, and not only everywhere they use that wonderful electronic third umpire gadget that he helped perfect right here in this country in 1992. He was appointed to the ICC in 1993, in 1996 became chairman of that body's Development Committee, and last year became a member of their Executive Board. He headed up a committee to investigate the problems now posed by the ever increasing frequency of World Cups, the possibility of holding World Test Championships, and to look into the fairer distribution of international tours to all Test playing countries.



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tumbling down, this sort of behaviour saw him being placed on a death list by extreme right-wing groups, and earned him the title of "the most dangerous protagonist of integrated culture" from the late Dr Treurnicht. Sadly, these were no idle threats; on one occasion he was attacked in Port Elizabeth and left for dead with eleven stab wounds.

In 1987 the Southern Transvaal Chamber of Commerce presented him with a merit award for his contribution to the struggle for liberation through culture, and in 1990 the National Federated Chamber of Commerce presented him with a similar Merit Award at a national level. A notable aspect of his work gained momentum in 1990, when, having raised funding from the Rockefeller Foundation in the United States, and with Barney Simon as fellow Director, he started the Market Theatre Laboratory to satisfy the need he saw in the community for training and empowering the youth who were unable to acquire any theatre skills, through their lack of education and the damage caused by Bantu education.

Although his career has seen him domiciled in Gauteng for many years, Kani is intensely proud of his roots in our own province, and he is pleased, rather than offended, when others refer to him as "that Xhosa from the Eastern Cape". In turn, the Eastern Cape has been proud to acknowledge him as one of its children. In 1993 the Eastern Cape Chamber of Commerce presented him with an Achievers Award for his contribution to the advancement of culture for the people of South Africa, and in 1996, together with Govan Mbeki, Thabo Mbeki and Winston Ntshona, he was honoured by the Community of the Eastern Cape for his outstanding contribution during the struggle for liberation. In 1995 he was awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Durban Westville, and most recently he was awarded a Rotary Club's Paul Harris Fellowship Award for 1997.

Although the necessity for protest theatre exists more in memory than in current thinking, it is easy to underestimate the pressures that those who contributed to it must have been under. In 1987, for example, Kani was quoted as saying that he was "tired of getting into a theatre, weeping, getting angry, and pointing fingers at certain members of the audience". Doubtless, too, by 1994, he was tired of exercising extreme caution in his choice of roles because acceptance of some - like playing the part of Steve Biko in *Cry Freedom* - might have been dangerously misinterpreted at the time as overt support for AZAPO. It is with great relief that since the election and his appointment as Managing Trustee and Artistic Director of the Market Theatre, he has been able to turn his boundless energy to providing leadership and direction across the spectrum, reading scripts and assisting young would-be writers in South Africa at large in their attempt to articulate their dreams.

In the blast of fresh air that has swept the performing arts he continues to play a major role. He is the Chairperson of the former Performing Arts Council of Transvaal (now the State Theatre), a member of the Board of the Arts and Culture Trust, a Board Member of the Green Trust affiliated to the WWF, and has recently been elected Chairperson of the inaugural National Arts Council of South Africa. Somehow in all this he still finds time for acting. Indeed, he will tell you that his stage debut could really only begin in earnest in July 1994 with his appearance as a psychiatrist in *Duet* at the Market Theatre, and his film career in 1995 as Curtis in *Soweto Green*, even though by then he was well-established as a film actor after taking leading roles in many movies, including *The Wild Geese*, *A Dry White Season*, *Sarafina* and *Saturday Night at the Palace*, for which he won a Taormina Golden Award at the Milan International Festival.

Most recently he has starred in *The Tichbourne Claimant*, with Robert Pugh and Sir John Gielgud, a film which was due to be released on 1st April 1998, but which, as is common for cinematographic material in the City of Saints, is unlikely to reach either the Odeon or His Majesty's until some time after our graduation audiences have left the town.

The career of John Kani is an outstanding example of what can be achieved by the dedicated and disciplined application of great natural talent, nurtured in the most depressing of political and social circumstances.

Many were to learn from this approach; our own University among them. It will surely not have escaped your attention, Mr Chancellor, that since your last visit our Admissions Division has refined their processes to the point where we can now take a relatively penniless foreign student under our wing, condone his excuse that he could not arrange transport in time to queue for Registration along with all his contemporaries last week, issue him with the student number 98H57, and within an hour after that, send him out into the world as the proud holder of a Doctor's degree?

Only a year after arriving in America, he was named Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, and in June 1973, at the age of 37, he became President and Chief Operating Officer of Heinz world-wide. He was to continue on his meteoric upward path to become the company's Chief Executive Officer in June 1979, and finally its Chairman in 1987, when he succeeded H. J. Heinz II, grandson of the founder, to become the first non-family member to serve in that role.

In addition to his career as head of the Heinz Company, Dr O'Reilly has remained an Irishman, with an intense loyalty to his native land. In the early 70s, at the height of the mania for forming conglomerates in the capitalist world, he and a few close friends formed what is now known as Fitzwilton PLC, an industrial holdings company.

In 1973 he acquired control of the major Irish newspaper group, the *Irish Independent*, now *Independent Newspapers PLC*, and for the first time moved into what was to become an increasing involvement and fascination with the media.

The integration of media and international capital movement has homogenized global tastes and appetites, to the extent where one can go anywhere on the planet and buy a Coke or Pepsi looking and tasting just like those one can buy anywhere else, and watch the same news feeds on the same Sony television sets that one can buy anywhere else. Among the brand names that fall into this category are not only Heinz in all its 57 varieties, but also another closer to his heart, the famous Waterford Wedgwood crystal and fine china group, which he was able to rescue from obscurity in the early 1990s when he became its majority shareholder and non-executive chairman.

It is not only in the USA and Ireland that Dr O'Reilly was a major player. In 1982 he displayed a great deal of faith when Heinz moved into a newly independent Zimbabwe and became a major employer there. In 1990 he started to acquire an important stake in the Australian newspaper industry, and more recently he made what is still one of the biggest foreign investments in South Africa in recent years by buying the controlling stake in Argus newspapers.

Significantly, this purchase was in 1994, prior to the elections. His faith that the poll would be held, and that a peaceful political era thus become possible, was an important signal internally and internationally at the time. He was also co-chairman of the South African Free Election Fund, which raised substantial monies for voter education ahead of the elections. O'Reilly's feelings toward South Africa have also seen him host several investment seminars in the USA as well as hosting President Mandela in the USA.

After taking over the Argus group, now renamed *Independent Newspapers*, O'Reilly launched a new quality newspaper, the *Sunday Independent* (first edited by Journalism department alumnus Shaun Johnson, now the second most senior figure in the company). He launched a new national supplement in all Independent newspapers, the *Business Report*, until recently edited by Rhodes Journalism alumnus Peter Bruce. He launched a Sunday magazine, *Sunday Life*, in three weekend titles and a supplement titled *Personal Finance* in all Independent titles. He unbundled Independent's remaining stake in *The Sowetan*, and is in talks with this paper to ensure that it gains a third share in Allied publishing, a distribution company until recently owned 71% by Independent and 29% by Times Media Ltd.

He has also set up an international editorial advisory board constituted of luminaries such as Anthony Sampson, Ben Bradlee (the legendary *Washington Post* Watergate editor), Andrew Young and South African, Dr Nthatho Motlana. The aim the board is precisely to defend editorial press freedom in Independent newspapers, and to counter fears that he is simply an interventionist media baron along the lines of a Rupert Murdoch.

In honouring O'Reilly, we recognise not only the growing ties between our University and industry, but also acknowledge a citizen of the world whose stature transcends specific areas and displays a relevance to the future economic progress of South Africa, as a whole.

OLD RHODIAN NEWS

1930s

Ingard Beech (1931) lives in Onsfreere, near Gauteng, and recently spent a three-week holiday with her sister in Nova Scotia.

John Wiles (1934) remarried in March 1997, after being widowed for a number of years.

Donald Sole (1934) attended the 40th anniversary celebrations of the founding of the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna in September last year. At the request of Dr Blix, IAEA Director General, he contributed an article to a commemorative volume, which was published as part of the 40th anniversary celebrations. Another commemorative volume published was a history of the Agency's first 40 years, compiled by a fellow South African, Mr David Fischer, who had a long and distinguished career as permanent secretariat of the Agency. Mr Fischer was present at the anniversary to give the group a background sketch of his history. The other veterans who were able to attend were representatives from the Argentine, (a former President of his country's Atomic Energy Commission), the Czech Republic, Pakistan, the Russian Federation, Sweden and Switzerland. Donald and the Argentinean were the only two surviving leaders of the delegation to the first General Conference of the Agency, which met in October 1957. The Czech representative was the first Chairman of the Board of Governors, having been nominated to the post by the USSR as part of a deal which allocated to the USA the right to nominate the first Director General. The Pakistani went on to become the Chairman of his country's Atomic Energy Commission and the Russian was one of the pioneers of the Agency's safeguard system, which monitors activities of member states. The Swiss was later appointed his country's Secretary of State for Economic Affairs and on retirement became Chairman of Nestle. The anniversary functions included a reception by the Australian Chancellor, a luncheon hosted by the Director General and a "Heuriger", dinner at a wine tavern on the outskirts of Vienna. There was also a formal presentation of the two commemorative volumes to the delegates attending the conference. All in all it was a very nostalgic get together, thoroughly enjoyed by every participant. An interesting sidelight was that only the South African Government did not help to meet, in one form or another, the costs involved in the attendance of its veteran representative.

Patricia Dalziel (Swan)(1937) is moving to a retirement complex in Bryanston for "Dalziel's last stand!"

Elaine Kirby (Chapman)(1937) lost her much-loved husband **John Kirby (1939)** suddenly on 9 November 1995. They spent most of their married life farming near Shangani in what was then Rhodesia. They retired to Plettenberg Bay after he was injured during the bush war. Elaine is now staying at the Formosa Garden Retirement Village, trying to resurrect her writing skills, which consisted mainly of a weekly series of light-hearted, illustrated articles in the *Rhodesian Farmer* for over 15 years, under the pseudonym Sue de la Bundu, and a couple of children's books. Their daughter **Glen (1963)** married **Terry Chisholm (1962)** and they are living in Gauteng, where Terry is in charge of the Anglo-American Elandsrand geological complex. Glen and Terry have two grown-up daughters. Elaine's son **Ian (1964)** married Gwithian Greenwood-Penny and they live on their property, Mokolodi Estate, in southern Botswana. Ian retired from his law practice in Gaborone in order to concentrate on the estate and its adjoining wildlife sanctuary, although he is now serving as Deputy Attorney General of Botswana. They have one son and one daughter.

Thomas Webb (1937) has wonderful memories of his three years at Rhodes. He thinks it is fantastic that student numbers have gone from 500, when he was here, to nearly 5000 now.

1940s

Oonagh Welby Parkin (Jarvis)(1940) has one daughter, three sons and six grand children. Her father was a foundation student in 1904, Norman Welby Jarvis.

Rosemary Tanner (Sampson)(1941) says her daughter Rosalind was born in Lillian Britten

House when it was a maternity sanatorium in 1951. Rosalind obtained her B. Agricultural Administration Hons. at Stellenbosch in 1995.

Margot Richards (Pearse)(1943) wrote with the news that her husband **Jack (1946)** has retired from dentistry. They have two sons: **Graham (1972)** is the Town Clerk of Port Elizabeth and Guy works in the Pulmonology and Intensive Care Unit at the Johannesburg Hospital. He has three children. Margot's daughter, **Jo-Anne (1976)** married Ross Hutton, an advocate. She is a freelance journalist in London. Her first Book *Innocence of Roast Chicken* was published in 1996 and her second book *Touching a Lighthouse* in November 1997. Jo-Anne has two children.

Ridley Stapleton (1943) and **Marion (Currell)(1944)** have recently moved to George and are interested in contacting ORs of their vintage and in their vicinity. Their address is 21 Peach Road, Outeniqua Manor, Heather Park, George, 6259.

Betty Duncan (Cross)(1944) has moved back to Gauteng to be with her family, after 15 years at the coast.

Eileen Stiemens (Rumball)(1944) has retired to Natal after 20 years as a social worker and a school psychologist with the Cerebral Palsy School.

Henry Birrell (1946) sends love from Bushman's River Mouth.

Brian Rowles (1946) was Headmaster at Dale College. For the last 20 years he has been retired and living at Kidds Beach.

Audrey Whitehead (Gluck)(1947) and her husband moved to East London in 1989. Their eldest daughter Maryon emigrated to the UK in 1986 with her husband and two children. Their middle son Paul is an architect, married to Caroline Schweizer and lives in Gauteng. And son **David (1981)** is married to **Susan (Parry) (1984)**. They have two children and live in Perth. **John Omer-Cooper (1948)** has retired as Professor of History at the University of Otago and is living in a retirement home on the lovely Lake Wanaka, New Zealand.

Audrey Briggs (Crawford)(1949) wrote to say that her daughter **Rosemary (1983)** has recently married James Irlam.

1950s

John Hawthorne (1951) is married to **Margie (Farror)(1953)** and they have four children (two Rhodes graduates) and seven grandchildren. John retired from Anglo-American in March 1997 after 40 years service. For the last 10 years he held the position of Deputy Technical Director and alternate Director.

Brian Thiel (1953) retired after 38 years of teaching and being a headmaster in South Africa and Australia. He and his wife Kay have settled in the beachside Sydney suburb of Dee Why. After Rhodes, Brian started his teaching career at Grey High School where he became Vice-Principal. He was then Headmaster of St Andrew's School in Bloemfontein and for a time he was Headmaster of Pridwin School in Johannesburg. Brian says he set a new trend at St Andrew's by being an Old Rhodian, as the late **Iain Paterson (1945)** took over from him and **Roy Gordon (1960)** succeeded Iain! Brian then became Deputy Headmaster of Barker College, a large Anglican School on the North Shore of Australia. For most of 1995 and 1996 he served as Headmaster and was only too pleased to give it away and settle into their newly acquired home.

Robert Caley (1953) and his wife Vanda have retired in Ballito.

Alec Brown (1953) retired from his position as Professor of Zoology at the University of Cape Town at the end of 1996, having held his position since 1975 when he was awarded a Personal Chair in Marine Biology. He is now Emeritus Professor. During his career he has published five books and some 180-research papers, mostly on marine biology, with some recent papers on the philosophy of science. He is currently preparing a sixth book, on the latter topic. He was awarded the Gold Medal of the Zoological Society of Southern Africa in 1986 and the Gilchrist Gold Medal for outstanding Marine Research in 1996. He has been Visiting Professor to the University of Manchester and Research Associate at the University of Cambridge and the Plymouth Marine Laboratory. His overseas research work

included a spell in Antarctica in 1980. In recent years he has undertaken a good deal of contact work and has been adviser to the Government of Chile and the University of Hong Kong. Since his early days at Rhodes University, Alec's interests have been divided between marine biology and music. This conflict was largely resolved in 1970, when the University of Cape Town appointed him Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Music, a position he occupied for over 10 years, becoming Dean in 1976 and again in 1980. He continues to undertake research and consulting work and has accepted the honorary position of Director of the University's Centre for Marine Studies.

Trevor Long (1954) recently retired after 21 years as Headmaster of Victoria Girls' High School in Grahamstown. He is a member of the Rhodes University Council and Senate and lives in Port Elizabeth.

John Hawkridge (1956) writes that after 36 years as a Presbyterian minister he and his wife have retired to *Sitas Cottage* in Fish Hoek. He is still preaching.

Elizabeth Spoor (Perry)(1956) moved to Western Australia with her husband after living in London for 10 years. She has recently retired from a career in librarianship and is looking forward to having time to do some gardening and lots of travelling.

Glenys Sefton (Jones)(1956) is doing consulting work in Industrial Relations after retiring from her position with the State Government.

Jonathon Lawley (1956) graduated from City University, London with a thesis entitled *Transcending Culture: Developing Africa's Technical Managers*.

Brian Ashley-Cooper (1956) married Wendy and they moved north in Australia, to Harvey Bay, when Wendy was appointed Deputy Principal of Fraser Coast Anglican College.

Michael Etherton (1958) married **Mary (Bellamy)(1958)** and they have been based in the UK since 1972. Michael worked at universities in Zambia, Nigeria and the UK until 1988, and from 1988-1992 in Bhutan, doing Development Aid. He was in Vietnam until 1997 and is now in Katmandu, Nepal.

Lawson Lobb (1958) has taken an early retirement package in Australia. Lawson left the academic staff of Rhodes University in 1971 to take up a position at the University of Wales in Sydney. In those days, Rhodes was controlled by a conservative administration that used a heavy hand to deal with some staff and students who sought changes in the University, or in apartheid South Africa. The University's refusal to appoint Basil Moore in 1969-1970 to a post in Theology, under instructions from the Broederbond and the Security Police, was a signal to many of them that their futures at Rhodes or in South Africa were bleak! Thus it was that he left for Australia with his wife, **Tessa (Randell)** and baby son, Matthew. The country quickly became their own, offering freedom and opportunity for change, especially after the election of the Whitlam Labor government in 1972. They added another son, Joshua, to their family in 1973. Matthew completed a BEc (Hons) at the Australian National University and was an Australian Rhodes scholar at Balliol College and the London School of Economics from 1995-1998. Joshua is a playwright and actor, having completed an English Honours degree at the University of New South Wales in 1995. Tessa had a distinguished career as an artist and Community Arts Officer, but sadly died after a long battle with cancer in 1989. Since then Lawson has married Jill and they hope to spend their retirement travelling and in volunteer work, starting with the planning for the Sydney 2000 Olympics and Paralympics. During Lawson's academic career he was a British Council Scholar at the University of Surrey in 1977; a visiting Professor at the University of Illinois in 1990 and 1992; a visiting Mathematician at the Universities of Michigan and Santa Barbara in 1992 and 1993; and Exchange Professor of Mathematics at Mansfield University in Pennsylvania in 1995 and 1996. During the 1980s he was heavily involved in union matters in Australia, being the first full time National President of the Australian College Academics Union for three years. In 1996 he was appointed by the Australian Government for a two-year term, based in Canberra, as one of the ten national Commissioners for Tertiary Education. Their role was to oversee the funding

of colleges and universities in Australia, a fairly daunting and challenging task. Lawson remembers with great nostalgia and pleasure his staff and student friends at his *alma mater* from 1958 to 1961. He was a student in Mathematics under Professor Brian Abrahamson (who also later left for Australia, to Flinders University in Adelaide) and from 1967 to 1971 a lecturer in Mathematics and warden of Matthews House. He says, "those times and people certainly played a very formative and beneficial (mostly!) role in my professional, mathematical and personal life."

