

RHODES NEWSLETTER

Old Rhodian Union

June, 1985



Appointment of Dean of Research

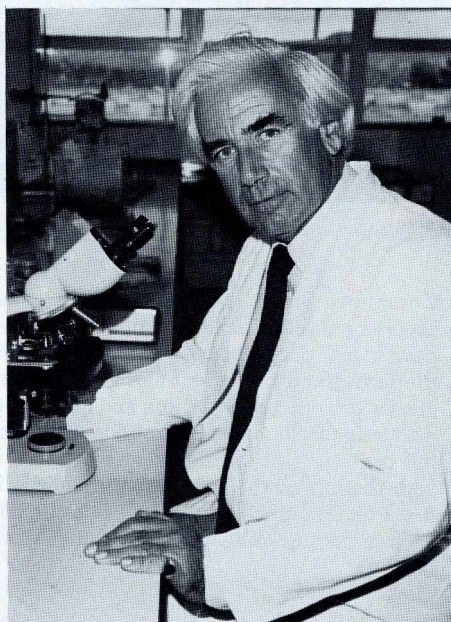
Professor Brian Allanson, Head of the Department of Zoology and Entomology at Rhodes, has been appointed Dean of Research at the University from the beginning of the year.

'Rhodes is an important centre for teaching and research. In the research area many fields have increased and the University Council and Senate agreed that a joint Research Committee chaired by the Dean of Research, should be established to maintain a review of research development and provide a base of financial support to ensure that effective research is continued,' said Professor Allanson.

The new Dean feels that in his appointment it will be possible to emphasize the great importance of university research (and that done particularly at Rhodes) not only to the totality of human knowledge and understanding, but to issues germane to the scientific, technical, social and economic development of the subcontinent.

In his view, the universities have for far too long been considered primarily as centres of tertiary academic education in which research work has played, at best, a secondary role. This attitude, he says, stems largely from the development of central scientific policy some 40 years ago which caused the establishment of state and semi-state organizations such as the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), the Atomic Energy Corporation and, more recently, the Medical Research Council and the Human Sciences Research Council. Excellent as these institutions are, he says, the policy of centralizing research within these highly structured and expensive bodies has, until quite recently, resulted in university research programmes having to survive on relatively little money and, of great significance, suffer the loss of bright young researchers to these institutions.

A possible consequence is that university research is considered as ephemeral and of no great worth. The image of the ivory tower is still very pronounced and continues to provide a convenient excuse for denigrating or simply



*Professor B R Allanson, newly-appointed
Dean of Research*

ignoring the work which is being done, says Professor Allanson.

In the last few years, funding of research programmes in the universities has increased, but Professor Allanson argues that the state and industry may still view the universities predominantly as sources of suitably-trained graduates with little consideration being given to the increasing demands such training places upon a powerful and productive research environment within the universities. In his view, there can be no teaching without research if the undergraduate and postgraduate educational programmes are to reach the standards demanded of our complex western society. He believes this to be of even greater relevance in a country such as South Africa with its mix of third world and first world economics. The implication of this particular view is that the universities must be seen as centres of original thought – 'think tanks' in modern parlance – and action in which the environment of scholasticism is generated and maintained.

Many of the cultural and scientific advances of the last 40 years, which people have come to accept, perhaps too glibly, have had their origins in the atmosphere of universities in the northern hemisphere, while others, particularly in the field of micro-electronics, have had their genesis in the competitive atmosphere of industry, that associated with

space programmes especially. A consequence of this, says Professor Allanson, is that we in South Africa have come to depend upon these sources of original knowledge and the state, industry and commerce, have expected our universities to see to it that graduates are well versed in its content. Certainly this is eminently sensible, but we have come to rely very largely upon this importation which has had a deadening effect upon university originality.

The Research Committee at Rhodes will encourage the development of new research fields and the expansion of existing areas of research where necessary. It will also assist researchers with applications for the funding of research programmes. Liaison between research groups within the University will also be encouraged by the Committee, which will give the University Council information on the diversity and extent of research areas being explored.

Old Rhodian Reunions

Branches of the Old Rhodian Union in South Africa, Zimbabwe and South West Africa/Namibia are planning reunions. Old Rhodians who would like to attend are asked to contact the people listed below:

BLOEMFONTEIN Mr P J Slabbert Tel: 89-630 September 6	JOHANNESBURG Miss M Rogers Tel: 788-5543 September 6
CAPE TOWN Mrs K M Cruise Tel: 74-1978 September 20	WINDHOEK Mr U J Kannegiesser Tel: 25-335
DURBAN Mr A J L Dickson Tel: 304-0321 September 13	BULAWAYO Mr N W Schafer P O Box 2346 June 27
EAST LONDON Mr J L Stead Tel: 28-315	HARARE Dr B W Blair Tel: 88-2386 June 26
KIMBERLEY Dr C R Clement Tel: 31-486 September 13	MUTARE Mrs J H E Rodgers P O Box 88 June 25
PIETERMARITZBURG Mr R C C Pennefather Tel: 5-3322 September 12	GRAHAMSTOWN Dr G M Gruber Tel: 7128 Founders Day: Rhodes Club
PRETORIA Mr M Delaney Tel: 44-6356	



Mr Robin Plumbridge, Chairman of Gold Fields, unveils the plaque at the official opening of Gold Fields House

Official opening of Gold Fields House

A new 80-bed residence has been occupied for the first time this year at Rhodes, thus alleviating some of the pressure for accommodation at the University. The building, which cost over R1 million, is named Gold Fields House in recognition of the generous donation of R500 000 to the cost of the building, made by the Gold Fields Foundation.

The residence was formally opened on February 20 by Mr Robin Plumbridge, Chairman and Chief Executive of Gold Fields of South Africa. After the opening ceremony Mr Plumbridge and the Vice-Chancellor of Rhodes, Dr Derek Henderson, co-hosted a luncheon in Kimberley Hall to mark the occasion.

There are several innovative features in the building which was designed by the University's architects. The cost of erecting a building with all the bedrooms facing north would have been prohibitive, so the final plan consisted of two wings, linked by a central service block, in which only 27 of the 80 rooms are south-facing. In the service block all the plumbing is concealed in a special duct, which is easily accessible for repairs.

Apart from bedrooms arranged on three floors and ablution blocks on two mezzanine floors, there is a large lobby, a common room and a games room, and all rooms are fully carpeted.

One of the difficulties students face each vacation is the fact that their belongings cannot be left in their rooms because the residences are frequently used to accommodate conference delegates. To avoid this in Gold Fields House, each room has two extra-large, lockable cupboards, one under the window, the other along the wall above the window, into which students can pack their belongings before leaving on vacation.

Communal living can be a rather noisy experience, and to deal with this the windows have been deeply recessed to reduce the transmission of noise. This also gives students greater privacy, and better sun and air control. The residence is part of Kimberley Hall and has been built of face-brick so that it fits in with the rest of the complex of buildings in the area. The pitch of the roof and the tiles used match the other residences and dining hall.

The warden's flat is at the end of the south wing and can consist of two, three or four bedrooms depending on the needs of the warden's family. The students who moved into Gold Fields House vacated Thomas Pringle House, also in Kimberley Hall, which became a women's residence, bringing an end to the all-male domain 'on the hill'.

Graham's Town Series back in business

The Graham's Town Series, which has published a number of books on 1820 Settler and East Cape history, is back in business, says Professor Keith Hunt, of the History Department at Rhodes. There has been a 'pause' in the work produced since 1981, when *The Reminiscences of John Montgomery* appeared. Several new volumes in the series are due to appear in the course of 1985 and 1986, says Professor Hunt.