Ken Wardle (1959) retired from active ministry with the United Church of Canada at the end of February 1997. Prior to this he remarried and he and his wife, Menai, live North West of Toronto. They are enjoying their retirement by keeping fit at a nearby gym, volunteering in the community, continuing their education and generally enjoying the options that having time offers them, including travel and many musical presentations.

1960s

Roy Gordon (1960) was recently appointed President of the South African Principal's Association.

Kit Cumings (1960) wrote to say that after thirty years in Hong Kong, first as a policeman, then as a broadcaster, he has retired to the Gold Coast of Queensland, Australia.

Robert Coss (1960) is married to **Nelva (Wright)(1961)**. He has a pharmacy in Alexandra Road, Pietermaritzburg and Nelva lectures in the Education Department at the University of Natal. **Deryck Schreuder (1960)** is Vice-Chancellor of the University of Western Australia.

Trevor Smith (1960) is married to **Joan (Finkelstein)(1964)**. He is a consulting psychologist in a private practice and works at the University of Western Ontario as Clinical Professor of Psychology.

John Wegerhoff (1960) took a severance package from the Education Department after nearly 10 years as Headmaster of Gardens Commercial High School. He is now teaching Science at Abbott's College.

Chris Wortham (1960) is an Associate Professor in the Department of English at the University of Western Australia. He enjoys receiving news of Rhodes and fellow Old Rhodians via the newsletter.

Michael Mackintosh (1961) retired after 38 years in the Methodist Church Ministry. Ten of these years he served as a Chaplain in the SA Navy and the last five years in Port Alfred.

Elizabeth Shade (Thwaites)(1961) is married with twin daughters and a son, living in Harare. She has retired from teaching.

Robert Donaldson (1962) has retired as a Minister of the Church of England.

Errol Jacoby (1962) worked at the Marsh Memorial Homes for Children from 1994-1997 and has now taken up a pastoral appointment at the Wesley Methodist Church, Kimberley, the same one he ministered in 32 years ago after leaving Rhodes.

Jinny Hussey (Beatty)(1962) has retired after teaching Physical Education at two girls' colleges in Adelaide for more than twenty years. Jinny and her husband, John, a marine tanker pilot for the Mobil Oil Refinery, have recently realised a long held ambition and have moved to an offshore island in the Spencer Gulf. "Thistle Island" is about 40 km from Port Lincoln and has an area of about 12000 acres. The bird life is prolific and includes many uncommon species. The water is unpolluted and excellent for fishing and diving, and the island is free of introduced predators such as cats and dogs - altogether it is a wonderful paradise.

Rolf Stokhuyzen (1963) lives in Canada. He teaches chemistry, environment and safety subjects at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology as well as managing applied research and development on the purification of high voltage transformer coils.

Marian Wright (Lindsay)(1963) is married to **Richard (1964)**. They thoroughly enjoyed visits from Old Rhodians while they lived in Grahamstown, many of them delivering a new generation of students, or attending their graduations. They now live in Stilfontein.

Felicia Fourie (Flok)(1963) took an early

retirement to start working in tourism and organising art and writing courses. Her previous careers included teaching at the Erdmuth-Dorothea-Haus School in Konigsfeld, Germany, marrying and raising a family, working as a conference organiser, personnel manager in a department store chain and for the past 14 years, as marketing manager of a country-wide computer support firm. Felicia married Deon who recently retired from UNISA. They have two daughters and a son, one at the bar, one in marketing and one in banking. She lives in Pretoria and looks forward to hearing from and seeing old friends from Rhodes!

Glen Chisholm (Kirby)(1963) is married to **Terry (1962)** and they live in Gauteng, where Terry is in charge of the Anglo-American Elandsrand geological complex. They have two grown-up daughters, Kate and **Briony(1993)**. Briony, who was paralysed in an accident on her way home from her final year at Rhodes, has bought a house in Cape Town and is off to the UK to acclimatise herself to an electric car.

Ian Kirby (1964) married Gwethian Greenwood-Penny and they live on their property, Mokolodi Estate, in southern Botswana. Ian retired from his law practice in Gaborone in order to concentrate on the estate and its adjoining wildlife sanctuary, although he is currently serving as Deputy Attorney General of Botswana. They have one son and one daughter.

Noelle Waddington (1964) has recently retired from stockbroking and is travelling in Africa.

Elaine Wansbury (Fingland)(1964) has been a computer programmer for the last 12 years. She is now enjoying lecturing at the Computer School at Damelin in Molelane.

Francis Carroll (1965) is married to Lorrette and they have two children, Julie-Anne (23) and Jonathon (22). Francis is practising as a guidance counsellor in Queensland, Australia.

Ronald Abbott (1965) is running his own software business in New Zealand. He has two sons, Michael, who completed a BCom at Auckland University and Duncan, presently doing a BSc at Auckland University.

Mary (Palmer)(1965) is married to **John Roberts (1964)**. They have just celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary and have a young granddaughter. John lectures at Rhodes in East London and Mary teaches at College St Primary.

Arthur Clarke (1965) is happily married and living a pretty quiet, unchaotic life in Tokai, Cape Town when not riding his motorbike. His first book for entrepreneurs has already been reprinted and the second one was due to be released in September 1997 - not bad for an ex-drama student, he says! Arthur is now planning to write something more challenging and fun called *The law of the unexpected*.

Brian Cretchley (1966) and **Trish (Holcroft) (1969)** moved to Australia with their two daughters, Julia (18) and Tiffany (15), two and a half years ago. They have settled in well and send their regards to all their Old Rhodian friends.

Erica (Ebden) (1967) and **Peter Kirby (1966)** are moving to Australia, where Peter has been appointed Chief Executive Officer of CSR Limited in Sydney. He moved there in January but Erica will remain in London until their son finishes his schooling in July 1999. Frequent trips between London and Sydney and a huge telephone bill help them to keep in touch as a family. In Sydney Peter has been in touch with **Duncan Clarke (1966)** and **Rob McQuoid-Mason (1967)**. Erica is thrilled to have two of her nieces, Margaux Ebden and Tiffany Ebden enrolled at Rhodes. They represent the third generation of her immediate family at Rhodes, the first having been her father, "Jack" (**Graham John Bardwell Ebden (1934)**). She says that while it is probably not a record, it is certainly a nice tradition to keep up!

Desmond Harrison (1967) is married to **Rose (Tavener)(1971)**. They have three children - Brenda 21, doing Honours at Stellenbosch, Rory 18 and Grace 17, doing A-levels in England.

David Sceales (1967) is married to an ex-Witsie, Marilyn. They live in Perth and have two daughters, Deanne, who is doing first year physiotherapy after a year in France on Rotary Exchange, and Lauren, who has just completed matric. David, who owns and runs an engineering business, has offered to help us arrange future Old Rhodian reunions in Perth.

Gillian Horsley (1967) writes again from China to thank us for the newsletter, saying that it's great to read news of old friends. She has e-mailed some of them in Australia and says that e-mail is a lifeline for many ORs "out there". Gillian's address is gillian@isb.bj.edu.cn.

Terence Keeler (1967) spent two years reading for a BA Divinity at Rhodes and in 1969 became Editor of *Grocott's Mail*, taking the chair from Patrick Cull. His career in journalism progressed from there, first to the *Natal Mercury* in Durban and then the *Financial Mail* in Johannesburg. In 1974 he left South Africa and joined the staff of the *Daily Telegraph* in London as a sub-editor, then served on the International Desk as a foreign sub-editor, and finally as a writer and sub-editor on the Editorial Surveys section. In 1981 he married Jeannette Mitchell, an accountant, who, like Terence, had lived in both South Africa and Rhodesia. They have a daughter, Andrea, aged 13. In 1988, aged 42, he left the *Daily Telegraph* and enrolled at Keele University in Staffordshire where he obtained a BSc (Hons) in Computer Science and Law. He followed that with an LLM in European, International and Comparative Law, lectured Law for a time at Staffordshire University in Stoke-on-Trent and then at the University of Derby where he specialised in Environmental Law and IT skills for lawyers. It had been his intention at the outset to become a barrister and he has eaten all his dinners at Lincoln's Inn. In 1985, after being adjudged "excellent" by the HEFC Inspectors for his lecturing skills, Terence was invited by an old friend to join his growing software distribution company in the south of England, mainly because of his interest in electronic commerce and EDI. Today he holds a floating management role in the company that has offices in Paris, Hamburg, Munich and Oslo. He also works for Wick Hill Group, which is based in a 200-year-old mansion set in 15 acres of parkland at Shalford, just south of Guildford. Terence still keeps in regular contact with the **Rev Lee van Rensburg (1967)**, a Methodist Minister practising in the USA.

Louis Bosch (1968), having withdrawn from the Methodist Church of SA in December 1992, has since been involved in research in Theology and Ethics, looking particularly at areas in Feminist Theology, Political Theology, Black Theology and "Economic" Theology. It has been an attempt to try and see the role of the Church in the future of a new South Africa and how the Church will be affected in those areas.

Peter Pienaar (1968) has retired and enjoys reading for the South African Library for the Blind. He is now on his 50th title (since January 1996) and appropriately it is the 1997 Pulitzer Prize Winner, *Angela's Tears*. He hopes that with luck he will be able to read more books than his age, and thereafter keep pace for the time that's left.

Moyra Evans (Sweetman)(1968) is a Senior Lecturer in Linguistics at RAU, Johannesburg, to which she commutes weekly from Harrismith. She is married with two daughters and a son, who is in the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, USA. Her husband is the Professor of English at Qwa-Qwa University.

Rob Cowling (1968) was the first Honours graduate from Rhodes in Physical Education, and one of the first BSc (Med) Honours graduates from UCT Medical School. He now consults from the Sport Science Institute of South Africa and is STILL SINGLE!!

Jenny (Berry Smith) Kenyon (1968) wrote to add to the information about her family published in the last newsletter under the name **Alistair Keith Kenyon (1965)**. He is known as Keith, not Alistair. Jenny graduated in 1971 with a BA and has only recently gone back to university to do an MA in English Second Language. Jenny works for a very interesting NGO doing English Second Language lessons using radio and Keith runs around doing exploration work for Anglo American. Keith, also known as Scrooge, has two brothers, **Brian (1966)** and **Colin (1974)** who are also ORs - and were also known as Scrooge which gets a bit confusing! Brian married **Gill Melville (1971)** and Colin married **Carol Niddrie (1976)**. Keith and Jenny's daughter, Kathryn, is completing her third year at Rhodes and Brian and Gill's daughter, Tracy, is finishing second year. There are a number of other ORs from their time with whom they have maintained contact over the

years. **Heidi (1967)** and **Alec (Prof) Stuart (1965)** live in Pretoria - their daughter Karla is finishing an Honours degree in Information Systems. **Shirley (Marinus) (1967)** and **Jeremy (Shake) Seigel (1965)** live in Standerton - their daughter Amber completed her pharmacy degree at Rhodes in 1996. **Diana Gardner (Newell) (1971)** is back in Grahamstown - her elder son, **Murray (1992)**, is also an OR and her younger son, Sean, is a student. Jenny, Diana, Shirley and Heidi were pupils together at Kaffrarian Girls High School in King William's Town and have maintained their friendship through the years.

Neville Richardson (1968) is Head of the School of Theology at the University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg. His wife, **Carleen (Witt)(1968)** founded and runs a junior primary school in Edendale Township. They have four adult children.

John (Jup) Badenhorst (1968) has returned to Cape Town after ten years as head of Public Relations for M-NET in Johannesburg. He is now running his own public relations consultancy, "Three Worlds Agency" and in January 1998 he opened a new division, "Three World Films". He has a nine-year-old son, Tristan.

Stephen Mawson (1969) is on his way to Ghana, where he is starting a two-year contract.

Lynne Garmany (Mosel)(1969) is married to **Howard (1967)** and still employed by Banque Nationale de Paris. They have been transferred to Zimbabwe, their home which they left in 1980.

John Stevens (1969) has been in Botswana since 1982 and is a partner in Deloitte & Touche. He is married to **Kathy (Chubb)(1970)** and they have two children, Claire and James.

Ian McGregor (1969) now lives in Los Angeles, runs the LA office of a major advertising agency and recently celebrated 25 years with the company after stints in Durban, Johannesburg, New York and Los Angeles. This all because of a BA from Rhodes with Economics and Psychology majors and the help of Club 15!

Jim Heaton (1969) is the Managing Director of the family textile weaving business. His wife, **Cherry (Wood) (1969)** teaches English as a foreign language to kids from as far afield as Hong Kong, Singapore, Germany, Spain, Russia and Thailand at a local private school. Their eldest daughter Jacki, who was born in Grahamstown, is at Aberdeen University while their middle daughter Marg, born in Australia, is at Uppingham School near Leicester for her Sixth Form two years. Their youngest, Alice is at Loretto School near Edinburgh. The Heaton family have seen quite a few Old Rhodians over the last year or so - **Pam Hay (Cawood) (1970)** and her family are regular visitors and they have also seen **Bugs Wilmot (1965)**, **Colin Kenyon (1974)** and **Rod Fisk (1971)**. The Heaton family live on the edge of the Yorkshire Dales National Park, which is a very beautiful unspoiled part of the north of England. They hope that old friends will note their address as they have lots of room and would love to see them. They promise loads of fresh air, and plenty of sheep! (Blank Bank, Eldroth, Austwick, Via Lancaster LA2 8AH, United Kingdom)

Mary Burnett (1969) sent in the following photo of three generations of Old Rhodians - all related in some way - who spent Christmas Day 1997 together at the Kleinmond.



Back: Shannon Tagg (1995), Stephen Burnett (1973), Michael Burnett (1994) and Thomas Tagg (1967)
Front: Janet Tagg (Palmer) (1968), Andrew Burnett (1967), Sheila Burnett (1936), Mary Burnett (1969) and Barbara Burnett (Palmer) (1967)

1970s

Tony Granger (1970)'s latest book *How to Finance Your Retirement* was published by Random House/Century in October 1997 and sold out the first print run in four weeks!

John Child (1970), his wife Marion and their family moved from Durban, KwaZulu Natal, to Cape Town. He is lecturing in Theology, Ethics and a number of other subjects at George Whitefield College, the official training college for ministers of the Church of England in South Africa. In his spare time he trains for the Comrades Marathon.

Christopher Berhardi (1970) is the Command Chaplain in SANDF at the Castle in Cape Town.

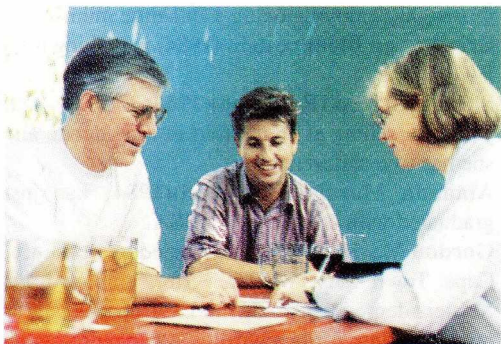
Janet du Plessis (1970) has started a branch of "Actor's Agency Penny Chartenis Associates" in Cape Town at one of the old venues of the Space Theatre.

Dennis Fuge (1970) is the General Manager for Warner-Lambert in Hong Kong and China. He is married to classmate **Alyson (Chad) (1970)** and they have two children, Mark (11) and Simonne (9). They have been in Hong Kong for the past 9 years and their e-mail address is: fuges@hk.super.net

David Mather (1970) is a minister of the United Reformed Church in Blackburn, UK. He is also doing an MA in Contextual Missiology through Manchester University and is very happy to announce that he has two grandchildren.

Christopher Heathcock (1970) is married to Heather and they have recently moved from Melbourne to Brisbane. They have decided that they will settle into a subtropical lifestyle, and that that is the end of their moves.

Rodney Fisk (1971) briefly visited his long-time friend, Chris Walwyn, brother of **Mike (1970)**, in Grahamstown earlier this year. Chris, Alumni Manager **Lisl Griffioen (1988)** and her husband, **Angus Paterson (1987)**, were lucky enough to grab a quick pub lunch with this very interesting Old Rhodian. Rod is the Executive Vice-President of Edlow International Company, based in Washington, USA but he spends most of his time travelling around the world on business, especially to Russia.



Alumni Manager, **Lisl Griffioen (1988)**, right, signing **Rod Fisk (1971)**, left, up to the 150 Club during a pub lunch at the Rat & Parrot in New Street. **Angus Paterson (1987)** in the centre checks up on his wife!

Mark Norrish (1971) is the grocery and wine buyer at Shoprite head office in Cape Town. He really enjoys the wine buying, and sends best wishes to all Old Rhodians

Julia Botha (Butler) (1971) is Associate Professor of Pharmacology at the Medical School, University of Natal, Durban. She is also involved in conservation and, together with her husband, has recently written a book called *Bring Nature Back to your Garden*, which promotes environmentally friendly gardening.

Brian Baldwin (1971) and his wife Shireen moved to Australia in 1983 from Zimbabwe. They spent six delightful years in Perth, two in Adelaide and the balance in Melbourne, where they now live. Brian spent some time in senior marketing roles for a couple of national companies, hence the moves, before opening his own small business manufacturing and marketing a variety of household, health and beauty products locally and in Asia. His brother, **Peter Baldwin (1967)** also lives in Melbourne.

Brian Dollery (1971) lives in Armidale, NSW, Australia, where he is associate professor in economics at the University of New England. On a recent sabbatical Brian drank heavily with **Booi "Sputla" Themeli (1987)** in New York, **Gordon**

Springett (1974) in England, **Phil Black (1973 Staff)**, **Andre "Amos" Mostert (1981)** and **Rick "Lungs" Weakley (1983)** in Cape Town, and **Shirley Pinchuck (1974)** and **Gareth Cornwell (1971)** in Grahamstown. Brian often also drinks heavily with **Joe "Soap" Wallis (1977)** in Dunedin and **Geoff Fisher (1971)** in Wellington. Brian wants to drink heavily with **Greg "Dorsman" Wright (1978)**, whom he thinks is in the Cape, and **John "Verlep" Jago (1971)** somewhere in the USA. Brian can be contacted on bdollery@metz.une.edu.au.

Gregory Alvord (1971) and **Deborah (Granger) (1972)** live in Florida, USA. Greg is lecturing part time at the University of Tampa and Debbie is a claims adjuster with Bankers Insurance Company in St Pete. Both are enjoying their work. Their two daughters, Andrea (16) and Nicola (14), attend a Junior Navy Academy in St. Petersburg.

Ivor Kaplan (1971) practised law in Cape Town after graduating from Rhodes and emigrated to Australia in 1986, where he is one of 145 partners in the Australian firm of Blake Dawson Waldron. His wife, Barbara, did law at UCT but their move to Australia saw her change direction and she is now a successful retailer of kids shoes. They have two children, Mandy (15) and Greg (12). Their e-mail address is kaplan@magna.com.au.

Ken Ball (1971) is married to Bev and they have three children. After obtaining his teacher's diploma he taught at Grey High School and is now the Headmaster of Westering High School in Port Elizabeth. In between preparing Westering for a bright future, he plans to run his 10th Two Oceans marathon and continue his jogs along the coastline.

Carryl Allardice (1971) has been appointed Director of the South African Library in Cape Town. Her e-mail address is cma@salib.ac.za.

Judith Joss (Brown) (1972) married an Englishman, Andy, has two children Rebecca (11) and Alexander (8) and teaches the piano.

Laura Griffiths (Godfrey) (1972) married **Gareth (1972)** and they have three children, Kirsty (16), Dylan (15), and a "laat-lammetjie", Courtney (3). Gareth is a finance director for the Rennies Group and Laura is involved in setting up a new Clinical Research Business with another pharmacist.

Godfrey Carter (1972) is married with two children and has been the General Manager of the Marine Hotel in Hermanus for the past eight years.

Mike McCoy (1972) is nearing the end of his four-year contract as education officer with the Anglican Board of Mission in Sydney, Australia. He and Lorna, with John (11) and David (8), will head for home in December 1998. Their time in Australia has allowed them to travel quite widely; for example, Mike was in Hobart, Tasmania in early June 1997 and in Cairns (far North Queensland) three weeks later. On a trip to Perth in August Mike renewed links with **Wendy Newton (Taylor) (1972)** and her family, as well as **Gillian Pow Chong (1972)**. On their return to SA Mike hopes to continue doing education for mission and ministry somewhere in the Church of the Province of Southern Africa.

Bryan Vickerstaff (1972) and **Ina (Hove) (1972)** have been living in Jakarta, Indonesia for six years. Bryan is the President Director of a leasing company that was originally owned by the Standard Chartered Bank group. They sold the company in 1995 to the local Caterpillar agent (earthmoving, mining, forestry equipment) and Bryan was asked to continue running the company for the new owners. The financial turmoil in South East Asia is creating some very challenging hurdles. Ina is unfortunately not able to work in Indonesia but is keeping her hand in with her Rhodes Pharmacy degree by being a volunteer on the Medical Health line - a service mainly for expatriates. She plays tennis and obtained her American Professional Tennis Coaching certificate whilst living there. Bryan still plays a great deal of league squash and occasionally squash on the tennis court. Their two daughters Sandy (16) and Paula (14) attend the Jakarta American and British International schools respectively and Bryan is on the Board of Governors of the British International School. They hope to be in that part of the world for some time to come. Their e-mail address is bipsvic@ibm.net.

Rob Bircher (1972) is married to Pam (Haupt). They have four children, two girls and two boys. Rob is pastoring at the Hilton Assembly of God and welcomes all Rhodians passing through Hilton, KZN, to visit their Church. His BA (English and Linguistics) is being put to very good use!

Andrzej Emil Stefan Misiewicz (1973) married Lucinda and they have two children, Casimer (3) and Isabella (1). He has his own engineering company and lives in Harare.

John Henry (1973) requalified as a medical doctor at Wits after studying Pharmacy at Rhodes and since 1991 he has had a practice in East London. He has a son (6) and a daughter (11), and he still plays squash, but for Old Selbornians.

Rob MacLean (1973) sent in a photo of a group of Old Rhodians who met for dinner at his home in Cape Town at the end of last year.



Back: **Rob MacLean (1973)**, Company Director, **Felix Unite Tourism Group**; **Anthony "Casey" Galloway (1973)**, Company Director, **Stratagem Business Consultants**; **Candy (Maythem) Galloway (1974)**, **St Luke's Hospice Consultant**; **Lance "Sporty" Goodale (1973)**, Owner, **Victorian Bathrooms**; **Matt Guiney (1973)**, Deputy Headmaster, **SACS Senior**.

Front: **Jane (Weeks) Bijl (1975)**, Company Director, **Westlake Service Station**; **Nici (Maynier) Guiney (1975)**, Sales Manager, **Plexicor**; **Sandy (Krige) MacLean (1974)**, Joint Managing Director, **Rustenburg Pharmacy**; **Meryl (Gruwer) Weaver (1975)**, a qualified lawyer, taking time off to promote the wine growing region of the Cape; **Dr Alex Weaver (1973)**, Manager, **Cross Cutting Technology**, **CSIR Environmentec**; **Chris Bijl (1976)**, Company Director, **Leisure Kitchens** and **Westlake Service Station**.

Chris van der Spuy (1974) has worked for RJR Nabisco as Human Resources Director of their East African Tobacco operations for the past 15 months, based in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania. He will move to Geneva shortly as Human Resources Director for East and Central Europe and Africa.

Michael Heathcote (1974) is married with two children and has been Principal of Butterworth High School since 1993.

David Hart (1974) is working in a private practice as a therapist in Cape Town. He is a self-supporting Anglican Priest. His e-mail address is end@iafrica.com.

Sally Longley (Welch) (1974) married Jim, a member of Australia's NSW parliament, and they have two children, Philip (4) and Claire (2). After 10 years in politics, Jim is now CEO of Anglican Retirement Villages and Sally is a lecturer in Urban Geography at the Australian Catholic University.

Frances Aitchison (Forbes) (1974) is married with three children and living in Surrey.

Tom Davey (1974) is the Headmaster of Theodor Herzl School in Port Elizabeth.

Andrew ("Mitch") Mitchell (1974) is an Associate Professor in Geology at the University of Durban-Westville, where he has been for the past 11 years. He is married with two children.

Anthony Turton (1974) is doing a PhD on the hydrogeology of southern Africa at Pretoria University. He would love to hear from old Strubenites on e-mail address art@icon.co.za.

Christine Jardine (Botha) (1975) is back at UCT doing a Masters in Environmental Science, after managing a beef farm in Natal for eight years. She lives in Noordhoek.

Lindsey Jones (Torr) (1975) is married to Robert and they have two children, Kate (10) and Sophie (5). They live in Wimbledon and she works part-time in a Psychology Clinic.

Anthony Clark (1975) married **Brigitte (Lang) (1976)**, who is lecturing at Rhodes in the Law Department. He is Headmaster of St Andrews College.

Alexander Hartley (1975) married **Diana**

Hodgkiss (1976). They have two children and emigrated to New Zealand in 1996. They now live on the North Shore in Auckland and are both teaching at Westlake Girls High School.

Patricia van den Bergh (Baker) (1975) is still living in Bloemfontein and is working for International Healthcare Distributors. She married Robin and has two sons, Mark (10) and Paul (5).

Peter Mann (1976) still works for Anglo American, as an exploration geologist in Kitwe, Zambia.

Andrew Knight (1976) is married and in February 1997 moved from New Zealand to Perth, where he was employed by a small consultancy, working with several client companies involved with gold exploration. A few weeks later, after attending an interview to work in a coal mining company, he was offered the job and then moved across to the Blue Mountains, two hours west of Sydney. The mine is only three years old and has a 20-year contract to supply coal to a local power station, so he should be there for some considerable time to come.

Charles Inngs (1976) was appointed CEO of an enlarged Rural District Council in 1994 and in 1995/96 he was area Chairman of Round Table. He is studying part time for an MSE in International Policy at the University of Bristol.

Julie Bolze (Crossley) (1976) married Peter in 1980, and has two children. She is teaching in Queenstown and would love to hear from friends who were in Prince Alfred House from 1976-1978. Her e-mail address is pjbolze@ilink.nis.za.

Priscilla Martini (McMagh) (1976) is married to Andre, and has two daughters Robyn (11), and Kirsty (13). She is teaching at Umhlali Primary School and is busy on a project, with her husband, to open a conservation camp for children. They have lived in the "bush" for two years with no electricity, only a generator, gas and paraffin, are enjoying life immensely, and do not recommend the bush to those who are scared of the dark and snakes!

Mark Thorpe (1976)'s e-mail address is thorpe@clear.net.nz.

Rob Ambrosio (1976) left South Africa in 1986 to travel Europe and ended up in the UK. After doing a one-year pharmacy course at Sunderland University he returned to London where he worked as a locum at first and later as a Superintendent Pharmacist for a private pharmacy in the West End. Rob met a few Old Rhodians, **Eric Schoemaker (1981)** and **Barry Schniders (1976)**, while in London and even went to a Rhodes reunion in Woking. He left the UK in 1991 to work in Bermuda, and has lived there since. He is married to Suzie and has a 17-year-old stepdaughter, Tori. Recently Rob changed his career and is now doing networking for a fairly large computer company in Bermuda. To accelerate the transaction he went to Boston University during the summer semester and is now heading for a MCSE. Rob keeps in touch with **Bob Wilson (1974)** who lives in California and **Vaughn Galloway (1976)** in Toronto. **Russell Brooke (1986)** and **Ellen (Spaargaren) (1987)** have joined Rob on the Island, and together they make up their own Old Rhodian reunions. Rob has become an avid golfer and is on a course every weekend. He also enjoys deep-sea fishing and would love to hear from old Rhodians between 1975 and 1980. His e-mail address is rambrosio@ccs.bm.

Jo-Anne Richards (1976) married Ross Hutton, an advocate. She is a freelance journalist in London. Her first book, *Innocence of Roast Chicken* was published in 1996 and her second book, *Touching a Lighthouse* in November 1997. Jo-Anne has two children.

Catherine Capon (Foden) (1977) is married to Rodney and they have three sons. Together they run a Christ Youth Development and Adventure Centre. They have just spent some months doing further training in the UK.

Brent Stephens (1977) has been living in Dallas, Texas for five years now and things are going well. He has been married for ten years and his sons William (7) and Jason (5) are both at school and doing well at soccer. He says that he keeps looking at the Old Rhodian newsletter and sees his era slipping further and further back with each new year's graduates, but it still seems like yesterday... Brent has his own management consulting company now, concentrating on the small to medium sized companies in the Dallas

area. He had a reunion with **Dr Alan Carter (1978)** and **Karen (Beaumont) (1980)**, who live in Austin and still sees a bit of **Berry Hayter (Du Toit) (1977)** who also lives in Dallas.

Anette Rezelman (1977) is the Human Resources Manager at the Cape of Good Hope Bank in Cape Town.

Gerard Williams (1977) married a “Kiwi”, and has two children under the age of two. He has just celebrated ten years in Australia.

Laurie Austen (Gersowsky)(1977) married Lawrence in 1989, and has three daughters. Prior to leaving for the USA in 1996, she taught senior history at King David High School.

Cheryl Court (Dell)(1977) is living in Empangeni and working in the mornings. She has two sons aged ten and seven.

Pamela Ridgway-Cross (Ridgway)(1977) is married and has a daughter, Sarah. Pamela was a marketing and sales manager at Hoechst Marion Roussel and is now a full time mother.

Gavin McKie (1977) is living in Perth with his wife and three children. He is working for DMR, a computer consulting company.

Alan Carter (1978) is married to **Karen (Beaumont)(1980)** and their e-mail address is Alan.Carter@ey.com.

Belinda Eisenhauer (1978) is a librarian at the Durban Museum and Art Gallery. She still gets comments about her purple Rhodes tracksuit.

Michele Pannell (White)(1978) is married with two daughters and is teaching Standard 4 at an English medium junior school.

Selwyn Kahanovitz (1978) married Munya and has two sons aged eight and six. He is a Managing Director of Biovac SA in Johannesburg, a company that specialises in vaccine distribution throughout Africa.

Mike Crommelin (1978) is moving to the Goodwood Methodist Church as the Senior Minister after a nine-year stay in Bloemfontein, where he was a Superintendent Minister.

Graham Norris (1978) cannot believe that he is 40 - AAAAAAARGH!!

Sheila Brown (1978) is a fashion designer in Rosebank.

Ian Butler (1979) is the senior lecturer in the Department of English at the University of North West in Mafikeng. His e-mail address is ibeng@unibo.uniwest.ac.za.

Sonya Kopecky (1979) has achieved the FCI Designation Fellow at the Credit Institute of Canada.

Norman Coetzee (1979) graduated with an MA from Potchefstroom University and was appointed to the staff of the Trinity Methodist Church in Bloemfontein in January 1998.

Kevin Strong (1979) joined the Retail Group in 1997 as Communications Officer.

Penelope Smith (1979) has been living in England for the past 11 years and is working for a firm of solicitors in Birmingham.

Kerry Anne Botha (Spence)(1979) is married to **Michael (1977)** and they have two gorgeous girls, Sarah (7) and Rachel (4). Kerry manages her own communications company in Gauteng and Michael runs his own IR and management consulting company.

1980s

Gerald England (1980) is married to **Lynne (Abbott)(1982)**. After ten years at Pinelands Congregational Church in Cape Town, they have accepted a call to the Kidderminster in the West Midlands. They have two children aged nine and six. Their e-mail address is geralde@iafrica.com.

Jane Mackenzie (1980) is married with one child. She lives in Hyde Park and is a management and nutrition consultant.

Vijay Manga (1980) is married with two daughters. She qualified as a pharmacist in 1986 and now owns a pharmacy in Lorraine, Port Elizabeth.

Kirsty Maclons (Fraser)(1980) is very happily married, with a two-year-old daughter, Caitlin. She did sign language interpreting for President Mandela during his inauguration, and is now teaching at a school for the deaf in Johannesburg. Kirsty is still involved in television work, is designing a sign language curriculum as a Matric subject and also trains sign language interpretation.

Gail Brooker (Penwell-Smith)(1980) has been

lecturing at UCT for the past three years. She is now moving to St Francis Bay to do some building, and for some sunshine.

Jacqui Macqueen (1980) is married to **Chris Ahrends (1972)**.

Roger Jones (1980) is married to Diana and they have a daughter Sarah, four years old. They have settled easily into the Scottish way of life, after leaving South Africa in March 1997. Roger is the production manager for a pharmaceutical company involved in the manufacture of controlled drug delivery systems. He is also half way through an MBA degree. If there are any Old Rhodians travelling around the West Coast of Scotland, they are more than welcome to contact Roger for tourist advice or somewhere to stay. (66 Craigholm Road, Ayr, Ayrshire, KA7 3LJ, Scotland. Tel (h): 01292-289189)

Raymond Muller (1980) is the Hospital Business Unit Manager for Eli-Lilly, Johannesburg. He is married to **Andrea (Goldschmidt)(1981)** and they have two children, Nicholas (4) and Caitlin (1).

Jeremy Harvard (1981) has set up a media consultancy company in Sydney, Australia, after ten years in Broadcast Television News.

Janice Bowan (1981) is married to an obstetrician. After receiving a Fulbright scholarship she achieved an MA and an MFA in Television and Film from Northwestern University. She worked as a producer for Agenda on SABC for a year and is now living and working in San Francisco. She is spending her sabbatical in Cape Town.

Althea Conrad (Groener)(1981) married Warren in 1993 and has two sons. She practised as a lawyer in Johannesburg, doing corporate legal advising. She has now relocated to Langebaan on the West Coast, and would love to hear from fellow students. (PO Box 436, Langebaan, 7357)

Angie Marriner (Henderson)(1981) married **Ross (1982)** and they have recently celebrated the birth of their son, James. They live in Johannesburg where Ross manages a branch of Liberty Life and Angie is a product manager at American Express.

Steve (1981) and **Heather (Bode) Burden (1982)** have moved to Ballito, Kwa-Zulu Natal. Steve accepted a post at University of Zululand as a lecturer in Human Movement Sciences and Heather is running her own business consultancy and working mainly in Durban. Before their move, Steve was Senior Sports Administrator and Biokineticist at the University of Natal.

Mike Hagemann (1981) and **Gail (Brewer) (1981)** live in Table View, Cape Town. Mike had an angioplasty in October 1996 after a mild heart attack, got his MA in November 1996 and helped to start a Christian private school that opened its doors in January 1997. An eventful but happy 12 months!

Imogen Mkhize (1981) returned from Boston last year where she completed an MBA (1995) and spent two years working. Imogen is a project manager in Nedcor's Infrastructure Division in Johannesburg.

David Whitehead (1981) is married to **Susan (Parry) (1984)**. They have two children and live in Perth.

Perry Beningfield (1981) finds time to get involved in athletics, through the work of his wife **Karen Zimmerman (1982)**, a leading SA middle and long distance coach. Perry is the SA veterans' steeplechase champion. Their e-mail address is perry@law.co.za.