Professor Donovan Williams, formerly Head of the Department of History at the University of Fort Hare, and now on the staff of the University of Alberta, Calgary, Canada, has edited documents dealing with the life of Tiyo Soga, the first Black Presbyterian missionary in South Africa, which appeared recently. This will be followed by *The Diary of Thomas Shone*, which has been edited by Mrs Penny Silva, formerly a member of staff in the Department of Linguistics and English Language at Rhodes. The diary is an example of the difficulties, both personal and circumstantial, faced by the ordinary 1820 Settler.

The Reminiscences of Notre Mère, the foundress of the Assumption Convent in Grahamstown, have been edited by Sister Anne Mary, a recent MA student in the department. The Missionary Sisters of the Assumption came to South Africa in 1849 to begin their work and suffered considerably in the early period of their time here.

Old Rhodian appointed to Board of Governors

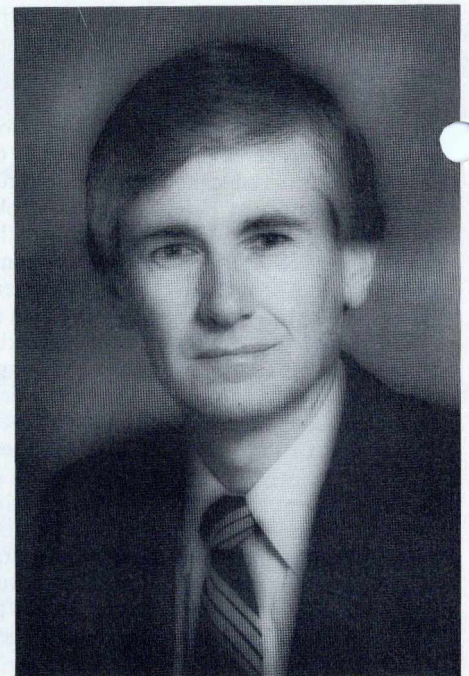
Mr Allan W B Gray, an old Rhodian, has been elected to the Board of Governors of the Rhodes University Foundation.

Mr Gray is founder of, and partner in, the investment management firm, Allan Gray Investment Counsel. He was born in East London, where he attended Selborne College before moving to Rhodes where he graduated in 1957 with a BCom.

After qualifying as a chartered accountant he spent a year working in London and then completed a Master of Business Administration degree, with distinction, at Harvard University.

From 1965 to 1973 he worked as an investment analyst and later as portfolio manager of the Fidelity Capital Fund, Fidelity Management and Research in Boston. He also qualified as a chartered financial analyst.

Mr Gray and his family returned to South Africa in 1974 and settled in Cape Town, where he founded Allan Gray Investment Counsel.



Mr Allan W B Gray, recently appointed to the Board of Governors



Mr James Steere of Pietermaritzburg, with the commemorative medal struck in honour of his 100th birthday by the University in July 1984

Death of oldest Old Rhodian

Mr James Hashold Steere, one of the foundation students at Rhodes, and the oldest surviving OR, died in Pietermaritzburg in January at the age of 100.

Mr Steere, who was born in Pietermaritzburg, came to the University as a 20-year-old land surveyor student when the University opened on its present site in 1904. He was an honoured guest at the celebrations marking the 75th anniversary of the University in 1979, and Rhodes presented him with a commemorative medal which was struck in honour of his one hundredth birthday in July last year.

After completing his studies at Rhodes, Mr Steere moved back to Pietermaritzburg in 1905 and started a private practice as a land surveyor. He did a great deal of pioneering work, particularly in Zululand, and was well-known throughout Natal during the 67 years of his working life – he finally retired at the age of 88.

Mr Steere leaves two daughters and two sons, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

COMMITTEE NEWS

At its meeting in February, the committee of the Old Rhodian Union made the following awards:

The Silver Jubilee Bursary of R1 000 to Mr R A Fergusson of Zimbabwe

The Golden Jubilee Bursary of R1 000 to Miss S M Pattison of Zimbabwe

The Diamond Jubilee Bursary of R1 000 to Mr R J Seymour of East London

The Doc and Mama Gruber Bursary of R500 to Miss R Brooker of Zimbabwe, a special award of R500 to Miss B Shuttleworth of Grahamstown and special awards of R400 to Mr T G Andrew of Port Alfred, Mr A M Dorrington of Dunswart, Miss A Hayden of Zimbabwe and Miss S L Roberts of East London and Mr P H Meersman. An award of R530 was made to MR W F T Zigode. Mr E T Maloka and Mr G Nxabe each received an award of R230.

The committee thus awarded nearly R7 000 in 1985, compared to a total award of R750 in 1980, only five years ago. This has been made possible by the Secretary's successful fund-raising efforts. About R6 000 has been raised over the last two years, of which R1 000 alone came from **Miss Dorothy White (1922)**, now 83 years old, who received a maintenance bursary of twenty-one pounds in 1921-22 which covered her tuition for the two years. The financial assistance given to this year's Rhodes students, also depends heavily on the bequest of Mr Blommestein who, in 1983, left us over R15 000 in his testament.

Although we have been able to award significantly increased bursaries, it is rather sad to note that over the last two years only about three percent of living Old Rhodians

have responded to our appeal. The sums donated varied from five rands to R300, with Miss White's donation being far ahead at R1000.

This failure of most Old Rhodians to make even a small donation is surprising because such gifts are tax-deductible and the receiver is thus 'forced' to donate to the ORU a percentage of the donation, which equals the individual's marginal tax rate. A donor whose marginal tax rate is say, 45 percent, pays only 55 percent of the sum donated, the receiver paying the rest.

The request for anecdotes has met an equally disappointing response, to date one reply has been received. This leads the Committee to think that perhaps previous generations of Rhodians had no fun! The members of the Committee would like to repeat the appeal for stories and pictures of student days and look forward to receiving lots of replies this time.

Fifty years a professor

This year Professor Michael Roberts celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of his appointment as a Professor at Rhodes University. He first came to Rhodes in 1935 as Professor and Head of the Department of History. He remained until 1953, when he was appointed Professor of Modern History at the Queen's University, Belfast. In 1974 Professor Roberts returned to Grahamstown as Acting Director of the Institute for Social and Economic Research (ISER) at Rhodes until 1976. He is now an Honorary Fellow of the Institute.

Seen at the party given by the staff of the ISER to celebrate the anniversary are: Dr D S Henderson, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Michael Whisson, Head of the Department of Anthropology, and Professor Roberts



ORU braaivleis in Oxfordshire

The UK branch of the Old Rhodian Union is planning to hold a braaivleis at the home of **Jiljane Brace (Knoll, BA 1963)** in Culham, Oxfordshire in September. Further details can be obtained from the Secretary, Andrew Wadham, telephone (0252) 875203.

The new committee of the Branch, which took office in January of this year consists of the following Old Rhodians: **Peter Tame (BSc 1953)** as Chairman, **Andrew Wadham (BJourn 1972)** as Secretary, **Norman H Cliff (BCom 1949)** as Treasurer, **Murray Graham (BSc 1947)** as Registrar, and **Barbara Camp (Lownds, BSc 1967)** as Convener.

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The Secretary
Old Rhodian Union

or

The Public Relations Officer
Rhodes University
6140 GRAHAMSTOWN
Telephone (0461) 7309

Old Rhodian Union Treasurer's report

The accounts below reflect the financial position at 31 December 1984, and the financial operations for the year which ended then.