Andrew Dorrington (1981) and his wife **Linda (Warren) (1983)** moved to Toronto from Johannesburg at the end of last year. Andrew is in investment banking and Vice-President of Deutsche Morgan Grenfell. Linda is at home with their two daughters, Ashleigh (7) and Bryony (3). Until they left South Africa, both worked at the Anglo American Corporation head office, Linda in Corporate Communications and Andrew in their Business Development Unit. Their e-mail address is dorrington@ibm.net.

Adrienne Scott (Roux)(1982) is married to **James (1981)**. They have two children, Stephen and Bridget, and live in Durban.

Malcolm Taylor (1982) is married with children and is working for Mintec.

Daryl-Anne Le Roux (Froneman)(1982) is the Publications Manager for the Centre for Independent Studies in Sydney. She is married to Steve who works at Sydney Opera House.

Gillian McLaughlin (Irvine)(1982) has an 18-month-old son, Andrew Irvine McLaughlin.

Fiona Amos-Brown (van Rensburg)(1982) is married to Jonathon, a farmer, and they have two children, Bianca (10) and Byron (8). Fiona works at Cathcart High School.

Michelle Bartman (1982) worked as a journalist for five years and then decided to do an LLB degree through UCT. She is now an advocate at the Cape Bar.

Steve Worrall (1982) owns a training and management agency in London, specialising in health and social welfare. He is involved in different projects around the world for private and government sectors. One of his company's primary focuses is HIV and Sexual Health and he is sure the Psychology department would be happy to know that one of their graduates has done something with the initial training!

Glenn de Villiers (1982) spent the year after graduating from Rhodes travelling through Europe, spending some time with Old Rhodian **Simon Field (1982)**, sadly now deceased, in Lowestoft, England. He also spent two months with **Nolly Kritsotis (1984)** at his new island home of Karpathos in Greece, where he helped a family acquaintance to build a small hotel. After his European sojourn Glenn tried the “settling down” bit but found it awfully boring, and in early 1994 he left for Taiwan. Initially he worked as an English Second Language teacher, and then moved on to the Taipei British School as the Maths and PE teacher. One of his students at TBS was Nic Garmany, son of Old Rhodians **Lynn (1969)** and **Howard Garmany (1967)**. Other ORs he met in Taipei were **Idalette Van Papendorp (1994)** and **Warren Schmidt (1988)**. Glenn has been employed at the American School in Kaohsiung, at the southern tip of Taiwan, since August last year. He thoroughly enjoys teaching at international schools as the classes are small and the students are disciplined and respect their teachers. Best of all is that the school year consists of only 180 teaching days and that combined with a very competitive salary means he gets to travel a lot. Since Glenn has been in Asia he has managed to visit Jakarta and Balia in Indonesia, Malaka and Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia, Bangkok, River Kwai and Phuket in Thailand, Manila, Puerto Galera, Sabang, Macau and Hong Kong (where he witnessed the handover to China) and the absolutely beautiful tiny island of Boracay in the Philippines. He has also travelled through most of Southern Vietnam and spent some time in Singapore, but the best by far was the 18 000 km overland trip he took last July, starting from Macau and ending in St Petersburg, Russia. Using buses, trains, riverboats, ferries and the Trans-Siberian Express, he passed through Canton, Wuzou, Yangshou, Gweilin and Beijing in China, as well as Irkutsk, Lystvianka and Moscow in Russia. Glenn would be happy to hear from any Old Rhodians who are (or think they might be) in the region. His fax number is 886-7-7198096.

Ceri Newdigate (Fleming)(1983) lives in London with her husband Justin. In September 1997 she started a Masters in Music Therapy through Nordoff-Robbins (affiliated to City University, London). It is a two-year, full time Masters programme which is demanding and challenging but also fulfilling. In their first year, the students work with children with mental handicaps (e.g. cerebral palsy, Down's syndrome, autism) and in the second year with adults (elderly with dementia, HIV positive, mental illness).

Barbara Thomson (Silvestri) (1983) married **Noel (1982)**. They have two children, Juliette (5) and baby Patrick, and live in New Zealand. Noel works for New Zealand Dairy Group and Barbara is registered as a pharmacist, but works for ADIS press.

Gareth Evans (1983) and his family emigrated to the United Kingdom in 1996.

Simone Fornoni (Corder)(1983) married Ricardo. She has just completed her Masters in Psychotherapy, but she is working for a publishing house as a Studio Manager, in London.

Mendel Grobler (1983) is working for the Australian Pharmaceutical Industry Association. He is widowed and has one son. His e-mail address is mendel.grobler@APMA.com.au.

Monique Rorke (Wiffen)(1983) is married to **Steven (1975)** who practises as an advocate. They have two children and Monique teaches Sociology at Vista University.

John Cuthbert (1983) married Debbie Hopkins in October 1996. He is working for CIB in Cape Town and is in charge of their Novell Network.

Gail Mkele (Socikwa)(1983) is married with three children. She is a Group Pharmacy Manager for a group of private hospitals and is reading for a PhD.

Andre van Wyk (1983) is the co-ordinator of the Centre for the Study of Southern African Literature and Languages at the University of Durban-Westville.

Wendy Hewit (Yates)(1983) married Robert and has a daughter, Chloe.

Janet Hodgkiss (1983) is studying part time in Cape Town towards a diploma in horticulture, which is adding an interesting dimension to the BSc degree she completed at Rhodes. Janet is planning a trip to New Zealand later this year to see her sister and brother-in-law, Di (Hodgkiss) and Alex Hartley. She keeps in touch with **Claudia Schulte (1983)**, **Ian (1980)** and **Sue (Haikney) (1982)** de Klerk and **Vanessa Jones (1983)**.

Donal Lowry (1983) married **Elizabeth (van Niekerk)(1987)** in Oxford in 1994. Elizabeth is in the final year of her DPhil at Oriel College and works for Oxford University Press. She is a freelance reviewer for the *Times Literary Supplement* and co-edits the Oxford-based poetry journal, *Thumbscrew*. After teaching at the University of York for two years, Donal joined the history staff at Oxford Brookes University, where he is Senior Lecturer. Both have fond memories of Rhodes and wish that they could come back more often.

Helen Holmes (1984) is working for Glaxo Wellcome in the UK.

Paul Teeton (1984) is the Housemaster of Linacre House at the King's School, Canterbury.

Lisa Simpson (Ball)(1984) spent most of her career working at the Foschini Head Office in Cape Town, then resigned to start a family. She is now married to William and has two children, Richard and Nina.

Helena Michl (Cain)(1984) is married to Grant, an Australian mining engineer and they have two children, Kurt (5) and Gabriella (2). Helena has left the Australian Public Service and is happily working as a freelance writer in Canberra.

Barbara Viljoen (Pellatt)(1984) is married to Wayne. They have a daughter and she is thoroughly enjoying being a full-time mum.

Brigitte van Blommestein (1984) is looking for a RICH lover!!

Sheurle Screen (Robinson)(1984) is in her 12th year of teaching at Digglefold in Marandera, and she has two children.

Amanda Marais (Barbolini)(1984) has just graduated with a BA from UNISA.

Gordon Maclear (1984) is married to a beautiful Cape Town lady, Marlene. He completed his Masters degree in Geology at UCT in 1996 and is now working for a consulting geohydrological company in Cape Town. He says “a BIG howzit” to all his old sky-diving mates!

Andrew Hanger (1985) lives in East London and has opened two pharmacies with his sister, Belinda - one in King William's Town and another in East London. Andrew loves the outdoors and has completed his 10th Two Oceans Marathon.

Gillian DeBeer (Drake)(1985) married **Chris (1984)** and has a daughter, Amy Rae (2). Gillian is the accountant for a clothing company in Durban.

Mary-Jane Cormack (Bickersteth)(1985) married Charlie in March 1996. She is working in Human Resources in Hong Kong and assisted Prince Charles in the handover to the Chinese in July 1997.

Catherine Plumbley (1985) is teaching grade five at Southbank International School and is enjoying London!

Bernd Sonnenberg (1985) has started working in Johannesburg, in the manufacturing of non-woven cloth goods. He is looking forward to seeing old friends in Johannesburg.

Sarah Jane Libera (Burley)(1985) is married to **Dion (1987)**, who has just started his own scuba diving company called “4-Ways Scuba”. Sarah is teaching Economics at St Benedict's and to keep them very busy they have twin boys, born in February 1996.

Gary Dingley (1985) and **Lesley (Harington) (1985)** spent 1993 and 1994 overseas, where Lesley completed her LLM at Jesus College, Cambridge and Gary worked at Standard Bank,

London. They met Old Rhodians **Bruce Kohler (1984)** and **Andrew Shelver (1984)**. Gary is employed by KPMG and Lesley works for Tankin Clacey Attorneys in Rosebank. They have two children, Justin (3) and Bronwen (1).

Diana Mills (1985) is married to Marc and lives in Western Australia. She is implementing SAP software for a consulting company. Her e-mail address is diny@usa.net.

Andrew La Trobe (1985) and **Ingrid (Truen)(1986)** have been back in the UK for nearly two years. Andrew works for Standard Bank, London, while Ingrid is kept busy at home in Seven Oaks, Kent, looking after their three children, Elizabeth (4) and twins Benjamin and Jessica (2). Ingrid's sister **Sarah Truen (1996)** is also in London, enjoying temping in the city.

Ian Craigen (1985) and **Mary Clare (Tracey)(1985)** live in New Zealand and have a baby, Tamara. Mary Clare is a research scientist at the Wellington School of Medicine, studying bone marrow transplantation and doing a PhD. Ian is an auditor, working with the New Zealand Police. Their e-mail address is icraigen@voyager.co.nz.

Louise Twiggs (De Bruyn)(1986) is married and living in Zimbabwe. She is studying BTech Nature Conservation through Technikon South Africa.

Deborah Adamson (1986) travelled for a year before returning to South Africa and working with **Jane Nurton (1985)** at the Equine Research Centre in Onderstepoort for 18 months. She is now managing a House Boat Company in Kariba. **Caroline Newey (Yen) (1986)** lived and worked in Toronto, Canada for five years and then returned to South Africa where she married **Martyn (1988)**. They live outside East London.

Tania Oliveri (Rossouw)(1986) married **Gianfranco (1985)** in 1993 and they have been working and living in Switzerland since 1995. He is a research scientist for an insurance company and she an analyst/programmer.

Diana McGivern (1986) works in the centre of Perth and lives in a suburb called Kingsley, about 20km north of Perth. She has very kindly offered to assist us with arranging alumni functions in Perth. Diana initially qualified as an Industrial Chemist and worked in that capacity for several years. After her second daughter was born, she became a junior-primary schoolteacher after studying at the Teachers' College in Bulawayo from 1971-1973. She then completed a BCom at the East London campus of Rhodes from 1986-1988, as a mature student studying part-time whilst working as Quality Assurance Chemist at the Wilson-Rowntree factory. Since arriving in Perth in mid-1989, Diana has completed a Master of Educational Management degree at the University of Western Australia and now works on the Executive of the largest private provider of educational services in Western Australia, Alexander Education Group. There are approximately 1200 students enrolled in the Group and the nature of their business keeps them in close contact with international markets and with the five universities in Perth. In October last year Diana travelled to South Africa (Johannesburg, Storm's River and Cape Town), as part of a world trip to visit the UK, Europe and New York. In England she visited Oxford-Brookes University with whom the Group has formal affiliations.

Conan Olivier (1986) and **Leanne (Macdonald) (1985)** were very amused to read the news we published about them in our last newsletter - "they have bought a house in Edenvale with a big garden for their children, Jess and Nike." Jess and Nike, we have since been informed, are actually their pets, so their varsity friends need not wonder how they managed to have two children on the sly! Conan's e-mail address is 048conan@mentor.edcm.wits.ac.za.

Richard Holmes (1986) is married to Marion Ebert and runs a hunting and safari company in the Eastern Cape.

Gisella Wertheim Aymes (1986) is engaged to Martin Jensen of Ahros, Denmark. No wedding date has been set yet.

Nicci Botha (1986) is working as the acting assistant editor for *Lloyd's List Africa Weekly* in Johannesburg, a maritime newspaper belonging to a London-based publishing house, LLP Limited. Prior to that she did a two-year stint as a features editor for *Caxton Community Newspaper*, also in Johannesburg. Nicci is still single and loving it.

She keeps in touch with **Melanie Strydom (Logan)(1986)**, who lives in the UK with her husband, Hendrik and new son, Daniel. Nicci says "hi" to everyone from her bad old Rhodian days and would like anyone she used to "jol" with to phone her on (011) 788-5742.

Graham Papenfus (1986) is married to **Val (Proctor)(1985)** and they have one daughter, Amber, who is four years old. Graham is the Divinity Officer at St Stithians School in Randburg and is enjoying his job very much.

Marjon van der Westhuizen (Luchs) (1986) has lived in Zimbabwe since the end of 1990. She is happily married to a tobacco farmer, Rob, and they have two children, a daughter, Saskia (4) and a son, Jordan (2). Marjon is in charge of the farm's administration and bookkeeping and has opened a small school on the farm, teaching about 40 labourers' children from Grade 1 to Grade 7. She supervises the teacher and is responsible for the school's funding. She is interested in the whereabouts of her fellow BPrimEd students and would like to organise a class reunion next year. Please write to Marjon (P O Box 240, Chegutu, Zimbabwe) if you're interested.

Gordon Macmillan (1987) and **Irene (Biggs) (1986)** are living in the Netherlands where Gordon has a two and a half-year contract with Coopers & Lybrand in Amsterdam. Irene is working temporarily for Price Waterhouse in the international tax field. During this time they are travelling in Europe extensively and will holiday in the USA and Canada in October with a view to spending a year or two in North America when Gordon's contract ends next year. They are still working on the children thing, but their two dogs made the trip to Europe with them and will accompany them to the USA next year too. Gordon can be reached on e-mail at the address Gordon_Macmillan@nl.coopers.com@internet. They retain close contact with their old friends from RU including **Alan (1987)** and **Nancy (Jennings) (1987)** **Hartman, Simon Grint (1987)** and **Ant Hudson (1987)**.

Louis Brandt (1987) and **Teresa (Muir)(1991)** got married on 4 April 1998. They are living in South Africa now and are very happy!

Elizabeth Vekios-Christodoulou (1987) is married and is expecting a baby.

Jeremy Bolt (1987) is the Finance Director at Lama International Contractors, working in Southeast Asia and the Middle East.

Deborah Segrott (1987) is married with two young children aged two and three and is running her own practise in Rondebosch.

Kim Ferreri (Alcock)(1987) was married in 1993 and had a son in 1995.

Candace Charlton (1987) has become a full-time artist, and loves living in the hills of Verdant Natal!

Zolile Patrick August (1987) is a Methodist Minister at Daveyton, Benoni after ministering for six years at Heardtoun, Fort Beaufort. He got a B.TH (Hon) degree and HDE at Fort Hare University in 1995.

Karen Railton (1987) is the marketing product manager at IBM in Johannesburg.

David Deutschmann(1987) was married on the 1st March 1997.

Frank Rumboll (1987) is Head of the English department at St Stithians College in Johannesburg. He is married and has a daughter, Jaidan.

Richard (1987) and **Philippa (Wilmot)(1987)** **Stumbles** were married in Johannesburg in April 1997 and are living in Surrey, England. Philippa teaches at a public school in Surrey and Richard works as a lawyer for an American Investment bank in London. They went skiing in Italy over the Christmas break and are planning a long vacation to Zimbabwe and SA at the end of this year. They watched the Springboks play England at Twickenham on 29 November, where they had great fun, but were very quiet until the Springboks finally moved into the lead!

Ayanda Ntshona (1987) has completed a Masters in Counselling and is working in Rochester in the United States of America.

Kian Barker (1987) says there is great accommodation and hospitality in St Lucia for all Old Rhodians!

Tanya Raynham (Panas)(1987), her husband **Paul (1987)** and their two children, William (aged four) and Frances (aged 16 months), have been living in Johannesburg since graduating in 1989.

When Tanya wrote in September they were on their way Australia, where they intend to settle in Adelaide. Both Paul and Tanya are eager to establish contact with any Old Rhodians in the area, and in the meantime can be contacted via e-mail at praynham@iafrica.com.

Shaun Hamilton (1988) married Teresa in 1994. He has enrolled for a Masters this year and sends his regards to all in the Social Work Department and those in his class.

Lara Cowley (1988) intends embarking on a career in human resources, so she is going to study Personnel Management and Training and then Human Resource Management. She is engaged to a regional manager of Musica.

Doug Murray (1988) married **Ilona (Thompson)(1990)** in October 1996 and they live in Cape Town. Ilona is teaching and Doug works as a computer programmer.

Robert McJannet (1988) has taken up a position in risk management at Genbel Securities Limited. **Christopher Nichols (1988)** completed a BSc (Honours) in Computer Science in 1994.

Gavin Beangstrom (1988) and **Leanne (Wilson)(1988)** still live in Kimberley and were proud to announce the arrival of their son, Dylan Frank Beangstrom on 21 January 1998.

Rochelle Buckley (Wong)(1988) moved to East London in December 1996 to take up a teaching post at Hudson Park Primary. She married Rhett on 25 April 1998.

Cathy Beater (1988) would like to apologise sincerely to Jaqui, Joanne and Gail!

John Biggs (1989) married Daphne in November last year. They are both teaching in East London and enjoying a wonderfully happy and fulfilling life by the sea. John is coaching squash, playing a lot of golf and would love to hear from some old RU buddies. He can be contacted on 083 273 8813.

Brett Dungan (1988) married Samantha in Durban recently. Brett runs the Cayley Lodge in central Drakensberg.

Myron Michel (1988) and **Karen Fait (1990)** got married in January at the Sydenham Highlands North Synagogue in Johannesburg. Myron met Karen at Hillel House, Grahamstown, at the weekly SAUJS shabbat (Friday night) supper. After admission as an attorney in 1995, Myron joined the family business, Michel Brothers Holdings (Pty) Ltd, a chain of retail clothing and footwear stores as Industrial Relations/Marketing and Sales Manager. Karen graduated with a National Diploma in Architectural Technology in 1996 and works as a space planner and interior designer for European Concepts. Myron is a member of the Glendower Golf Club and Rhodes Golf Club in Johannesburg and may be contacted at (011) 975 9280/1 or (011) 453 4035/21 for a round of golf.

Jennifer Treadwell (1989) spent one year on the beautiful tropical island of Samoa, teaching at a Bahai pre-school. She is now in the USA, furthering her studies in the education field and when she has completed them she will head back to sunny South Africa.

Belinda McGillerie (Hanger)(1989) married Shaun in 1996 and they live in King William's Town, where she is co-partner with her brother **Andrew (1989)** in two pharmacies. Belinda still loves the Eastern Cape!

Brian Rea (1989) is married to Lauren and living in Durban. They have a beautiful daughter, Kathleen.

Dayan Gross (1989) graduated in May 1998 with an MA degree from the Hornstein Programme in Jewish Communal Service at Brandeis University in Boston, USA. He will move to Cape Town in July to take up a position as Executive Director of the Cape Council of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies.

Blake Clive Wickham (1989) married **Michele Jeannette (Waite)(1990)** in 1997, after meeting her at Rhodes in 1993.

Nicole Heidemann (1989) is working as a journalist for *Bloomberg News*, a financial news service based in the USA.

Sandra Schock (1989) completed a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology at City University, London last year.

Brenda Greneveld (Pavey)(1989) is married to **Theo (1991)**. They live in Pretoria, where Theo is minister of the Emmanuel Presbyterian Church.

Bonnie Rumboll (1989) is working for the Free State government in the education field.

Deanne Friis-Smith (du Plooy)(1989) is married to **Myles (1987)** and works as a Public Relations Officer for Arthur Anderson in Cape Town.

Karen Budow (1989) taught for a year at Tavistock Institute in London and now works as an educational psychologist for Tower Hamlet Borough, London.

Anthony Davis (1989) received his veterinary degree from Onderstepoort in 1997 and is now catching up on some fly-fishing in Lydenburg.

Roslin McComb (1989) is very happy working for a consultancy in Sydenham, which specialises in corporate communications. She would love to make contact with fellow classmates and her e-mail address is roslin@corpcom.co.za.

Samantha Venter (Barnard) (1989) completed her Bjour in 1992 after which she worked for the *EP Herald* in Port Elizabeth for three years or so, covering the crime and court beats for much of the time. She now works for UPE as a journalist in the Communications and Marketing Services department and enjoys it thoroughly! She is married to Carl Venter, a graphic designer with his own business in Port Elizabeth. Sam would love to hear from Old Rhodian friends. Her e-mail address is liassv@upe.ac.za.

Beverley Brettenny (Burger)(1989) is a full-time mommy. Her son, Liam Samuel, was born in August 1997 and he keeps her busy 24 hours a day. She tells her friends that she is a Human Resource Manager and works from home!

Clement Geraghty (1989) married **Nicola Loren Gardner (1991)** on 11 January 1997. She obtained a BPharm at Rhodes in 1995.

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Maria Ford (Matos Dos Santos) (1990) is married to **Wayne (1990)**.

Goliath Dumezweni (Bokwe)(1990) wants to wish all Old Rhodians success!

David Holgate (1990) and his family have moved to Salisbury, UK, where he is Dean of Studies for the Southern Theological Education and Training Scheme that serves the Churches of Southern England.

Laura Guest (1990) works for International Healthcare Distributors as a communications manager. She planned "to tie the knot" with Kevin Mileham in March 1998. Kevin is a brand manager at Coca-Cola South Africa.

Nikki McDonald (1990) is back in South Africa after travelling for three years. She married an Australian, Richard Todd, in December 1997 and they live in Johannesburg. She works in radio news productions.

Julie Kupka (1990) was admitted as an attorney in April 1997 and is now practising commercial law at Deneys Reitz in Johannesburg.

Natalie Leyhane (Sharp) (1990) has married a Canadian, Nick, after working and travelling in Europe for just under three years. They both work for merchant banks and live in Chelsea.

Angela Reganti (1990) is married and has joined the Geological Survey of Western Australia as a senior geologist. She is in the mapping division.

Paula Balmer (1990) taught at Northlands Girls High after travelling in the USA. She then went to New Zealand and Australia, and is now teaching at St Johns DSG in Pietermaritzburg. We apologise for a printing gremlin that caused us to omit half of Paula's news in the last newsletter.

Richard Chambers (1990) wrote and broadcast a series of radio articles for SAfm after he left Rhodes. During 1995 and 1996 he worked as assistant producer on the SABC3 natural history series, *Aspects of Life* and wrote the accompanying book. He returned to the UK in 1996, spending some time working on a farm and then on a CD-ROM project in London. In 1997 Richard moved to Bristol, back into natural history film production. He is producing at the BBC, in the Natural History Unit. He made a film on the deserts of southern Africa for the Discovery Channel last year and worked on a human evolution project and a shark series earlier this year.

Yasmin Mather-Vally (1990) is married to **Basheer (1991)**. She is working as a language specialist at The Language Institute, Department of Foreign Affairs and Basheer recently bought a pharmacy in Hatfield.

Colleen (Dickson)(1990) is married to Christopher Marx.

Bolekiwe Nanto (1990) is the human resources manager at Kilimanjaro Manufacturing.

Verity Gudmanz (1990) is very happy working at the Danie Malan Pharmacy in White River.

Kirstie van Rensburg (Bradford) (1990) is married with twin daughters. She lives in Swaziland and plans to start farming soon.

Jane Snyder (Bruce)(1990) is married to Phil and their baby boy was born on the 3rd of June 1997. They spent 18 months in the UK before junior came along.

Peter Reynolds (1990) is a data analyst at the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in East London.

Grant MacDonald (1990) worked for Price Waterhouse and Nike in South Africa, but is now on a two year working holiday in the UK.

Nick Young (1991) and **Sheree Lyn (Heger)(1990)** were married on 26 July 1997 and went to Reunion and Mauritius on honeymoon. They now live in Port Elizabeth where Nick works at Delta and Sheree still works at Coopers & Lybrand as an assistant manager.

Rebecca Clarke (1990) is working as an analyst/programmer for Credit Guarantee in Randburg. She and her boyfriend of three years, Jonathon Stones have bought a house together in Parkhurst. Beccy is singing in the parish choir of St Martins-in-the-Veld in Rosebank and in the Symphony Choir of Johannesburg.

Claire Gilfillan (1991) completed a Masters in Chemical Engineering at Natal University and is now working as an environmental advisor for Shell in Cape Town.

Maria Costa-Tre (Mavrandonis)(1991) married **Herculano (1991)** on 12 July 1997 and they are living happily in Windhoek.

Prince Dibeela (1991) was ordained to the Ministry in 1995 and is now working as Secretary for Mission with the UCCSA Synod of Botswana.

Carol Venter (1991) works at First National Bank as a graduate trainee and has completed her Associate Diploma of the Institute of Bankers.

Lizette Liebenberg (1991) moved to Durban with Simon Pitout to co-ordinate the Audio-visual Department at a newly opened International Convention Centre in Durban after freelancing in Cape Town for three years as a production co-ordinator in the film industry.

Laura-Anne Nel (Fisher)(1991) married **Darryl (1991)** in June 1997. They enjoyed a fabulous five-week honeymoon in Italy and the USA and are happily settled in Cape Town. Laura-Jane works for an import/export firm and Darryl divides his time between teaching and acting.

Sarah Groom (1991) has recently moved to London and thinks it is wonderful!

Michelle Gracie (Chapman)(1991) married a Scotsman, Steven, and has a daughter, Alicia.

Kathleen Sutton (1991) has bought a house in Cape Town and is working at MML as an editor.

Alison Sutherland (1991) has been re-elected as President of the International Pharmaceutical Students Federation.

Caroline Harvey (Routledge)(1991) was married in 1996, and her sister **Sue (1989)** lives with her. Their father is now studying his Masters in Psychology at Rhodes, so at long last they are a family of "Rhodents"!

Cathlin Rumboll (1991) studied human resources at Wits Business School after leaving Rhodes and started working for Anglo American in 1995. She was awarded Honours in labour law and emigrated to Australia with her fiancé in November last year.

Martin Stuchtey (1991) is an associate to McKinsey & Co. Inc. in Munich and made his best ever decision to marry Sonja Groebel in August 1997! Martin's e-mail address is: Martin_Stuchtey@McKinsey.com.

Nick Olivari (1991), Susan and their cat are now happily ensconced in a charming beach cottage (circa 1925) on Lake Ontario. They continue to pursue independent careers and look forward to retiring in Mexico. They live in a purple house with yellow exterior doors - "It's very Grahamstown," says Nick.

Laura Ashley (Burke)(1991) is working permanently in London.

Bradley Taljard (1991) has just returned from working in London and is engaged to Karen Hope from Port Alfred.

Sharon Robinson (Davis)(1991) is working for Glaxo Wellcome South Africa, and studying part-time for Honours in production management. She

is married to Stewart.

Makomwla Simon Mokoena (1991) was ordained to the priesthood in 1995 and made the priest in charge of St Augustine with St Monica Orange Farm, Diocese of Christ the King.

Roy du Pre (1991) has been appointed Associate Professor in the Department of History at University of Transkei.

Kerry Sapseid (Hatton)(1991) is married to **Peter (1988)**. They both teach in Harare, Pete at St John's College and Kerry at Chisipite Senior School.

Ajitesh Misra (1991) has just finished reading for a Bachelor of Dentistry degree at the University of Mysore in India.

Mfihlo Diamond Manxoyi (1991) has officially changed his name to **Vuyani Diamond Mabija**. In 1994 he was a licentiate in ministry and is now the minister of PCA in a Cape Town Presbyterian Church.

David Knight (1991) and Philippa (Martin) (1991) will be living in Bulgaria for the next two years, doing contract work. David continues working for KPMG, while Philippa will seek out opportunities in mental health work and look after their baby son, Andrew.

Candice Meise (Jameson)(1992) married **Steve (1987)** and they live in the Vaal Triangle, where his attorneys' practice is based.

Maree Julie Fordyce (Schroeder)(1992) married Grant and has started her own business hiring catering equipment in East London.

Margaret Rees (Charsley)(1992) married Chris and is teaching at the Dominican Convent High School in Bulawayo.

Tanja Klens (1992) is an editor for an on-line travel guide. She would love Rhodes friends to visit her at: <http://www.leisureplan.com>.

Simon Walsh (1992) is teaching science at Peterhouse College, Marondera, Zimbabwe and studying physics Honours through UNISA.

Barrie Knox-Davies (1992) has just finished Honours in Biokinetics at UPE and will complete his year of internship at the University of Zululand in 1998.

Jeyanthi Sri Dakshana (1992) hopes to complete her BCompt degree at UNISA.

Godwin Rozani (1992) has taken up farming after being retrenched from the Eastern Cape Education and Culture Department.

Spencer Carr (1992) married Julie Stafford and they have a son, Oscar, aged one. Spencer is in practise as a Clinical Psychologist in Johannesburg and his e-mail address is Spencer@aceret.co.za.

Thembi (Mcuba)(1992) and Melvin Chagonda (1992) have a daughter, Tinashe. Thembi is a personnel consultant at Quest and Melvin is completing his articles with Ernst & Young in Johannesburg.

John Stringer (1992) is joining Cap Germini in the USA, after nearly two years with Anderson Consulting. He is looking forward to gaining valuable experience and BIG BUCKS!!

Janet Dodd (Seals)(1992) and David (1989) were married on 21 March 1998 and live in Sunninghill, Sandton. David works for Falconbridge Exploration as a field geologist and Janet works full time for the Students' Christian Organisation in Johannesburg.

Rowena Budrys (Sanders)(1993) married Peter on 22 August 1997, at Bramall Hall. Sincere thanks to all their Old Rhodian friends who sent kind messages to them, making the day extra special!

Nicholas Holmes (1993) wants all his friends to know his e-mail address: nholmes@iafrica.com.

Gifford van der Vijuer (1994) is practising as a Clinical Psychologist in Cape Town.

Charlotte Brierley (1994) has lived in England for the past three years, where she did a Masters in Ergonomics at Loughborough University. She is employed by the Rover Group.

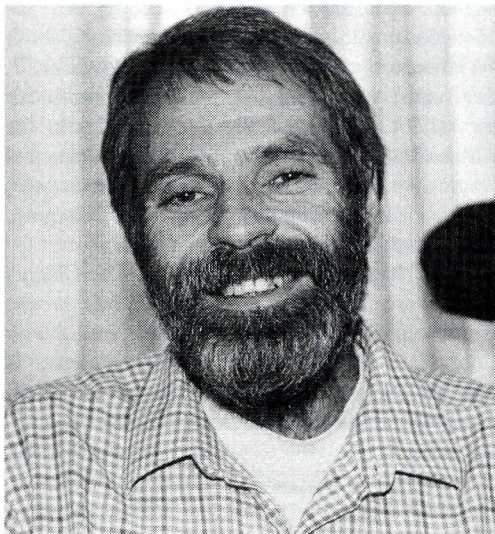
Vetumbuavi Mungunda (1995) is doing articles at Deloitte & Touche in Windhoek. She loved her years at Rhodes and is missing her weekend parties!

Tom Callaghan (1997) completed the Post-Graduate Diploma in Enterprise Management at Rhodes last year and is working as a marketing account executive for Mercedes Benz in Johannesburg. Tom would love to hear from Gauteng friends' and others. Telephone 011-812 2361 (work) or 082 560 2555.

Recruiting Students?

More and more employers appear to be by-passing the "middle-man" of recruitment agencies and going "directly to source". Last year over 40 organisations participated in the University's Graduate Placement Programme and another dozen or so recruited Rhodes students at other times throughout the year.

The organiser of the Graduate Placement Programme, Student Adviser Mark Rainier, is trying to encourage Old Rhodians in business and industry to approach the University directly when they are seeking permanent or temporary employees, rather than only newspaper advertisements or recruitment agencies.



Mark Rainier (1979)

Employers with a relatively predictable staffing need tend to visit the campus during the Graduate Placement Programme which is held in the third term each year, while those with fewer vacancies, or more erratic demands, contact us through the year. Employers throughout South Africa, Zimbabwe, the UK and even America employ students for casual labour, vacation jobs and management training programmes. Employers range from auditing firms to IT consultants, law firms to motor vehicle manufacturers, newspapers to consumer goods manufacturers. Many are multi-national while others are small family concerns.

The Student Adviser's Office is well placed to meet the needs of Old Rhodian (and other) employers at a fraction of the normal cost normally incurred. While no database of applicants is held, positions can be widely advertised on campus, applications collected, interviews arranged and so on. We can arrange to do pre-screening of applicants if required, but this is normally conducted by recruiters themselves before arranging initial interviews.

The recruitment of graduates is rapidly becoming a very sophisticated and effective way of employing staff but is often fraught with difficulties caused, largely, by the recruiters' misunderstanding and underestimation of the students' needs. By working with the University the effectiveness of recruiting efforts can be maximised.

International trends are showing that in all economic sectors recruiters are casting their net wider and are employing "generalists" with degrees such as BAs rather than only commerce graduates. This reflects the growing understanding of the need for an "educated" employee who is able to fit into an organisation and learn the technical requirements rather than participating in the scramble for a very limited number of technically "qualified" graduates only. The value of "transferable skills" is becoming evident.

The annual First Job Destination survey conducted by the Student Adviser's Office shows that Rhodes graduates, with all kinds of degrees, continue to be very marketable, with only about three percent "still seeking" employment six months after leaving university. This calls into question the concept of the "unemployable graduate" and the "useless degree". It does not appear that any graduates have major problems finding work if they know what they are wanting and how to market themselves properly. The Graduate Placement Programme continues to be a significant vehicle for students to contact employers and it appears as if this trend will grow, as the skill with which our students are equipped continue to add value to the recruiter's business!

To participate in this rapidly growing programme, or to contact potential employees at other times of the year, please contact Mark Rainier or Ruth Jackson on tel: 046-603 8180 or e-mail: admr@warthog.ru.ac.za.

What do graduates earn? Can we expect to find employment after graduating?

These are typical of the questions which the SA Graduates Research and Information Project attempts to answer, by undertaking surveys such as the 1997 Graduate Employment Survey, which included a comprehensive remuneration analysis and the First Employment Experiences of Graduates Survey.

The Project, housed at the Human Sciences Research Council, maintains a database - the Register of Graduates - that currently stands at over 480 000 records. It has a variety of users, including decision-makers in the public and private sectors, researchers, academics, and human resources practitioners. The Register provides information such as the number of people with qualifications in specific fields, their occupations, and remuneration and demographic statistics. It is thus a powerful tool for planning and policy making, as well as for career guidance. No other comparative database of this kind exists in the country. Information from the Register is particularly useful during this time of transition and realignment in South Africa. For instance, it can be used to determine whether or not there is equity in the labour market.

An annual publication, *The Graduate*, is sent free to all respondents (those who maintain contact with the Register). It analyses, in summary form, Register information which is of interest to graduates, such as results of recent surveys, as well as trends in graduate numbers and gender proportions. From time to time, respondents also receive information on opportunities where their expertise is specifically required.

How do people become part of the Register of Graduates?

After each graduation ceremony, the university sends a complete list of graduates to the Register. The graduates are then contacted individually, and asked to complete a simple questionnaire. Those who return their questionnaires become respondents. They are provided with postage-paid postcards, to notify the Register whenever they change address or occupation, or obtain additional qualifications of any nature. Apart from sharing in the benefits offered by being respondents, they thereby also assist in future national human resources planning and decision making.

During 1998, the Register will be expanded to include technikon qualifiers as well.