FUNDS UTILIZATION

Inflow of Funds

Donations received	16 490
Income from investments	4 680
Rhodes University grant	350
Utilization of Bank and other	
Sundry Assets	1 180
	22 700

Outflow of Funds

Bursaries and Prizes paid	1 950
Funds on call	20 100
Increase in investment with Rhodes University	450
Expenses	200
	22 700

The bulk of the donations was received after the 1984 Bursaries and Prizes were awarded, and consequently, the income attributable to these funds was not accounted for, when making the awards.

Balance Sheet at 31 December 1984

Bursary Trust Funds	30 700
Trust Fund Income	4 950
Accumulated Funds	320
	35 970
Investment with Rhodes University	11 300
Funds on call	23 660
Sundry net assets	1 010
	35 970

The predicted cash flow for the 1985 year is as follows:

Inflow of Funds

Donations (Received R3 550 April 1985)	4 000
Income from investments	7 300
Rhodes grant	350
	11 650

Outflow of Funds

Bursaries and Prizes awarded	6 960
Funds on call	4 440
Expenses	250
	11 650

The total income from investments is not to be distributed by way of bursaries and prizes, as part of the income from the Rhodes Investment is reinvested and some allowance must be made for inflation, to maintain an adequate capital growth.

R M Newsome
Honorary Treasurer

Jock West retires after 33 years

Mr Jock West, the Engineering and Safety Controller at Rhodes, retired at the end of January after 33 years on the staff of the University.

Mr West, who was born in Kirkaldy, Scotland, completed an engineering apprenticeship in 1939 then joined a shipping line as a junior engineer officer. During the war he served on ships of the line which were used as troopships.

While serving at sea he visited South Africa and decided to emigrate, working his passage to Cape Town, where once settled, he sent for his wife and baby. In Grahamstown he joined the University in 1951 after working at the Municipal Power Station as shift engineer.

In his first position at Rhodes, Mr West was responsible for general mechanical maintenance and also lectured on the principles of workshop practice to engineering students. When the University discontinued the engineering course, he was placed in charge of all the University's machinery. He received several promotions over the years until he became Engineering and Safety Controller in 1980.

During his time at Rhodes, Mr West's work and interest in the theatre have brought him into close contact with a wide variety of students and staff, administrative and academic as well as the wardens of University residences.

He and his wife Ella, who was secretary in the History Department for 15 years plan to spend their retirement in Grahamstown.



Dr D S Henderson, Vice-Chancellor of the University presents Mr Jock West with a gift at a party held to mark his retirement from Rhodes after 33 years on the staff

Rhodian 84/85



Rhodian 84/85

The 1984/85 edition of Rhodian, which was produced by students of the Department of Journalism and Media Studies with assistance from staff members, is now available.

The magazine contains a review of the University's year. Contents include reports on student societies, academic departments, research units and institutes, residence life, and sport and recreation. The publication should be of great interest to Old Rhodians of any generation.

Rhodian 84/85 is available at R2.00 a copy from:
The Department of Journalism and Media Studies
Rhodes University
P O Box 94
Grahamstown
6140.

Unknown Old Rhodians

Please assist us in our efforts to trace ORs whom we have listed as 'address unknown' by sending in the address of anyone who ought to have received this newsletter and did not.

OLD RHODIAN UNION

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Old Rhodian Union will be held in the Rhodes Club, Rhodes University on Thursday, September 12 at 5.15 pm. It will be preceded by a wreath-laying ceremony at the War Memorial at 5.00 pm.

The agenda will be:

1. Minutes of the previous meeting
2. Matters arising from minutes
3. Reports and Financial Statement
4. Election of Office Bearers
5. General

G M Gruber
Honorary Secretary

Golden wedding anniversary

Dr Ashton Chubb (LLD *honoris causa* 1984) and his wife Gwen celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in April. Dr Chubb received his honorary degree in recognition of his role in the establishment of the University's East London Division. Although unable to attend this year's graduation ceremonies, Dr Chubb expressed his pride in the graduation of the first East London BCom students to complete their degrees.



Dr Ashton and Mrs Gwen Chubb who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in April

Department changes its name

The Department of Physical Education at Rhodes University, which was established in 1945, has changed its name as a result of a shift in emphasis in courses offered. It will now be known as the Department of Human Movement Studies and Physical Education. 'The change in name illustrates a fundamental change of concepts and a broadening of the field of studies in the department,' said Professor Jack Charteris, head of the department.

Previously, the department concentrated mainly on training physical education teachers, but the new concentration on human movement studies will enable students to specialize in a wide range of fields, including the paramedical field, teaching exceptional children, recreation, ergonomics and research and development in related fields. 'A good grounding in human movement studies is essential for the modern orthopaedic specialist, cardiologist and sports medicine expert and an understanding of human movement leads to a better quality of service in occupational and physiotherapy and more efficient commercial and industrial output. The performance of elite sportsmen and women is increasingly the product of sophisticated scientific investigation and application,' said Professor Charteris.

The courses offered in the department will give students a multi-disciplinary approach to human movement studies. Physical educators will continue to be trained at Rhodes, but their course of studies will be enriched by the link with human movement studies, including physiological, biological, psychological and social factors. The degree programme, however, now opens up several other career opportunities.



Professor J Charteris, Head of Department of Human Movement Studies and Physical Education



Old Rhodians gathered at the reunion held in Perth, Western Australia recently

Reunion in Australia

It was a delightfully warm spring evening 'down-under' when 22 Old Rhodians gathered for what was the first reunion to be held in Perth, Western Australia.

The party, which was held in the home of Rosemary Webster (Honey, 1957) and her husband Ken, embraced Old Rhodians who had left Rhodes as recently as 1978 and as long ago as 1948. Although most of them were

strangers to one another, it was not long before the bonds of shared experience had overcome the initial strangeness. The evening was marked by a friendly relaxed atmosphere as people exchanged reminiscences and chatted about mutual friends.

Several guests had travelled some distance from the country to attend and we appreciated the effort they had made to be present. I hope everyone enjoyed it as much I did, and we hope to do it again sometime.

- Maureen de la Harpe (Beare, BA 1958)



Rag 1961 - one of the pictures donated by J H Brettell to the Rhodes Museum, see story page 7

Retirement after 41 years service

Miss Colleen Elliott, who has been a member of the administrative staff at the University for 41 years, retired in March.

Miss Elliott, who was educated at the Victoria Girls' High School, joined the staff of the Registrar's Office at the University as a shorthand typist in 1944. She held this post until 1953, when she was appointed Registration Clerk, a position she held until her retirement. She served under five Registrars, Major E B Walker, (until 1947), Mr A E Shields (1948-1960), Brigadier R Martin (1961-1966), Mr W J Askew (1967-1980) and Mr J O M Wilkinson (since 1981).

In her years at the University Miss Elliott missed work through illness on only three occasions and there can be few members of staff who have seen as many students pass through the University as she has done. Her memory of almost all the students listed in her records has become a legend at Rhodes and she will be greatly missed by staff and students. Miss Elliott will remain in Grahamstown, where she still lives in the house in which she was born.



Miss Colleen Elliott at a party held to mark her retirement from the University

Old Oarsmen's Association

With the intention of maintaining contact between past and present oarsmen, the Rowing Club is in the process of establishing an Old Oarsmen's Association.

By way of a regular newsletter and gatherings at regattas attended by the Club, Old Rhodians will be able to maintain contact with the Club and former club-mates.

Anyone who has been a member of the Rowing Club is urged to indicate their interest in the Association by forwarding their name and address to:

The Secretary
Rowing Club,
% Sports Union,
Rhodes University,
Grahamstown
6140



Mervyn Wetmore (BA Hons 1975) who has been Student Adviser since 1977 and a warden in Founder's Hall since 1975, left Rhodes at the end of April to take up the post of Careers Adviser at the University of Cape Town

RESPONSE TO MUSEUM REQUEST

In response to our request for items for the Museum we received a number of photographs from **J H Brettell (PhD 1961)** now Chief Entomologist at the Ministry of Agriculture's Cotton Research Institute in Kadoma, Zimbabwe. Cotton pests have taken John all over the world from Aden to Japan and later this year he is to give a paper on cotton pest control methods in Zimbabwe at an international conference to be held in Australia. A selection of the photographs which he sent appear in this edition, with our thanks.

Honorary degree for Rhodes graduate

An old Rhodian, Dr Louw Alberts, received an honorary degree from the University of Natal at the annual graduation ceremony in May.

The degree of Doctor of Engineering was conferred upon Dr Alberts, Director General of the Department of Mineral and Energy Affairs and President of the Council for Mineral Technology (MINTEK).

Dr Alberts was honoured for his inspired leadership in matters concerning the mineral wealth of South Africa. He has played a major role in the strategic energy affairs of the country, and he has made outstanding contributions to science, particularly in the field of mineral technology.

He was born and educated in Port Elizabeth and graduated from Rhodes with a BSc degree (1943) and an MSc in Physics in 1945. He lectured at the University of Natal before joining the staff of the University of the Orange Free State, where he was awarded a DSc degree in 1952. He was appointed

Professor and Head of the Department of Physics at the UOFS in 1962. He became Professor of Physics at the Rand Afrikaans University in 1968.

In 1971 Dr Alberts was appointed Vice-President of the Atomic Energy Board, a post which he held until 1977, when he was appointed Director General and later President of MINTEK. In 1984 he was appointed Director General of the Department of Mineral and Energy Affairs. He has been National President of the SA Youth For Christ movement for many years and is also a member of the Gideons Society.

Old Rhodian Springboks

An unofficial list of Old Rhodians who have represented South Africa has been compiled by the staff of the Sports Office. As there are no official records the list may be incomplete so we publish it here and appeal to Old Rhodians to inform us of any omissions.

Athletics: Edith Allnutt, Ena Marrucchi, H Q Davies, Malcolm Spence, Joe Truter and Neil McDonald. **Cricket:** E Q Davies, Eric Norton, Anton Murray, John Waite, Buster Farrer, Colin Bland, Derek Varnals, Glen Hall, Rob Armitage. **Hockey:** Molly van der Riet, John Roberts, Buster Farrer, Mike Searle and Colin Archibald. **Rugby:** Jack Slater and Ray Carlson. **Swimming:** Geoff Grylls, Neil Oldridge, Jon Reen, Brian Elliott, Mary Morgan, Jill Beyers, Shirley van der Poel, Lionel Ludorf and Sue Dickie. **Water Polo:** Derek Coetzer, Martin Jollands and Lionel Ludorf. **Diving:** Barry Birkett and John Penberthy. **Squash:** Edith Allnutt, Eric Brotherton, Leo Melville, Doug Barrow and Dave Scott. **Soccer:** Louis Arde. **Smallbore rifle:** Gail Victor and Craig Martini. **Golf:** Bernard Wynne and Rae Green and **Bowls:** Rob Owsley.

OLD RHODIAN NEWS

George Alers (UED 1946) who was headmaster of his old school, Chaplin, in Gweru, Zimbabwe, for 17 years has come out of retirement. He is teaching at Vainona High School in Harare. His son, **Dave, (UED 1980)** is teaching at Cambridge High School, East London. In December 1983 Dave married his Rhodes sweetheart, **Patty (Lawson, HDE 1979)** who is on the staff of Hudson Park School, East London.

Antoinette Alexander (Rault, BA 1946) became the headmistress of Brescia House Convent in Johannesburg, early in 1984. She is ably supported by **Heather Giles (BA 1973)**, a foundation pupil of the school, who is deputy principal. The school is run by the Ursuline Sisters, a Catholic order and Mrs Alexander writes 'it is with pride that both the deputy and I wear the academic dress and colours of Rhodes University at the annual prizegiving.'

Debbie Alvord (Granger, BSoc Sc 1974) writes from Harare that she and **Greg (BSc 1974)** now have two daughters. Greg is working at Speciss College and Debbie is with Hunyani Packaging and Printing. Her letter included news of **Pete Waterman (BSc Hons 1978)**, a geologist in Nelson, New Zealand, **Ant Sherren (1972)** who is at Kingswood College, Grahamstown, **Pete Snyders (BSc 1958)** at Michaelhouse and **Tony Tree (BSc 1972)** who is building retirement cottages at Bathurst. **Ronnie Todd (BA 1962)** is at St Charles' College, Pietermaritzburg.

Dr Antony Arkin (BA Hons 1972), senior lecturer in Economics at the University of Durban-Westville has been promoted to associate professor and head of his department.

Wayne Asher (BJourn 1982) is working as a co-editor of Samcor Forum magazine.

John Badenhurst (BA Hons 1971) writes from Bloemfontein to correct the information published in the December 1984 Newsletter. He has been head of Publicity and Public Relations for PACOFS in Bloemfontein since October 1984. Previously he spent three and a half years with CAPAB as Publicity Officer for the Opera Company.

Molly Blackburn (Pagden, BA 1951), MPC for Walmer has been in the news recently through her involvement in the monitoring of unrest in black townships in the Eastern Cape, particularly Uitenhage. A member of the Black Sash, she has prepared numerous affidavits given by victims and witnesses of the unrest which are the basis of an investigation into alleged police brutality.

Another request to correct information published came from **Molly Brown (BA Hons 1981)** who was incorrectly listed as Molly Tylden. Molly lived for many years in Tylden.

Rodney Brown (BA 1979), an assistant producer for the SABC in Johannesburg

reports that his schedule can be pretty exhausting, working a 15-hour day sometimes, but worth it in the long run.

Keith Bryer (BA 1967) is now External Affairs Manager for BP Southern Africa, based in Cape Town. Keith is married to **Lynne (Coetzee, BA 1967)** who is working for the publisher Don Nelson and has just published a book on the 1820 Settlers in collaboration with **Professor Keith Hunt (MA 1959)**, Professor of History at Rhodes. The Bryers have two children.

New faces on the staff of Graeme College, Grahamstown, are **Stephen Burden** and **Stephen Olivier (both BA Phys Ed 1984)** who are teaching Physical Education.

J C Cambray (BSc Hons 1979) is the new curator of freshwater fishes at the Albany Museum, Grahamstown.

John Carlisle (BA 1966) who has been working in the UK as a behavioural consultant to companies like BP, Sony UK, and British Rail since 1976, was back in South Africa recently. He spent a month travelling around the country.

Dennis Carlstein (1951) who admits that cricket took preference over his studies during his stay at Rhodes, took over recently from Charles Fortune as secretary of the South African Cricket Union. Dennis represented Rhodes at the Universities' Cricket Week in 1951.

Peter Cartwright (BSc 1957) has taken over as the first headmaster of the all-girls' school of St Cyprian's in Cape Town. He is no stranger to girls' schools, having spent two years as the head of St Michael's in Bloemfontein. Peter's recent induction service was conducted by the Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town, **the Most Revd Philip Russell (BA 1948)**.