Some graduates have not notified the Register of their current addresses, and they are invited to re-establish contact. The HSRC is also interested in hearing from graduates living in South Africa (whether South African or foreign), who have obtained their qualifications from outside the country.

For further information contact:

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Tel: (012) 302 2450, Fax: (012) 302 2994,
e-mail: YTShapiro@silwane.hsrc.ac.za

Letter from
the SRC

Dear Old Rhodians

VALLI MOOSA STUDENTS' FUND
For the past three years all South African universities have been faced with an increasing demand for financial aid by students who are unable to pay for their education. Rhodes University is no exception to this problem. Although it is our fundamental belief that the duty to fund student education at University lies in the hands of the Government, we realise that such funding is inadequate. As a consequence, the Rhodes University SRC of 1996/1997 launched the Valli Moosa Students' Fund, an attempt by Rhodes students to raise money in order to assist other students who might find themselves in need of funding.

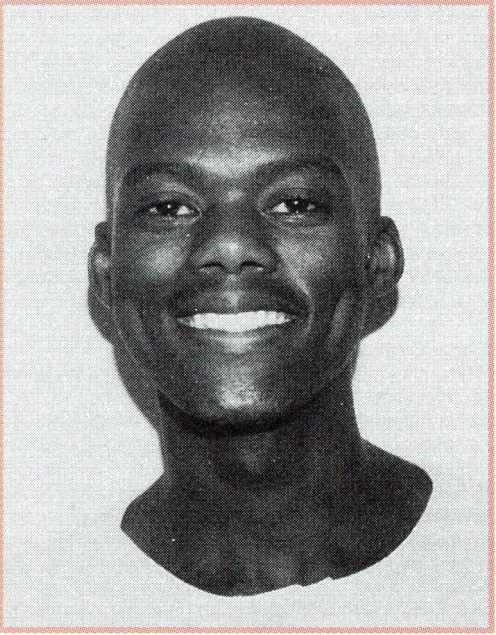
The Fund was launched on 17 May 1997 and named after the Minister for Constitutional Development and Provincial Affairs, Minister Valli Moosa who committed himself to assisting Rhodes students in raising funds. Our target is R20 000 for mid-1998 and we have already raised nearly R10 000. After reaching our target, we plan to invest the money through the Registrar of Finance, so that in future we can allocate the interest to bursaries.

In order to ensure proper management, the Fund will not form part of SRC funds but will be kept in a separate account. The office of the Dean of Students and the Registrar of Finance will assist in the administration of the Fund. We would therefore like to request all Old Rhodians to support our efforts by donating to the Fund. Any amount will make a difference to a needy student. If you would like to make a donation, please make a deposit to the following account number: SRC account number 1082010706 at the Grahamstown branch (code 50917) of the Standard Bank. Please direct your donation to the Valli Moosa Students' Fund.

Your positive response will be much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Wamkele Mene
President: SRC



**RHODES UNIVERSITY
SWEATERS
FOR SALE!!!**

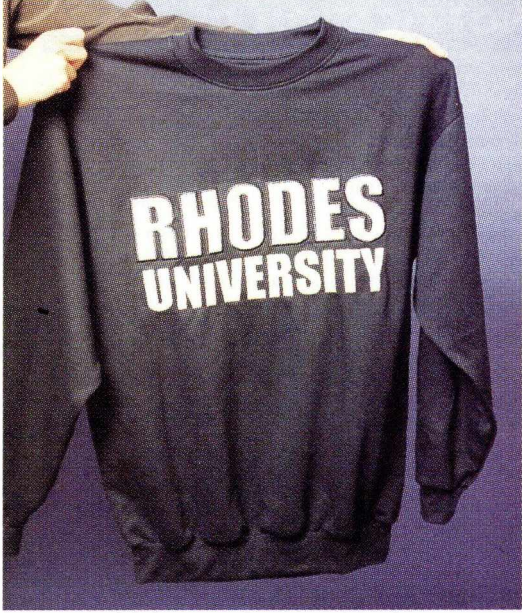
Are you a proud Old Rhodian?? Rhodes students enrolled in the Post-Graduate Diploma in Enterprise Management this year are selling Rhodes Sweatshirts/Tracksuit Tops, in a course requirement business venture.

The tops are available to Old Rhodians for only R160 (inclusive of postage and packaging). The tops themselves cost R130, plus the postage and packaging at R30.

There are several colours available in this top quality (220 gram weight material) sweatshirt - NAVY (white embroidery); BLACK (white embroidery); BOTTLE GREEN (bottle green embroidery); BURGUNDY (burgundy embroidery).

To order, simply mail your name, address, choice of colour, and size (i.e. S, M, L, XL), along with a cheque for R160 (in the name of JNV Enterprises) to:
JNV Enterprises, c/o The Alumni Relations Office, Marketing & Communications, Rhodes University, PO Box 94, Grahamstown, 6140.

Thank you for your interest shown in our venture.

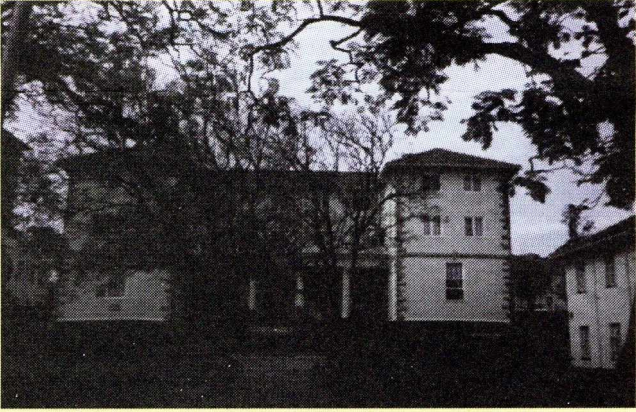


**BOTHA HOUSE
75th ANNIVERSARY REUNION**

BOTHA HOUSE of Founders Hall, Rhodes University is celebrating its 75th Anniversary this year. The Botha House Old Boys Committee would like to invite all Botha House Old Boys and all current members of Botha House to join them for a weekend of celebrations. Provisional dates have been set from the 10th to the 13th of September 1998.

The festivities will include, amongst others, a cocktail party, a spit braai and the Intervarsity boat races. Accommodation can be arranged in advance. If you are a Botha Old Boy and are interested in participating in this event and would like more information, please contact Nicholas Vat as soon as possible at:
e-mail: nvat@is.ru.ac.za

Tel: +27 (0)46 603 8244 (w)
Tel: +27 (0)46 636 2697 (h)
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APPEAL

**Commemoration
Methodist Church**

**Stained-Glass
Windows
Restoration
Fund**

As an Old Rhodian, you will have probably admired, even been enchanted by, the stained glass windows of Grahamstown's Commemoration Methodist Church. They are at their best when the mid-morning or afternoon sun shines through them.

We, and many of our visitors, would like these windows to be enjoyed by future generations. However, they are under threat. Time and weather have taken their toll and unless very expensive repairs are done these works of art will collapse and disappear.

**Help us
preserve
the
stained-
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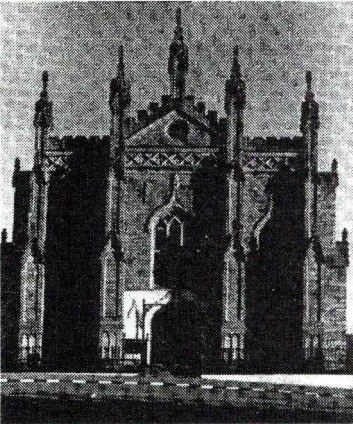
There are 10 stained-glass windows in the church. The best known, depicted above, is in the front of the church on the left as one faces the pulpit dedicated "to the glory of God and in proud remembrance of the endurance and courage of the women of the British Settlers of 1820".
Photographs courtesy of Duncan Greaves (AIP), Grahamstown

An estimate of the cost of the work required, which excludes removal, transport and replacement stands at nearly R60,000-00.

Such an amount is quite beyond the resources of our congregation and so we turn to those who have seen them to help preserve the "COMMEM WINDOWS". All donations toward the repair and maintenance of these colourful expressions of faith will be very much appreciated.

God Bless you all.

Sincerely
COMMEMORATION
METHODIST CHURCH.



If you wish to assist us, could you complete the form below, and place it, together with your donation, in an envelope and post it to: Commemoration Methodist Church, P O Box 409, Grahamstown, 6140, South Africa. Cheques payable to: Commemoration Methodist Church.

**Commemoration Methodist Church
Stained-Glass Windows Restoration Fund**

Name:

Address:

Donation: R.....

Thank you for your support
Commemoration Trust Properties Committee and Congregation

NOTIFICATION OF DEATH

Gwen Duminy (Finnemore)(1925)
Muriel Gladys Trudgett (Elliott) (1926)
Noel Rowe (1928)
Margaret Hodkin (1929)
Brian Rex Meterlekamp (1930)
Joseph P Samuel (1930)
Kathleen C Elliott (1931)
Andrew Murray van Wijk (1932)
John Watson Garmany (1934)
Anne R Lombard (Stapleton) (1935)
Mr P P Pienaar (1936)
Denys Graham Kingwill (1936)
Mr G O Newnham (1937)
Mr N M Benkenstein (1937)
Geoffrey P K Thornton (1938)
Richard R de Gale (1938)
Henry Paul Wiles (1938)
Rina Marais (1940)
Dr C J Juta (1942)
Ethel L Ryding (Southey)(1943)
Roland Fick (1945)
Mrs C Druce (Minty) (1946)
Noel F Rowe (1948)
Ian D L Loewe (1948)
E N (Ted) Giddy (1948)
Edward Paul Leach (1954)
Prof Len Lanham (Staff 1955)
Malcolm Searle (1956)
Phyllis Durston (Marsden)(1957)
Leslie Price Jones (1958)
Mr G J Lamprecht (1959)
Mrs M A Olivier (Corrans) (1960)
Peter Crumpton (1964)
Hester Locke (1964)
John Henry Sinclair (1967)
Prof S H Frankel (1969)
Rev M N W Roberts (1971)
Hugh Kelly (1972)
Jennifer E Strohman (Howarth) (1973)
Mervin Moss (1973)
Mr D W Musto (1975)
Hulme Moolmam (Staff, 1982)
Isabel van der Watt (1984)
Dr R S Cooke (1985)
Prof Ernst van Heerden (1985)
Emma Louise Parsons (1990)
Nomawethu Makalima (Mlandu)(1990)
Brian Peckham (1992)
Linda Corbett (1993)
Dr Enos Mabuzza (Hon. Grad 1993)
Zolani Gobodo (1995)

OBITUARIES

Gwen Duminy (Finnemore)(1925)
Gwen Duminy died in Pinelands, Cape, on 11 October 1997, six weeks short of her 93rd birthday. Born and reared in Port Elizabeth, she enrolled at Rhodes to major in Latin and Greek, with a view to gaining a post-graduate teaching diploma. In 1925, her final BA year, Gwen was elected Senior Women’s Student, in which capacity she danced with the Prince of Wales during his official visit to Rhodes. Her sister Marguerite (Mattie) joined her at Oriel Hall (as it would later be known) in 1926 and their brothers Gordon, Lionel and Horace followed them at Rhodes in the 1930s. After graduating in 1926 Gwen forsook academia to enrol as a nurse at the Pretoria General. It was in Pretoria that she met JP, her future husband and where they made their home for the next 30 years. In the war years, in addition to coping with three children, Gwen was tireless in voluntary work, including institutionalised care of the war-wounded, weekly trips to Zonderwater to help provide a canteen for prisoners of war, and much fund-raising for worthy causes. Gwen took much pride in the fact that her children all went to Rhodes - Peter from 1949 to 1954 (BA Hons, LLB), Andrew from 1951 to 1956 (MA) and Pam in 1955 before pursuing her studies in occupational therapy at the University of Pretoria. Meanwhile JP, as educationist and administrator, also had friendly associations with Rhodes, initially in the 1940s, and from 1958 onwards through his membership of the Committee of University Principals. Towards the end of his 10 years as Vice-Chancellor of UCT, JP Duminy was capped LLD Honoris Causa by Rhodes at the 1967 Graduation Ceremony. From 1958 until their respective deaths (JP’s in 1980), Gwen and JP lived in Cape Town, where Gwen gained a considerable reputation as hostess and patron of the arts, both in support of her husband’s role and in her own right.

Muriel Gladys Trudgett (Elliott)(1926)
A former deputy head mistress of Collegiate School for Girls, Port Elizabeth where she taught for 34 years, Muriel Trudgett died on the 27th April 1997 in her 91st year after some months of ill health. After her retirement from Collegiate, she moved to Grahamstown for 21 years where she continued her great interest in and involvement with Rhodes University affairs.

Kathleen Creighton Elliott (1931)
Kay died on 3rd November 1996 in Port Elizabeth. She taught at the Collegiate School for Girls, Port Elizabeth for 33 years and for a short period at Victoria School for Girls, Grahamstown prior to her retirement. She and her sister, **Muriel Trudgett (1926)**, made their home in Grahamstown where they were actively involved in city affairs until their move to Port Elizabeth in 1990.

John Watson Garmany (1934) died in Chester, UK in October 1996. He was at Rhodes in 1934 and won a Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford after the Second World War. He lectured at UCT, the University of Derry in Northern Ireland and the University of Coleraine.

Denys Graham Kingwill (1936), son of a Graff-Reinet sheep farmer, attended Grey High School in Port Elizabeth and went to Rhodes University in 1936. He was keenly interested in student affairs as well as a member of the first XV. He became Captain in 1939, in which year he was also secretary of the SRC and Chairman of the Debating Society. His student years were cut short by the outbreak of war in 1939. With an MSc in Physics he joined the Meteorological section of the SA Air Force and was in charge of the Forecasting Units

attached to the RAF in Port Elizabeth, the Middle East and Italy, ending up with the rank of Major. In 1942, he married Old Rhodian **Mairi Maclean Paterson (1936)**. In July 1945, he was invited to join Dr BFJ Schonland who was finalising plans for the establishment of the CSIR. As professional assistant to Schonland he was closely associated with all aspects of the establishment and development of the CSIR including schemes for University Research Grants, Medical Research Units and Co-operative industrial research institutes e.g. leather, fishing and sugar. He was also responsible for international scientific co-operation through scientific liaison offices in London and Washington (later in Paris, Bonn, Teheran and Los Angeles) and the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU), of which the CSIR had become the South African national member. He was Director of Information and Research Services from 1962- 1982 and its range of activities covered the information services of the CSIR library, publishing, public relations, science writing, international co-operation in science, techno-economics and industrial research development. He believed that as the CSIR was a centre for research and development that the CSIR library should evaluate and introduce, where applicable, new technology in the field of library and information science. He was dedicated to the advancement of science and technology on the national and international level and devoted much time and energy to the activities of scientific and technical societies. In 1981 he was President of the Associated Scientific and Technical Societies and in 1982 he was President of the SA Association for the Advancement of Sciences. He was a member of the Executive Committee of the Advisory Board of the Abstracting Board of ICSU and a number of the Executive Committee of the National Advisory Council and on retirement was elected an Honorary Life Member. Having been actively involved in the foundation and development of the CSIR he was asked by the CSIR Council to write a history of its first 40 years. Despite partial blindness he completed this monumental task which was not only the history of the CSIR but also of the development of scientific research in South Africa. In recognition of the major role he played in advancing science, technology and scientific and technical information, Rhodes University awarded him an honorary doctorate in 1984.

Henry Paul Wiles (1938)
(obituary from Warwick Valley Dispatch)
Henry Paul Wiles, a wildlife and landscape painter died on 16 July 1997, aged 77. He was born in December 1919 in Uitenhage. Following his education at St Andrews College and Rhodes University, he joined the South African Airforce, 7th Wing and served in the No. 2 “Cheetah” squadron as a fighter-bomber pilot. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for bravery in North Africa and Italy, after which he studied at Slade School of Art, London. Upon returning to South Africa in 1948, he established successful advertising practices in Cape Town and Durban. After moving to Warwick in 1993, he quickly developed a love for landscape subjects in rural New York. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, his daughter, Shayne and six grandchildren.

Richard R de Gale (1938)
(Obituary from North Coast Courier)
Mr. de Gale, a well-respected and popular resident of Chaka’s Rock for the past 24 years, died on 1 September 1997. Although born in Kent, England, he came to Natal with his parents and three sisters when he was two years old and lived in the Province ever since. Educated at Highbury School, Hillcrest, and then Michealhouse, Richard also went to Rhodes University before the Second World War. He volunteered for active service shortly after the outbreak of hostilities and enlisted in the South African Air Force. He was sent to the then Southern Rhodesia where he trained as a pilot and met his future wife Barbara. After qualifying for his wings, Richard was commissioned and then posted to the Middle East where he was soon flying Hurricanes on operations with the Desert Air Force. It was at this period of his service that he was able to evade capture at Tobruk, flying his aircraft out just as Rommel was about to capture this strategic base. A quietly spoken, modest man with a delightful sense of humour, Richard seldom spoke about his wartime exploits. Over the years he suffered severe disabilities relating to his war service as well as ill health, which he bore with great dignity and courage. Mr. de Gale, who was 77, is survived by his devoted wife, Barbara, his son Tom and daughter-in-law Sharman, who live in Durban and his two grandchildren, Mathew and Catherine, both of whom are at university.

Noel Fisher Rowe (1948)
(Obituary by James Black, Noel’s Deputy Headmaster for many years.)
I pay tribute to a man who dedicated his life to making education relevant to children. He must have been one of the first people in South Africa to understand the maxim “Education is what survives when what has been learnt has been forgotten.” Above all he was a man of vision. He saw clearly the need for more emphasis on Vocational Education and was introducing more technically and technologically orientated subjects at a time when schools were actually discontinuing technical subjects to concentrate on academics. Port Shepstone High School was the first Government school to send all its standard eight pupils on a week’s work experience. This was in 1986 when the prevalent thinking in teaching circles was that nothing should interfere with teaching time in the classroom. Educationalists now understand that teaching time is not what matters, what matters is learning time and learning time can take place outside the classroom. This Noel Rowe saw clearly and implemented despite opposition. The clear vision that he had was often impeded by the rules of the bureaucrats of the system. While other principals slavishly adhered to department regulations, Noel adhered only to those that were in keeping with his vision. He was quite happy to violate established policies in order to provide what he believed was right for the pupils of Port Shepstone High School. I got to know Noel well as I moved into management and was privileged to be Senior Deputy Principal in his last few years as Principal, when I spent a great deal of my time saying to him, “Noel you can’t do that,” to which he would reply - “Why Not?” His mind was constantly engaged in introducing new schemes which would benefit the pupils. He read and travelled widely and the school benefited from his divergent and perceptive thinking. One did not always agree with him, but the challenge of getting him to change his mind was a constant intellectual battle. One flaw in the logic of your argument and he would pounce with gleeful enthusiasm.

Soon after his arrival in 1975 he built a desperately needed tuckshop, but failed, as was his habit, to obtain the necessary planning permission beforehand. The dispute over this involved voluminous correspondence, which dragged on for years and Noel was told never again to commit such a heinous crime. In about 1989 or 1990 work started on a school pavilion. When I asked if permission had been obtained Noel blithely told me not to worry, it was on the bottom field and no one would even notice. One day when we were virtually up to roof height, an obviously official car drove into the school. At this stage, Noel zipped into my office to tell me that he had to go out urgently and that this would test my management skills. I was left to address the Chief Planner and three officials, who wanted to know where the approved plans were. It took me a while to talk our way out of that one. When Noel returned he told me with roars of laughter that a Deputy Principal has to be able to stand in for his Principal when the going gets tough. I think by then the authorities had begun to get to know him as the plans were passed in arrears and no more was said. This was life with Noel Rowe. He had more zest for life than anyone I have ever met and he wished everyone to get the same enjoyment out of life that he did. Those who worked with him will know about the bottom drawer of his desk. Into it went all the official letters and circulars which he wished to avoid. When asked by the inspectors why he had not replied to a particular circular, he would say, with a wink to me, “That circular never reached my desk.” Which was completely true, it was in the bottom drawer. My life, and I am sure I speak for many others, was greatly enriched by having known Noel Rowe. He was a great family man, devoted to his wife Noel and daughter Sylvia. To him, the responsibility of the family outweighed all other concerns. It was because of the birth of his daughter Sylvia that he returned to South Africa in 1966 after many adventurous years in Zambia, then Northern Rhodesia. To his wife and daughter go our condolences. The flexibility, tolerance and care that he demonstrated laid a solid foundation for Port Shepstone High to move successfully and confidently into a new educational dispensation.

Prof Leonard Walter Lanham (Staff 1955)
(Obituary by Prof Paul Walters)
Prof Lanham died on 22 November 1997.

Len was born in October 1921 in Mossel Bay and after matriculating, he went to England in late 1939. Disappointed in his initial hope of joining the RAF, he signed up as a private in the British Army. He was sent out to India, where he successfully completed the Officers’ Training Course at Bangalore Military College. He was commissioned in the distinguished Gurkha Brigade in 1941 and saw action on the North-West Frontier. During this period he learned Hindustani, some Gurkhali, and learned to read the ancient Sanskrit script. Thus even in war, his flair for languages showed itself. He later served with the 14th Army in Burma and Indochina, and was on Lord Mountbatten’s staff when that dignitary received the surrender of the Japanese in August 1945. He was demobilised with the rank of Captain, and returned to Johannesburg in September 1946, where he enrolled at Wits University in early 1947 in the Faculty of Engineering. He failed his mid-year exams, and lost his ex-serviceman’s grant as a result. This experience fuelled the ardour with which he later championed the cause of under-prepared students as our universities began to become desegregated in the late seventies. He then held a variety of jobs, one of which included supervising the making of traditional beer for the mine-workers, and seeing that the 04h00 shift reported for duty. Len and Pat were married in 1948. With her encouragement, he returned to Wits as a part-time student in 1949, where the ease with which he got good marks in English I left him with a life-long suspicion that the study of literature was a “soft option” - especially compared to the greater rigour of linguistics as he came to learn and then teach it! I suspect that this experience lay behind the famous Butler - Lanham exchanges, which took place in latter years, during which the rest of the party generally looked for cover while these two Titans of the intellect hurled great mental boulders at each other in the friendliest way imaginable. A BA in 1951 was followed by a First Class Honours Degree in Bantu Languages and an MA with distinction in 1954. In 1955, Len took up a Senior Lectureship in Bantu Languages at Rhodes. He completed his PhD through Wits in 1960, and was then granted a Carnegie Travelling Fellowship for 6 months in America. He returned from the States to take up the first Chair of Phonetics and General Linguistics at Wits, a post he occupied until he was offered an ad hominem Chair in the Rhodes Linguistics Department in late 1978. When I first went to work with Len at the Institute for the Study of English in Africa in 1982, I was surprised to learn that he was effectively holding down 3 jobs: Professor of Linguistics, Chairman of the Molteno Project Committee and Honorary Director of ISEA. I hadn’t been there very long, however, before I realised that this triple-decker approach was typical of Len’s attitude to life and work. Where he saw a need, he never stinted to give of himself - of his time, of his energy, of his truly encyclopaedic experience and expertise. Although latterly honours have been heaped upon him, whatever Len did was for the sake of the work itself, and not for the Gold Medal from the English Academy or the Honorary Doctorate from Rhodes, the two volumes of essays in his honour, or even being presented to Queen Elizabeth on her visit to this country. In the 60s Len had never entirely lost touch with Grahamstown and Rhodes: he was external examiner for the language papers, and more importantly - he was a founder member of the Board of the ISEA which Guy Butler had persuaded Rhodes to set up in 1964. Thus he was uniquely placed to advise the ISEA on how to go about setting up an enquiry into the teaching of English as a second language when a donor - the Molteno Brothers Trust of Elgin - offered to support such an enquiry in the early 70s. Len led a team who uncovered some of the most important causes of the widespread failure of black children to learn to read in English and helped to find, adapt, and devise teaching and learning materials which rivalled the best in the world. That, in a nutshell, is the work of the Molteno Project. Educationally, it was twenty years ahead of the rest of the country in both materials and methodology, and it has literally touched millions of lives all over the subcontinent. Earlier last year, he flew to Johannesburg to work on capturing three more Namibian languages for the Breakthrough to Literacy programme. Vic Rodseth, who was there, tells of the delight of the visiting Namibians that someone in a Johannesburg office wanted to write down their language, and was displaying far greater interest in it than their own government five years after independence! There again, I think one glimpses the essence of Len’s greatness: people and their

linguistic and educational needs were everything, and politics and policies were of minor importance. Curriculum 2005 holds no terrors for a Molteno-trained teacher: as many of them have said, “We’ve been doing it for years”. The legacy of a better educational hope for millions of Africa’s children will be one of Len Lanham’s enduring memorials. Len’s applied linguistic legacy is not confined to the primary school alone: his energy and insight provided a crucial formative influence on the national Academic Development movement in the late seventies and early eighties. Few understood as well as Len the way in which language development and thinking skills intertwine and the need for tackling under-preparedness for university from a cognitive skills perspective. Here, too, Len turned the personal trauma of his initial failure at Wits to the advantage of others in striving to find programmes and develop practices which would help to ensure that others were spared such devastation. Len showed integrity in all things big and small. In a world of compromise and compromisers, it wasn’t always the most comfortable quality to work or live with, yet it was a rock of defence on numerous occasions, and contributed in no small way to the esteem and respect in which he was held by people in all walks of life. Few of his colleagues knew of the way in which Len and Pat spent most Sundays - visiting and entertaining sick or elderly or shut-in friends. The man whose life’s work was dedicated to helping others break through artificial barriers of literacy and language has himself been translated by God’s grace into a better tongue. Much as we who are left may mourn his passing, we must nevertheless rejoice that for him the long and painful struggle which he waged so long and with such silent courage against a wasting disease is at last over. There are many projects he still had on hand, which no doubt he would have liked to leave in a more finished state. Yet it is of the essence of Len as I knew him that if he had been spared another five or even ten years, he would still have been tackling new work, which he would have had to have left incomplete.

Phyllis Durston/Cosser (Marsden)(1957)
Phyllis Marsden was Warden of Oriel Hall in the fifties and married Dr Bill Cosser, Professor of Hebrew. He died in the late sixties, and she married again (Eric Durston) and settled in the UK. Phyllis was buried in Chichester, where she lived for 20 years.

Leslie Price-Jones (1958)
The Plettenberg Bay community was shocked by recent passing of much loved Leslie Price-Jones. Leslie never married but her love for children goes back to the early 70s when she opened Plett’s first playschool, having converted one of the cottages on her property to house some 12 children of working parents. After giving up her playschool she continued to teach at the Plett Pre-Primary School for many years until her untimely death. It was seven years ago that she learnt the dreadful news of cancer but she carried on teaching when health would permit, displaying her usual cheerful personality until the end. Leslie spent most of her childhood years in Plett having been educated at Springfield Convent in Cape Town and studying for her BA degree at Rhodes. Her passing leaves a big hole in the Plett community.

Hester Locke (1964)
Mrs Hester Locke, who retired from the Department of Psychology in 1982, died after a short illness at the age of 77. She was born in Adelaide, where she finished her schooling before completing a primary teacher’s diploma at the Grahamstown Training College. She lectured at the Healdtown Training School and the King William’s Town Training College before returning to the Grahamstown Training College. She was a talented artist and for twelve years she was designer and head of department at the Grahamstown Potteries. She was also one of the illustrators of Professor JLB Smith’s book, *The Sea Fishes of Southern Africa*. She completed a BA and Honours degrees at Rhodes and joined the staff of the department of Psychology as a Junior Lecturer in 1968. She did a Master’s degree in Clinical Psychology in 1977. Several years ago she and her husband, Professor Emeritus Eugene Locke, a former head of the Human Movement Studies, moved to Port Alfred, where they had built their dream house in the Marina. They had not been there long when Professor Locke had a cycling accident left him severely incapacitated. Hester cared for him devotedly until she was taken ill herself. She leaves her husband and son, Neil, and his family.

Hugh Kelly (1972)
(Obituary from EP Herald)
Port Alfred businessman and golfing benefactor Hugh Kelly, 88, died on the 31st July 1997. Mr Kelly, whose civil engineering company was involved in the building of the Port Elizabeth harbour, railway tracks and several of the De Beers diamond mines, died at his home after a short illness. He was a member of the Rhodes Board of Governors for many years. Remembered for his generosity and good humour, he was best known as the man who had the “most birthdays” as he often used to stand up in a club after a good game of golf, proclaiming that it was his birthday and that the drinks were on him. He also made headline news in the *Herald* in 1971 when he donated R100 000 to Rhodes University. Born and bred in Scotland, Mr Kelly came to South Africa with his engineer father and later followed in his father’s footsteps after he had studied civil engineering in Scotland. He lived in Johannesburg for most of his life but had several engineering projects in the former Transvaal, Orange Free State and South West Africa. He moved to Port Alfred in the 1950s, where he was president of the Royal Port Alfred Golf Club for more than 30 years. He was also an excellent golfer, who on several occasions won senior golfing events. Friends of Mr Kelly had only praise for his “unassuming nature” and generosity. He was highly respected; a great family man and had a wonderful sense of humour, one of the world’s greatest gentlemen.

Hulme Moolmam (1982, Staff)
(Obituary by Meiring du Plessis, WRC Research Manager in SA Water Bullet Sept/Oct 1997)
Joseph Hulme Moolman, one of the South African’s eminent soil scientists and an internationally acknowledged expert on irrigation water quality, died on 25 October 1997 at the age of 47, after an eighteen-month fight against brain cancer. At the time of his death he was Head of the Department of Soil and Agricultural Water Science at the University of Stellenbosch, and serving as President of the Soil Science Society of South Africa. Prof Moolman obtained his BSc (1973), MSc (1976) and PhD (Agric) (1982) degrees from the

University of Stellenbosch. After a nine-year stint as researcher with the Department of Agricultural Technical Services, he joined the Hydrological Research Unit at Rhodes University as researcher in April 1982. In April 1985 he was appointed as senior lecturer at the University of Stellenbosch and was promoted to head of the Department in January 1990. Several MSc and PhD students graduated under his mentorship. He published widely in local international journals and also presented several papers at local as well as international conferences. He received several rewards of distinction during his career. He received both his BSc and MSc degrees cum laude, and was awarded the Al Perold gold medal as the best final year agricultural student in 1973. The SSSSA medal for the best paper by a person under 30 years of age was presented to him in 1980. He was awarded the prestigious SSSSA medal for exceptional service, and is the only person to have twice received the SSSSA medal for the best scientific paper presented. Prof Moolman was an active member of several WRC Project Steering Communities and acted as research leader on six WRC projects. He completed the final report on one of these, *The Use of Saline Water for Irrigation of Grapevines and the Development of Crop Salt Tolerance Indices*, only a few weeks prior to his death. Hulme Moolman was an ardent cricket fan, keen on the outdoors and camping, and often enjoyed listening to good music. He was remembered as a gentleman in his interaction and personal relationship with colleagues, subordinates and seniors. He displayed an absolute dedication to all tasks he tackled and a passion for achieving excellence. His early death leaves a great gap which will be difficult to fill. He is survived by his wife Gerida, their daughter Corlie and son Danie.

Dr Enos Mabuza (Hon. Graduate 1993)
(Obituary from The Star)

Dr Enos Mabuza rose from an impoverished background to become one of the leading figures in the educational, political and business life of this country. His death, at the age of 58, has been greeted with shock and sadness by all who knew him. Most were not even aware he had been unwell. Mabuza, EJ to those close to him, was a man of immense ability, grace and generosity. Soft-spoken with a clear, precise diction, everyone who met him could not but be struck by his unfailing humility and the respect he accorded young and old, rich and poor. Dr Nthato Motlana, a fellow director of companies, described him as the ultimate gentleman. “They don’t come gentler than EJ”. But his quiet manner masked a steely determination and assertiveness that brought him success. He was a stickler for perfection. For Mabuza, nothing was worth doing unless he could do it well. Although he branched out into politics and business - he was one of the pioneers of black economic empowerment - Mabuza was at heart a teacher. He had the foresight to spot and nurture talent, and would keep track of the careers of former students years after they had left him. It was his abiding belief that the salvation of this country lay in education - that the lot of the poor could only be improved if every child was given the opportunity to learn. This belief was surely born from his own experience. Enos Nganani Mabuza was born at Sheba gold mine in Barberton in 1939. His father was a mineworker. He attended school until Standard 8 and obtained a Primary Teachers Diploma in Vryheid, KwaZulu Natal. He studied privately for Matric and in 1973 received an honours degree in Psychology from UNISA. In 1993 Rhodes University awarded him an honorary doctorate for his contribution to community development. Despite his quiet manner, Mabuza was firm on discipline. He was barely 30 years old when, in 1969, he was appointed Headmaster at Khumbula Secondary School at White River, in the Eastern Transvaal. It was an unruly school, where it was not uncommon to find pupils and teachers drinking in shebeens, as well as pregnant schoolgirls. Within months, discipline among pupils and teachers had improved, as had results. This happened without the big stick. Mabuza would call pupils who showed promise to his office for encouragement, and there would be bars of chocolate for those doing well in his favourite subject, English. In 1972, at 33, he was appointed an inspector of schools, and five years later left education for politics to become leader of the then fledgling KaNgwane Legislative Assembly. That move, and his founding of the Inyandza Movement, was to bring about the political organisation and cohesion lacking in the area, which, some years later, was to play a critical role in thwarting attempts by former government to incorporate KaNgwane into Swaziland. His honesty and sincerity made him unlike most homeland leaders, who earned a reputation of being either buffoons or two-timing shysters out to make a quick buck. Mabuza’s battle to retain KaNgwane within South Africa brought him national prominence. He made common cause with Inkatha, whose northern territory of Ngwavuma was also under threat. He took the government to court and won, dealing a fatal blow to incorporation. His relationship with Inkatha, however, ended bitterly when, in defiance of Mangosuthu Buthelezi, he led a delegation to meet the ANC in Lusaka. He came back with an ANC endorsement of Inyandza as “an integral part” of the democratic movement. That infuriated Buthelezi, who launched an attack on Mabuza, describing him as an upstart who had been saved from political oblivion by Inkatha, which had helped to fund his case. Mabuza immediately dispatched a cheque for the money, which Buthelezi was later seen setting alight in the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly. After the 1990 unbannings, Inyandza merged with the ANC, and Mabuza promptly resigned from active politics, despite being named, along with the likes of Cyril Ramaphosa, “Terror” Lekota and Trevor Manuel, as the leadership waiting to take over from the Mandelas and Sisulus. Mabuza’s spirit took him to new endeavours. He became director of several companies and for a time held the largest number of directorships of any black businessman. He also found time to indulge in his other passion, the environment, and he was chairman of the National Parks Board. In him, South Africa has lost a leader of immense quality who was at the cutting edge of change and was destined to play an even bigger role in its transformation. But perhaps in his humility he would want to be remembered simply as a decent man who tried to make life more bearable for those less fortunate than himself. Mabuza was buried at Louieville, near Nelspruit.

Zolani Gobodo (1995)
Former attorney Zolani Editor Gobani, 25, was buried in Port Elizabeth on 17 January 1998. After matriculating at Kwazakhele High School, he obtained his BJuris at the University of Port Elizabeth and his LLB at Rhodes University. At the time of his death he was a candidate attorney in Gauteng under the Law Society of Transvaal.