J B Clarke (BA UED 1950) and **Mary (Smyth, BA UED 1951)** his wife, retired to a small farm in the Nyanga Mountains, Zimbabwe in 1983, after 33 years in education. The last 15 years he spent as headmaster of Plumtree School. Their daughter **Marilyn (BA Hons 1973)** is teaching at Umtata in the Transkei. **Carol (BA 1974)** and her husband are on a farm in the Chimanimani district. **Jeanette (BSc 1977)** is working in Harare after gaining an MSc in Tropical Ecology from the University of Zimbabwe.

Shaughan Cole (LLB 1979) is practising in Grahamstown, his family hometown.

Jenny Croneen (BA Phys Ed 1984) has joined the staff of DSG, Grahamstown, along with others ORs: **Virginia McRostie (MFA 1984)** and **Lindsay Steele (BA 1982)**.

A history of the Bathurst Show was published recently by **Marion Currie (McDowall, BA 1947)** to coincide with the 79th anniversary of the event. A former Mayoress of Grahamstown, Mrs Currie now lives in Bathurst, and has been working on the show history for a year.

Billy de Klerk (BSc 1975) has joined the staff of the Albany Museum as its curator of earth sciences and higher vertebrates.

W Diepeveen (BA 1950) has been appointed Regional Chief Superintendent of Education (Educational Guidance) for the Border area.

Mary-Rose Dold (Murray-MacGregor, BA(FA) 1947) who lives in Port Elizabeth with her husband **Tony, (LLB 1948)** will be holding an exhibition during the National Arts Festival in July. The exhibition, entitled *Dold '75-'85* will consist of about 40 mounted and framed lino-prints, mostly in colour.

Allen Duff (BA 1966) is the assistant senior master of Michaelhouse in Natal where he lives with his wife **Arleen (Graham, BA 1968)**.



Seen at a ball in the Great Hall in about 1947: Shirley Gadd (Hobson, BA 1949), centre, who is now the Hall Warden of Hobson Hall and Dean of Wardens, and Peter Hamlyn (BCom 1950)

After being senior and principal pharmacist in the Cape Provincial Hospitals Department and a self-supporting deacon in the Anglican Church, Uitenhage, the **Revd Ben Durham (BSc Pharm 1964)** has changed to the stipendiary ministry. He is back in Grahamstown in his second year of study at St Paul's Theological College. He and his wife, Margaret, have four children.

Moyra Evans (Sweetman, UED 1971) is teaching English at the Qwa Qwa branch of the University of the North outside Phuthaditjhaba. She would like to hear from ORs of the same period, particularly ex-Schreiner girls, and can be contacted at P O Box 888, Harrismith, OFS.

Linda Deyssel (BA 1984) recently married a Grahamstonian, Tim Dold. The couple have settled in Grahamstown where Linda has been teaching music at Kingswood College and is studying for an HDE.

Hugh Finn (BSc 1947) writes from Harare, Zimbabwe, where he is teaching sixth-form chemistry and running the Science Department at Allan Wilson High School. His younger son, **Peter**, graduated from Rhodes recently with a BJourn and is now working on the University of Zimbabwe's academic journal, *Zambezia*.

Billy Futter (BCom 1968) moved recently from the Personnel Department at Rhodes, where he was deputy director, to the Pharmacy Department where he is now lecturing in pharmacy management and economics.

Professor J W Garmany (BA 1936) writes from Chester in Cheshire, England, that he has retired and that he would be glad to see any ORs visiting the area.

Virgil Goncalves (BJourn 1981) is a sub-editor and sports columnist on the Evening Post in Port Elizabeth. He and his wife, Lesley, have two sons.



Beit House in Oriel Hall celebrated its 50th anniversary recently. Pictured at the cocktail party held to mark the occasion are two of the house's previous wardens, Mrs G Phillips (1967-79), Mrs O Christiansen (1981-82) and the present warden, Mrs J Lowe (1983-)

Rex Goulding (BCom 1976) was recently one of three men to receive the *Mr Spar 1984* award. Rex is working with his father in the Spar store in Tzaneen where he grew up.

Georg M Gruber (PhD 1968) senior lecturer in the Department of Physics and Electronics, and present Honorary Secretary of the ORU was recently elected Chairman of the Rhodes Staff Association. On a recent trip from Pretoria he was on a flight captained by **Jimmy Dean (1965)**, a former member of the Rhodes Chamber Choir. Georg's son **Georg F** is now in his first year of a BCom at Rhodes and has joined the Chamber Choir founded by his grandfather, the late 'Doc' Gruber. During the April graduation garden party a number of former Chamber Choir members joined in a rendering of *Sweet Nightingale*, the Choir's 'signature tune', a British folksong arranged by 'Doc' Gruber. Among those who joined in were three foundation members of the Choir, **Dr Adrian Eve (MSc 1954)**, his wife **Pat (Donaldson, BA 1953)** from Benoni, and **Dan Vosloo (1954)**, now a lawyer in Zimbabwe.

J Hallis (BA 1965) of Port Elizabeth, was elected Chairman of the South Africa Israel Chamber of Commerce in January.

Jonathan Hobday (BA 1972) is the editor of the recently introduced Sunday Star in Johannesburg. He was previously on the Star.

Revd R Holderness (BA 1934) and **Mrs L M Holderness (Matthew, BA 1933)** have retired and are living in Marondera, Zimbabwe in the parish where he was the last rector. Their son, **Bill Holderness (BEd 1974)**, is on the staff of the University of Bophuthatswana where he is specializing in teaching English-as-a-second-language. He recently produced an illustrated dictionary for primary schools in Africa.

Graham Hodges (BA 1964) has been appointed Divisional General Manager, Personnel, of Barclays National Industrial Bank.

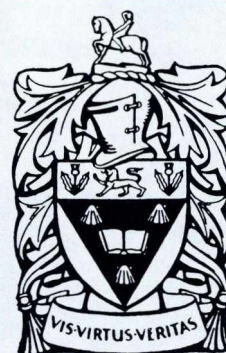
Anglo-American Property Services is the first big property developer in the country to take barrier-free design of buildings seriously; **Kathy Jagoe (BEd 1981)**, a quadriplegic after an injury to her spinal cord 15 years ago, has been appointed design consultant to the group. While living in Tryall Cottage near Divinity when she was studying at Rhodes, Kathy was frequently consulted by the University's architects on the improvement of the accessibility of the campus to disabled people.

Michele James (BPharm 1983) was married to Mauritz Marnewick in Johannesburg in January.

Mr Justice Donald Kannemeyer (1941) who lectured in the Rhodes Law School until 1950, was appointed as a one-man judicial commission of inquiry into an incident which occurred on March 21 in Langa, Uitenhage when 19 people were killed.



Dr G M Gruber, Honorary Secretary of the ORU



Professor James Leatt (BA 1965), formerly head of Business Administration at the Graduate School of Business at the University of Cape Town, has been appointed acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the university from July 1985 until October 1986. During this period the Vice-Chancellor and his two deputies will be away from the university for periods of study and research leave.

G H 'Copper' le May (BA 1939) who is now lecturing in politics at Worcester College, Oxford gave a lecture on the British Constitution at Rhodes in March. He was in the country to give a series of lectures under the auspices of the Percy Fox and Claude Leon Foundation. It was Hugh le May, his father, who established one of the University's three major Fellowships.

Jenny Lind Louis (LLB 1983) was admitted to the Side-Bar of the Supreme Court in Bloemfontein recently as an attorney and conveyancer.

Andrew Martens (BA Hons 1984) who is doing post-graduate work in Speech and Drama at WITS, recently directed the School of Dramatic Art's first production for the year: Athol Fugard's play *Hello and Goodbye*.

Eddie Mokawem (BCom 1959) has been appointed an executive director of Syfrets. He and his wife Jean have three daughters and live in Constantia. Although Eddie was much-feared for his crash tackle, his daughters have excelled at the gentler sport of swimming.

Dr James Moulder (BA 1961) has been appointed Public Relations Director of the University of Cape Town where he was previously special assistant to the Vice-Chancellor.

Lex Mpati (LLB 1984) who worked in a men's bar for eight years to finance his studies at Rhodes, was admitted to the Side-Bar of the Supreme Court in Grahamstown in February.

Roley Thompson (BCom 1975) has formed his own investment and estate planning advice company in Johannesburg where he lives with his wife, **Jean (Hobson, BMus 1958)**. Roley is a member of the Old Rhodian Golf Club.

Harold Ossher (BSc 1975) has gained his doctorate in Computer Science from Stanford University. Dr Ossher has been made a research associate of the university.

Richard Pearce (BSc Hons 1973) recently received a PhD from the Rand Afrikaans University. He is a product manager at SAPPI and is married to **Marianne (Pannall, BSoc Sc 1978)**.

Fiona Percy-Lancaster (HPTC 1970) who studied further in remedial education at UCT is now teaching at Camps Bay Primary School.

Constancia Phorie (BSoc Sc 1984) is making a name for herself as the newly-appointed social worker for the Family and Marriage Society (FAMSA) in Grahamstown.

Patrick Ponroy (BA 1969) writes from Abidjan, Ivory Coast, where he is Assistant General Manager (Commercial) for Ivory Coast, Ghana and Liberia with UTA Airlines. Rhodians are welcome to visit and can contact Patrick c/o Box 10819, Johannesburg.

E O Reichhard-Barends (MSc 1980) recently completed further studies in Canada and is now looking for a job back home in Santiago, Chile.

Tony Reynders (BSc 1980) has completed his MSc in Geohydrology and is now in the employ of the Department of Environmental Affairs' Geohydrology Division. At present he is doing National Service in the Navy.

Bernadette Riley (BCom 1978) and **Patrick Riley (BCom 1981)** are still in Dallas, Texas. Bernadette is working at Republic Bank, and Patrick at Touche Ross Accountants and Auditors.

Revd A Rodger (BD 1976) has joined the staff of the ecumenical St John Evangelist Church in Parkmore, Sandton.

Jill Rolfe (King, BSoc Sc 1963) has opened a dress shop in Grahamstown which has been welcomed by the town's fashion-conscious women. She has settled in Grahamstown where three of her four children are at school.

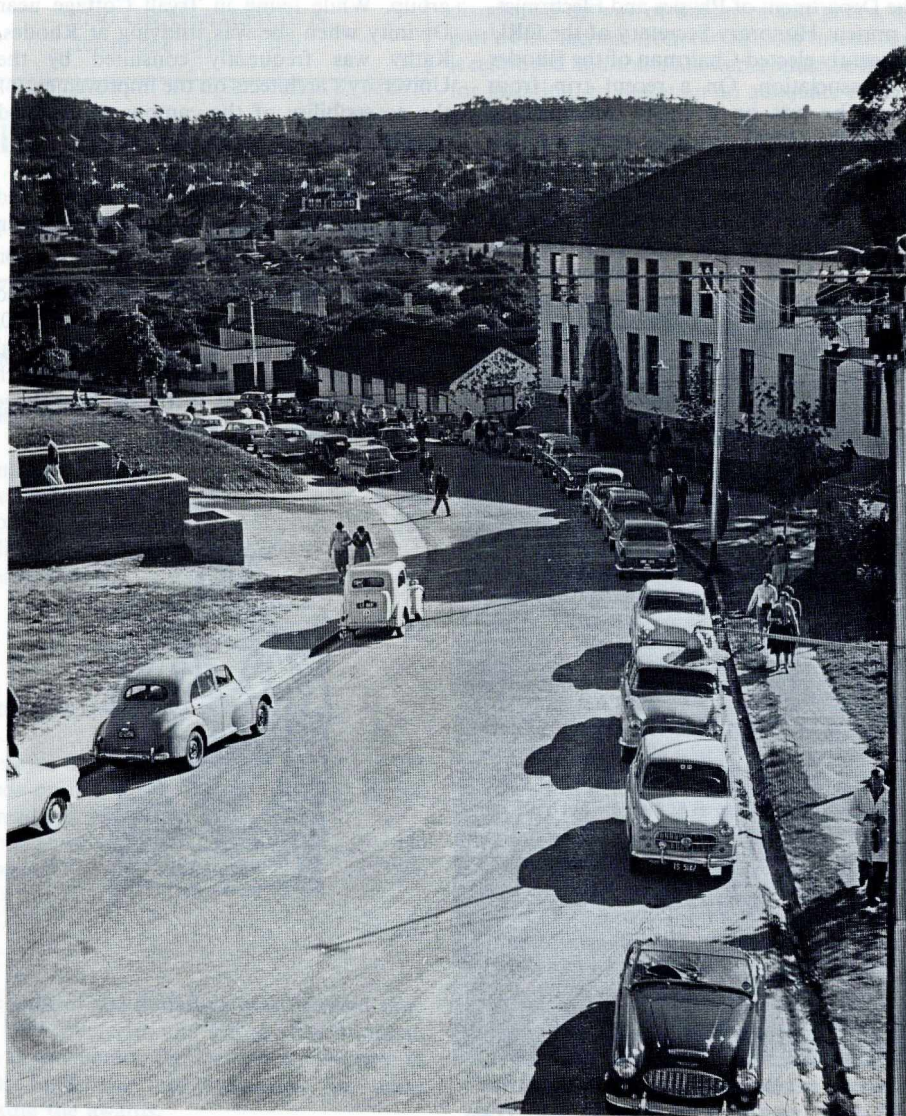
Keith Ross (BA 1960) is the Evening Post's correspondent in East London where he covers local events for the daily edition of the paper and writes several columns.

'I was at Rhodes when the terrible 1918 'flu hit Grahamstown and all lectures were stopped in November. Oriel and College Houses, the only residences which existed then, were turned into hospitals where all nursed each other. Examinations were postponed until February 1919. College House lost two students, A K Dugmore and A van Gorkom'. **M Salomon (BSc 1917)** writes from the Village of Happiness in Natal with these details of a dark period in Rhodes' history.

Kathleen Satchwell (BA 1973) who is practising as an attorney in Johannesburg visited the University in April while on holiday in the area. It is always good to see Old Rhodians, so do call in when in the Eastern Cape.

H C Schön (Kruger, BA(FA) 1964) and her husband who now have two children, recently moved to White River where she intends opening an art centre for children.