Letters Page

Could you please include a “letters page” in which Rhodes Alumni can air their views in the newsletter? Currently the situation is that there is only a one-way flow of information from your office to us. There is no feedback from us. We are just the passive recipients of information, without responding to some of the published materials. We need to be told what transpires within the Broad Transformation Forum, not to hear about that in the media, when one tributary of the forum has a gripe. Rhodes empowered and consolidated me to be a critical thinker - not a passive recipient of information - and I am proud of that. I still remember the research methodologies we were taught in Anthropology II and Industrial Sociology II. I hope and wish my concerns/suggestions will be taken into consideration. Yours faithfully Kgoputjo Morewane (1987)

I want to contact any student who was part of the Rhodes Christian Centre in 1981 and which ended as LOC in 1995. Please write to me at the following address: Mrs Estelle Forsberg, PO Box 943, Umhlanga, 4320

Audrey Tinling (Setzkorn)(1963) would like to make contact with her cousin **Gabriel Setzkorn (1966)**. Audrey has lived in the UK since 1969 and has lost touch with many of her Setzkorn relations. Please will Gaby (or anyone who knows her) write to Audrey at this address: Mrs Audrey Tinling, Thirby, Horseshoe Lane, Ash Vale, Aldershot, Hants GU12 5LJ, United Kingdom.

Your April newsletter contains an obituary of Professor Michael Roberts, “one of the most distinguished, most renowned scholars ever to have worked at Rhodes,” and among the tributes to his achievements is a list of exceptional students who passed through Roberts’s hands during his Grahamstown years and went on to fill chairs at universities. There is, however, a singular omission from that list, namely **G.H.L. Le May (1940)**, who lectured in the Rhodes History Department, 1946-8 and went on to Oxford where he (like Roberts before him) was named the best First of his year in the History Schools. He became a lecturer in Politics at Balliol College for two years before going to the University of the Witwatersrand, in the chair of Political Science for 14 years. In 1967 Le May was elected to a senior research fellowship at Worcester College, Oxford, from which he recently retired. Le May is the author of *British Government, 1915-53* (London, Methuen, 1955); *British Supremacy in South Africa, 1899-1907* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1965); *Black and White in South Africa* (London, 1971); *The Victorian Constitution* (London, Duckworth, 1979), and most recently of the substantial *The Afrikaners* (Oxford, Blackwell, 1995). It is of interest to note that Michael Roberts’s last published utterance was an extended and laudatory review of *The Afrikaners*. Yours sincerely Alan Hall

The editor welcomes news and comments as well as suitable contributions to the newsletter.

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We thank you for the high number of Old Rhodian News entries received this year. It’s good to have such a positive response to the Alumni Newsletter. Unfortunately a lack of space prevented us from publishing it all, so if you expected to see your news in print and cannot find it, don’t worry - yours will appear in the November 1998 issue!

Guy Butler’s 80th Birthday: Research Awards Launched

Old Rhodians will be delighted to learn that the Vice-Chancellor has launched a major sponsorship appeal to establish the Guy Butler Research Awards. The awards, designed to attract the cream of the country’s young research talent to the university, are to be offered in the fields of English language, English literature, English-in-education, South African English drama, South African journalism in English, and cultural studies focusing on English-related topics in South Africa. These are the fields which have most directly benefited from Professor Butler’s career at Rhodes.

From his base in the English Department, which he headed from 1952-1978, he pioneered the impressive array of English-related resources which today gives Rhodes an edge across the broad field of South African English Studies.

The National English Literary Museum, soon to be housed in custom-built premises in the new Eden Grove building, currently under construction, started life as the Thomas Pringle manuscript collection, under Guy Butler’s guidance. He established the Institute for the Study of English in Africa (ISEA), from which developed the Molteno Project, under the leadership of the late Professor Len Lanham. This Project, now one of the largest NGO’s in the country, forms an important element in the primary curriculum of Namibia, Botswana and large areas of the Republic.

Another ISEA project became the Dictionary Unit for South African English, which has recently produced the magnificent *Dictionary of South African English on Historical Principles*, a major landmark in South African lexicography.

This is in addition to Professor Butler’s academic leadership which over the years has led to the formation of the departments of Drama, Linguistics and English Language, and Journalism; not to mention his huge contribution to the establishment of the Grahamstown Foundation and all the activities which it has developed, both in Grahamstown and around the country. Perhaps most well-known among these is the National Arts Festival.

The aim of the research awards is to consolidate Rhodes’s high standing in English studies by increasing the university’s commitment to graduate research in this area, building on the Butler achievement to ensure that we are fully equipped to meet the country’s future needs.

Speaking at a function to mark his 80th birthday, Professor Butler recalled an encounter with the late Professor Danny Morton, who had recently celebrated his 94th birthday. ‘What is it like to be 94, Dan?’ Professor Butler asked. ‘I’ll tell you, Guy. Do you remember what it was like to be 42? Well it’s like that, only twice as bad!’ came the reply.

At the same function Chris Mann of the Grahamstown Foundation contributed this sonnet:

To Guy Butler on his eightieth birthday

What man is this, who eight decades since birth,
his pulse-beat weak and fluttering through old age,
still treads with cautious zest his patch of earth
and does not design to grieve his health - or rage?

Unsettled most by those who settle least
the Africa that droughts and feeds his soul,
he shakespeared students in his thorny east
and linked the native writer to the metropole.

The institutes he built on Grahamstown’s clay
were visioned first inside his poet’s heart:
its energy’s a crash of surf whose spray
is pressed between the pages of his art.

Their theme’s the nexus of the joy he gives:
he loves the place and people where he lives.

Professor Butler is editing his collected poems, has a book on the mythography of the Zebra awaiting a publisher, and is in the process of completing a book about the remarkable Sister Margaret of the Community of the Resurrection and her paintings. A book on Shakespeare is also waiting in the wings.

There are many who have been helped and encouraged by Guy Butler. Generations of Old Rhodians have learned under his vivifying influence, and many will want to honour that debt by supporting the Vice-Chancellor’s appeal. The project has only just been launched and already generous donations have been received from Dr. R. van der Merwe (1949), Mrs. R. Collett (1930), Miss E.B. Oakes (1931), Mr. S.J.N. Maisels (1940), Dr. S.G. Shuttleworth (1928) and Mr. L. Shuttleworth (1933). At the end of this fund raising initiative, Guy will be presented with a formal scroll of donor’s names. What better way to say “Thank you, Guy”?

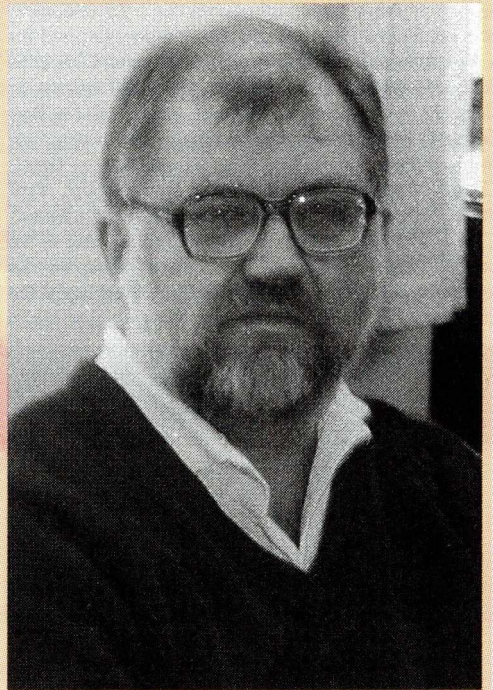
Please see the enclosed leaflet and send your contributions to:

The Guy Butler Research Awards
School of English Studies
c/o ISEA
Rhodes University
PO Box 94
Grahamstown 6140

JOHN CLAUGHTON RETIRES FROM WARDENING

After three decades as warden of Piet Retief House at Rhodes, African Languages lecturer, Dr John Claughton will hand over the reigns to a new incumbent at the end of July this year.

Dr Claughton became warden of the House in 1967, when he was a young lecturer at the Department of Linguistics and Languages. In 1970, part of Piet Retief was demolished and then became the Campus Protection Unit.



In his tenure as warden, Dr Claughton has seen scores of students come and go, and he says student tendencies have changed over time. “Nowadays the students are more independent than they were 30 years ago”. For him, being a warden has been an enjoyable experience in view of the strong relationships he formed with the students.

Report on Reunions held during the last year:

Australia (Perth and Sydney)

During a business trip to Australia last year **Dr David Woods (1959)** and **Charlotte (Abbott) (1961)** attended reunions in Perth and in Sydney. **Doug Strugnell (1976)** was kind enough to arrange the get together at the Novotel in Sydney on Saturday 26 July 1997, attended by more than 40 Old Rhodians. On Saturday 2 August 1997, **Alain Mehl (1986)** of Perth went out of his way to organise a function for ORs to meet Dave and Charlotte Woods for drinks at the Hyatt Regency in Perth. Our grateful thanks to Doug and Alain, who fell for our begging and pleading and agreed to arrange these informal reunions at the last minute!



Rory O'Brien (1969), Val O'Brien (van Wyk) (1970), Charlotte and Dave Woods



Dave Woods and Wendy Taylor (Newton) (1972)



Charlotte Woods with Santo Sudano (1958), second from the left

Namibia

A small but very pleasant reunion for all Namibian Old Rhodians was held on Saturday 30 August 1997. The get together was kindly organised by **John Mannheimer (1966)** and took place in the cellar of a local Pension in Windhoek. Since it was a rather cold evening, there was a large fire going in the fireplace with plenty of gluwien for all to drink! Of the 23 people present, 16 were ORs. **Dorian Haarhoff (1962)** was asked to say a few words. He first remembered one or two of the Namibia group who are no longer with us, after which they drank a jolly good toast to Rhodes!

Bloemfontein

At one of the biggest turnouts yet for a Bloemfontein reunion, 45 Old Rhodians and their partners gathered for a most enjoyable evening at the Old Andrean Club at St Andrew's School. Once again the successful reunion on Tuesday 2 September 1997 was organised by **Roy Gordon (1960)**, a busy man who simply takes everything in his stride! After a humorous introduction by **Digby Cranke (1958)**, the guest speaker from Rhodes, **Prof Peter Surtees (1959)**, founder member of the Carnations Club in 1959, the longest surviving drinking club in the country, took the floor. Prof Surtees spoke to the assembled ORs of the exciting changes taking place at the University and answered questions.

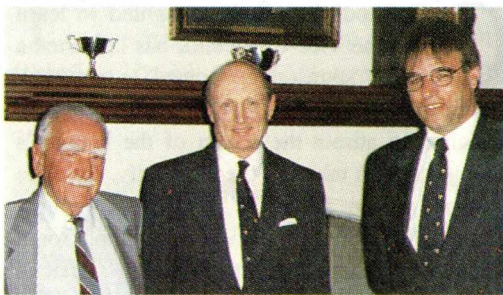


Digby Cranke (1958), Peter Surtees (1959), Coral Surtees and Roy Gordon (1960)

Kimberley

Twenty two Old Rhodians and their partners attended the reunion in Kimberley on Wednesday 3 September last year. The reunion dinner was held in the beautiful Rhodes Room at the Kimberley Club. After grace and a toast to our country, **Laurie Shuttleworth (1933)** spoke warmly and fondly of his memories of Rhodes in a toast to the University. There was great consternation before glasses were raised when it was suddenly discovered that most of them were empty and that they had been about to drink a dry toast to Rhodes! Needless to say, the matter was quickly attended to and a jolly toast was made! **Mike Rossouw (1983)** introduced the guest speaker from Rhodes, **Prof Peter Surtees (1959)**, assuring him that the Kimberley ORs would not hold it against him that he was born and bred in Bloemfontein! After a most enjoyable dinner, the organiser of the last eight annual reunions,

Mark Fletcher (1983) announced that he would be passing the burden of the 1998 reunion on to Mike Rossouw. Unfortunately the chairman of the Kimberley OR Committee, **Rev. Pressly (1944)** could not attend the function, as he was overseas at the time.



Laurie Shuttleworth (1933), Peter Surtees (1959) and Mike Rossouw (1983)



Coral Surtees, Allison Fletcher (Moss) (1983) and Mark Fletcher (1983)



Steven Beangstrom (1980), Peter Surtees (1959), Gavin Beangstrom (1988) and Leanne Beangstrom (Wilson) (1988)

Grahamstown

Old Rhodians pictured below enjoyed another successful reunion in Grahamstown on Saturday 13 September 1997. A morning of tours and activities in various departments was followed by tea and the Convocation and Old Rhodian Union AGMs. (Minutes enclosed). After the meeting they enjoyed a lovely lunch in the Drostyd Hall and attended the formal Founder's Ball that evening.



Durban

The Durban reunion was held on Friday 19 September 1997. **Prof Rob Midgley (1973)**, Head of Department and Dean of Law, attended the function on behalf of Rhodes. Our grateful thanks to **Bertie Wicks (1966)** for arranging another superb reunion, and to **Mike Barker (1952)** and **Bill Scott (1934)** who sang the following "war cry": (Apologies for any misspelt words!)
SILAPA AMADODA ANS EWETH AMADODA!
SILAPA AMADODA ANS EWETH AMADODA!
HAMBA HAMBA HAMBA HAMBA
KILLI KILLI KILLI KILLI
WATCH WATCH WATCH WATCH
EYO KEYO NKAMA, NKAMA KILLIWANA
VUKERAKA VUKERAKA VUKERAKA ZONKE
SIEMELAMA SIEMELAMA SIEMELAMA ZONKE
ZONKE NTHOMBI ZONKE NTHOMBI
KWOKE DAMMIT I'RHODES HEKE!!

George / Knysna

Marian and **Bill Ashmole (1958)** hosted the George/Knysna reunion at their bed & breakfast home, Die Ou Langhuis in George on Friday 10 October 1997. **David (1959)** and **Charlotte Woods (1961)**, and **Prof Lambe (1959)** and **Dr Lesley Parolis (Salter) (1977)** attended the function on behalf of Rhodes University. 30 Old Rhodians from George and the surrounding area attended the reunion, including **Mandy Goetsch (1991)**, from a very special family - there has been a member of the Goetsch family at Rhodes every year from 1978 till 1994!



Pictured with Charlotte Woods, left, are Mandy Goetsch (1991) and her partner, Brett.



Charlotte Woods, Bev Pollock (Harmuth) (1969), Graeme Pollock (1968), Bill Ashmole (1958), Marian Ashmole and Dave Woods.

Cape Town

On Friday 14 November 1997 Old Rhodians in Cape Town met for drinks and snacks St George's Grammar School in Mowbray. Pictured below are ORs enjoying the evening, organised once again by **David Hart (1974)**. At this function **Brian Glass (1969)** and **Mark Norrish (1971)** kindly offered to assist David with future reunions in Cape Town.



United Kingdom (London)

Another very successful Old Rhodian reunion, organised by the capable **Jane Dickson (1958)**, was held at South Africa House in London on Thursday 30 April 1998, to coincide with the Vice-Chancellor, Dr David Woods' visit to the United Kingdom. **Sir Michael Edwardes (1949)** was the guest speaker at the function attended by 70 alumni. A special charity, *The Rhodes University Trust (UK)*, has been established to support the educational activities of the University. The Trust will be seeking donations from UK organisations, as well as individuals, to support a variety of initiatives at Rhodes as it seeks to meet the challenges of the present and future in South Africa. **Michael Chapman (1959)** is Chairman of the Trustees.



Konrad Meldal-Johnsen (1962), Trustee - Rhodes University Trust (UK); Dr David Woods (1959); Michael Chapman (1959), Chairman - Rhodes University Trust (UK)



Ewan Copeland (1963), Trustee - Rhodes University Trust (UK); Luanne Middleton-Cross (1992); Dr Allan Gray (1955)



Antoinette Pienaar, Reporter, SA Times; Tracey Melass (1991)



Edward Saunders (1958), Maggie Wade (1959), ORU Committee

1998 Reunion Dates

Bloemfontein

ROY GORDON (1960)

Tel: 051-447 7831 (w)

Fax: 051-447 6951

Reunion Date: Tuesday 1 September

Kimberley

REV PRESSLY (1944)

Tel: 0531-825 462 (h)

MIKE ROSSOUW (1983)

Tel: 0531- 339 5941 (h)

Reunion Date: Wednesday 2 September

Grahamstown

LISL GRIFFIOEN PATERSON (1988)

Tel: 046-603 8569 (w)

Fax: 046-636 1902

Reunion Weekend:

Founder's Day and Convocation & ORU

AGMs:

Saturday 12 September

Durban

BERTIE WICKS (1966)

Tel: 031-368 3393 (w)

Fax: 031-368 3398

Reunion Date: Wednesday, 16 September

Johannesburg

ROSE RIDGEWELL

(RU Johannesburg Office)

Tel: 011-788 5543 (w)

Fax: 011-788 1098

Reunion Date: Wednesday 16 September

Venue: Hard Rock Café, Illovo

George / Knysna Region

BILL ASHMOLE (1958)

Tel: 044-874 7592 (h)

Reunion Date: Friday 9 October

Venue: Die Ou Lang Huis

All ORs in the region are welcome to attend.

Cape Town

DAVID HART (1974)

Tel: 021-786 3496 (w)

Fax: 021-786 3496

BRIAN GLASS (1969)

Tel: 021-808 7911 (w)

Fax: 021-887 9307

Reunion Date: to be advised

Queenstown

ADRIE STOCKDALE (1970)

Tel: 0451-4160 (w)

Fax: 0451-3596

Reunion Date: to be advised

King William's Town / East London

BELINDA MC GILLERIE (HANGER) (1989)

Tel: 0433 34920 (w)

Reunion Date: to be advised

Port Elizabeth

SEAN BOWNES (1966)

Tel: 041 522 697 (h)

Reunion Date: to be advised

Namibia

JOHN MANHEIMER (1966)

Tel: 0926461-237 103 (w)

Fax: 0926461-232 106

Reunion Date: to be advised

Harare

HANS CHRISTEN (1981)

Tel: 092634-744338 (h)

Reunion Date: to be advised

Bulawayo

RICHARD YOUNG (1982)

Tel: 092639-41313 (w)

Reunion Date: to be advised