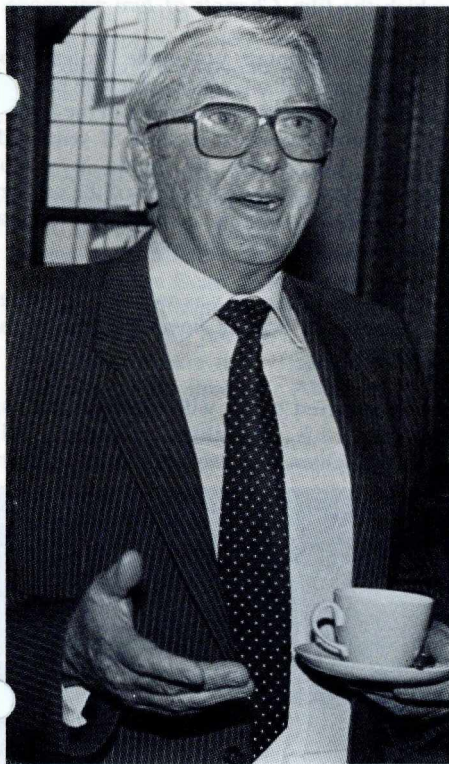
View from the Department of Zoology and Entomology 1961 (J H Brettell)



Bruce Schroder (BSc 1973) is now resident in Johannesburg where he is Sales Manager for Drewcat, a specialist chemical company. He is married with two sons.

Robert Sharman (BA Hons 1979) is the production manager of the Performing Arts at Wits and has several television and radio performances to his credit. He is also a senior panelist on the Transvaal Cricket Umpires' Association.

E J (Ted) Smale (1945) has been appointed to the post of managing director of AECI, where he has been all his working life. He is the first South African-born director to hold this position and has also been chairman of the Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce and a vice-president of the Witwatersrand Agricultural Society.

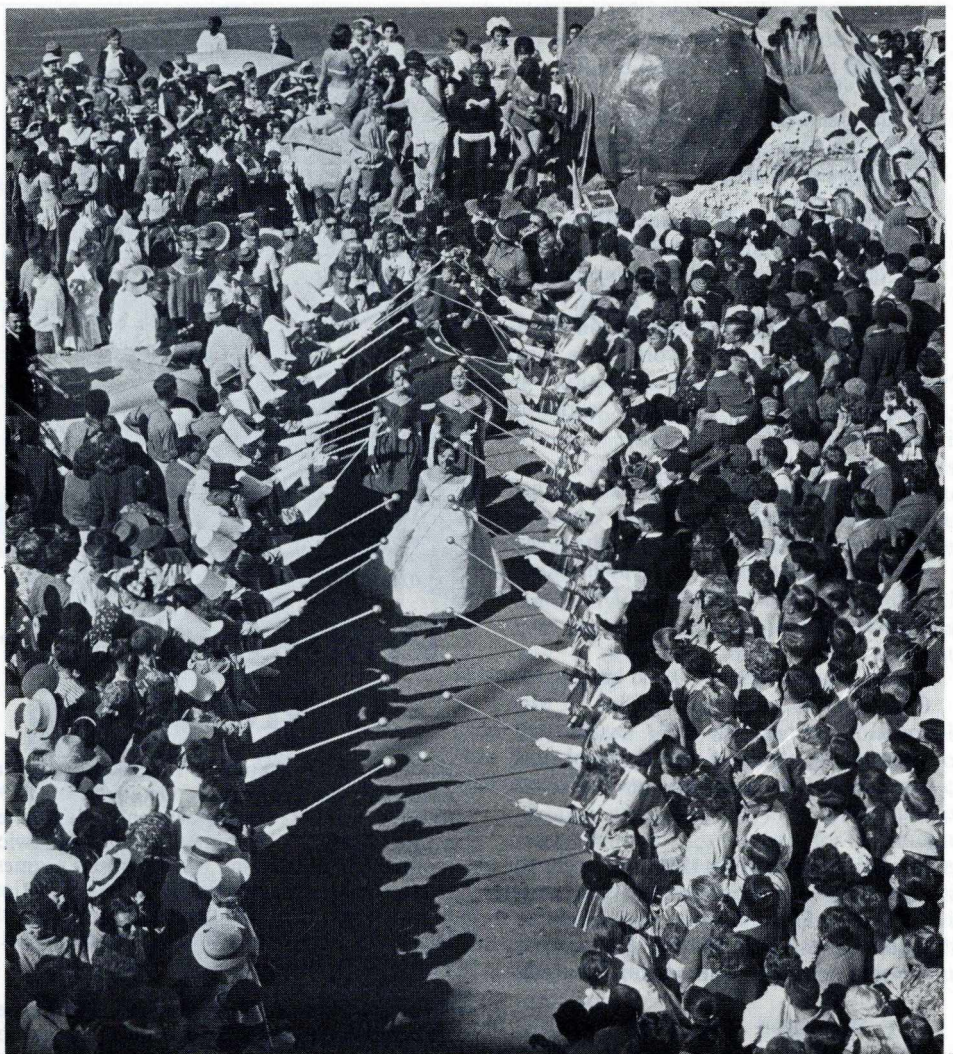


Ted Smale pictured on a recent visit to the University with a group of businessmen

Norman Smit (BA Hons 1983) and **Ilse Giese (BPharm 1984)** were married in Johannesburg in December 1984. Norman is the public relations officer for the Steel Institute and Ilse is with Adcock Ingram.

L E Smit (LLB 1983) has been admitted to the Side-Bar in Bloemfontein.

Dr Hugo Snyckers (BSc Pharm 1963) is the group managing director of Noristan Holdings, a company founded by his father, in Pretoria. Dr Snyckers is also president of the Pharmaceutical and Chemical Manufacturers' Association and was recently elected president of the Northern Transvaal Chamber of Industries.



Rag 1961 (J H Brettell)

Michael Spicer (BA 1977) of the SA Institute of International Affairs can be heard commenting on current affairs on the radio and writes for several Johannesburg newspapers.

Robin Stevenson (1949) who writes a daily column for the Evening Post in Port Elizabeth began his career in journalism while at Rhodes in 1949. The Great Hall burned down and the Post's regular correspondent was ill so Robin did the story in his place.

Billy Second (BA Hons 1984) appeared in the Pact adaptation of the Book of Genesis, *In die Begin* at the Arena Theatre in Rosebank, Johannesburg, in February. Billy was well-known to patrons of the theatre during her studies in the Speech and Drama Department.

Dr C B Strauss (BA 1957) has assumed the position of group managing director of Standard Bank Investment Corporation in Johannesburg.

Victor Strugo (1972) is now co-ordinating clinical research at Bayer-Miles in Isando, together with **Neil Lane (BPharm 1978)**. Victor provided news of many ORs: **Vince Murphy (BPharm 1962)** is Roche's sales manager for Zimbabwe in opposition to **Ailsa McKay (BPharm 1978)** who is with Winthrop Laboratories; **John Hallam (BPharm 1977)** is managing director of CAPS Pharmaceuticals,

all in Harare. Other ex-Pharmacy students are **Rob Summers (1963)** who is head of the School of Pharmacy at MEDUNSA, and **Shirley Conibear (Thompson, 1977)** lecturing at the University of Zimbabwe in Harare.

Dr John Thing (BSc 1968) who went on from Rhodes to qualify as a doctor at UCT in 1972, is a medical practitioner in Berkshire, England where he married in 1980 and now has two sons.

For the last six years **Tony Tettamanzi (BCom 1964)** has been with a Canadian whisky distiller and wine company based in Paris. He has recently joined the European offices of James Hardie Industries, an Australian company as regional financial controller for Europe and the Middle East. With his wife and four children he will be based in Rome.

Shane Thompson (Parker, 1978) is living with her husband and two children in Welkom.

Moiria Tuck (BJourn 1974) the former producer of *Prime Time* won a Star Tonight award recently for the best TV programme in the magazine category.

Dr J R Vail (BSc 1953) writes from Portsmouth where he is head of the department of Geology at the Polytechnic, that two other ORs have been on the staff in recent years: **Dr Geoff C Millard (PhD 1952)**

was head of the department of Historical and Literary Studies and **Dr Beryl Wright (BSoc Sc 1964)** a lecturer in Social Studies.

C van der Spuy (BA Hons 1979) is the personnel manager at the Lesotho Brewing Company in Maseru.

Lesley Van Jaarsveldt (Bester, BPharm 1982) is working as a clinical research co-ordinator for Sandoz Products in Johannesburg.

D M Venter (MSc in Exploration Geology 1980) recently started work as a project geologist with African Selection Trust Exploration (Pty) Ltd, the exploration subsidiary of BP.

Gerrit Verschuur (BSc 1958) has returned to the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in Charlottesville, Virginia, where he is writing the second edition of his popular book on radio astronomy entitled *The Invisible Universe*.

Leszek Vincent (BSc 1977) and his wife **Muriel (Frank, 1978)**, and their son left in May to spend a year in the UK. Leszek will be undertaking a year of post-doctoral study at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew in Richmond, Surrey.

Revd Ken Wardle (BA 1960) is now pastor of Central United Church in Sarnia, Ontario, Canada. He recently completed the requirements for an MEd at the University of Toronto, specializing in Adult Education.

K F Whitehead (BA 1970), formerly the deputy-headmaster of Pridwin Boys' Primary School in Rosebank, has been appointed headmaster of the only private preparatory school in Durban, Clifton Preparatory School.

David Wimble (BCom 1960) of Pietermaritzburg was recently appointed chairman of the Public Accountants' and Auditors' Board. He is the third member of the Natal Society of Chartered Accountants to hold the position.

OBITUARIES

B G Donnelly (BSc Hons 1970) who worked at the National Museum in Bulawayo, died in August 1983.

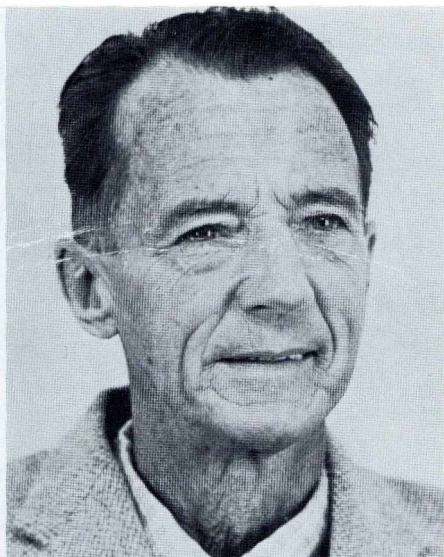
L J Hardman (1980) died in a drowning accident at Scottburgh, Natal, in August 1982.

Vernon Lock (BSc 1926) former City Engineer of Bulawayo, died in Johannesburg in January 1985.

Penelope-Anne Pycroft (Romyn, BA 1952) died in December 1984, after a long illness.

Carol Rivett (BPharm 1981) died in Bulawayo in October 1984.

Eric Speyers (BSc 1970) who emigrated to Perth, Australia, from Port Elizabeth, died of a heart attack in April. After graduating from Rhodes he qualified as an actuary.



Professor E D Mountain

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Professor E D Mountain, Professor Emeritus at Rhodes and Professor of Geology from 1930 to 1969, died in Grahamstown on April 30 after a short illness. A celebrated athlete who twice represented Britain at the Olympic Games, Professor Mountain achieved great distinction in his chosen field and was recently elected an Honorary Member of the Geological Society of South Africa.

Speaking about him, his successor and former student, Professor H V Eales said: 'in view of his having taught at the University for more than 40 years, literally hundreds of students have passed through his hands. He was a fine

teacher, but is perhaps best known in academic circles for his research work in three fields: the study of the doleritic rocks of the Eastern Cape and their reactions with the sedimentary rocks; his mapping of the geological formations of the Eastern Cape and Border region, and the discovery of several new minerals, one of which bears his name, mountainite.'

Professor Mountain was born in London in 1901 and studied at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, for which he won an open scholarship in 1919. He obtained First Class Honours in both parts one and two of the Science Tripos in 1921 and 1922.

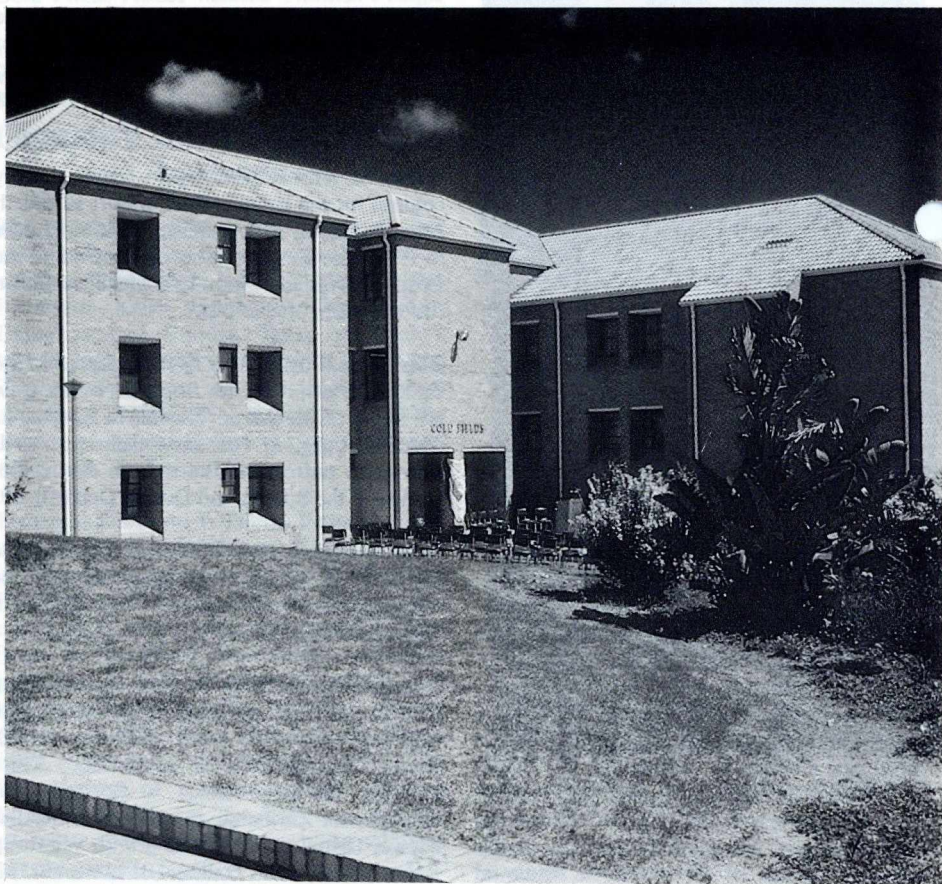
He joined the staff of the British Museum in the Department of Mineralogy from where he came to Rhodes in 1927 to take up a post as lecturer in Geology.

While at Cambridge and the British Museum, Professor Mountain represented Britain in the half-mile at the Olympic Games in Antwerp in 1920 and again in Paris in 1924, about which the film *Chariots of Fire* was made.

Professor Mountain was made Professor of Geology in 1930, a position which he held for 39 years, a singular achievement in the history of a University which is itself 81 years old. During his career he made a major contribution to the exploration of the geology of the Eastern Cape, naming the mineral Rhodesite, after the University.

In 1978 the Professor was awarded the degree of Doctor of Science *honoris causa* by the University.

He is survived by his wife Marjorie, his son Aubrey, his daughter Heather, six granddaughters and two great-grandchildren.



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