

RHODES NEWSLETTER

Old Rhodian Union

July 1978



R250 000 pavilion open

The R250 000 Old Mutual Pavilion on the campus was officially opened on March 14 by Mr J.G. van der Horst, Chairman and Managing Director of the Old Mutual. The Pavilion serves both the athletics track and the cricket-rugby-football fields at the Prospect House complex, named after the original farm on which it stands.

A one-hour athletic meeting with top South African athletes was held prior to the opening. Appreciative spectators witnessed some excellent performances; the men's 800 metres was particularly tense with a bunched pack until W. Mogoregi of Harmony Gold Mine pulled away to win in 1:52.3.

After Mr van der Horst had opened the pavilion, the Vice-Chancellor, Dr D.S. Henderson, paid tribute to the Old Mutual for its magnificent support of universities. Dr Henderson said that not only did it donate generously to universities but helped in their capital development programmes through long-term loans.

The Chairman of the Sports Union,

Mr D.V. Coghlan, first raised the idea of a pavilion in 1974, and plans were finalised in 1976. Work began in February the following year, with Marston and Kingsley-Hall of East London the architects.

Downstairs the pavilion has two large and one small changerooms. Also on the ground floor is a cricket pavilion, a score-box, a supervisor's room and storeroom, and a groundsman's storeroom. The upper storey contains a press and commentators' box, viewing verandah, a glassed-in lounge, servery and kitchen as well as a committee room and function room for special occasions and VIP visits. Facilities for spectators have been built in conjunction with the pavilion.



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The main entrance to the Old Mutual Pavilion.

The Rhodes sports officer, Mr Bruce Smith, has outlined some main uses of the new pavilion:

- To serve as a club house for all sports clubs affiliated to the Sports Union.
- Storage space for Sports Union equipment.
- Changing facilities for teams using the Prospect complex.
- A venue for all Sports Union functions such as receptions, meetings and film shows.

Hot water for the building will be supplied by a solar water heater. The hot water will then be fed to electric geysers so that supplies will always be on tap even if weather conditions are overcast.

The solar water heater is a pilot project to determine whether electricity could be saved in Grahamstown. Although the capital cost of solar water heating is high, a unit should pay for itself within two to three years.



Art award

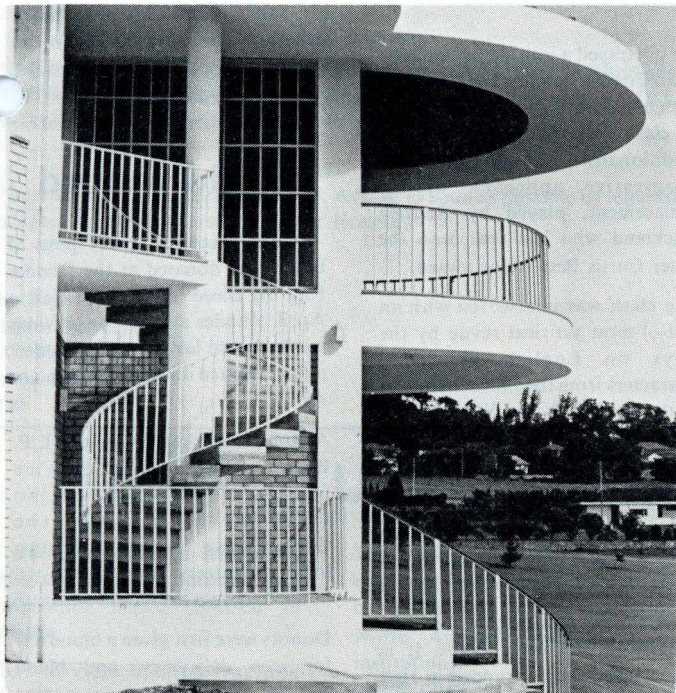
For the third consecutive year a Rhodes Fine Art graduate has won the coveted Rugantino-Fiat award. Miss Penny Siopis, a Graphics and Visual Communications lecturer, has won a R500 cash prize and a bronze statuette valued at R500.

The Rugantino-Fiat competition was initiated a few years ago by Mr Sergio Anticole, owner of the Rugantino restaurant in Johannesburg. It is sponsored by Fiat (South Africa).

Every month a young artist is invited to exhibit paintings in the restaurant and at the end of the year judges choose the most promising artist. Miss Siopis was announced the 1977 winner at a dinner in the restaurant and received her prizes from the director of Fiat South Africa, Dr G.C. Barsotti.

Miss Siopis held her first one-man exhibition in Port Elizabeth last year. She has also shown her work in Durban and Johannesburg.

In 1975 the award went to Dorothy Clarke, and in 1976 to Fayne Des Fontaine, both Master of Fine Art graduates.



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Rounded lines and spirals blend to form a striking design. The staircase links the ground floor cricket pavilion with the open verandah and lounge.

Dictionary of South African English



Dr Jean Branford.

New Computer Science course

The University has started a new course in its Department of Applied Mathematics and Computer Science, which combines Computer Science with commercial subjects. The degree is called a B.Sc. (Information Processing.)

The Head of the Department of Applied Mathematics, Professor R. Braae, said the purpose was to equip students for a computer job, but also to give them more than a basic work training. He emphasized that the new course was extremely flexible and that the students could steer their subsequent careers in a number of directions.

In first year the student studies Computing and Applied Mathematics, Economics, and Accounting. Second year includes Computer Science, Accounting, any one of Mathematics, Mathematical Statistics or Statistics, and one of Auditing or Economics. The final year consists of Computer Science and either Cost and Management Accounting or Economics.

The staff for the computer courses includes Professor Braae, Professor M.H. Williams and a junior lecturer, Mr G. Stromberg. Lectures are also from other departments such as the Accounting and Economic fields.

Eleven students have enrolled for Information Processing and Professor Braae said the Department had been extremely successful in its work. Rhodes University produced 11 Computer Science graduates last year, while Edinburgh University, at least four times its size, produced only 20.

A Dictionary of South African English compiled by Dr Jean Branford of the Linguistics and English Department has been launched by Oxford University Press Southern Africa.

The volume is the main South African contribution to the firm's 500th anniversary celebrations. Royalties on the publication are to go to Rhodes.

There are over 3 000 main entries in the dictionary which is designed both for reference and entertainment. The publishers say it "offers a scholarly treatment of words, structures and concepts drawn from many languages and cultures."

The illustrative quotations, a special feature of the dictionary, are taken from books, daily conversations, newspapers, technical journals and Acts of Parliament.

Dr Branford has been teaching and doing research at Rhodes University since 1964. She graduated Ph.D. from Rhodes in 1975 and runs the dictionary research unit.

Dr Branford was born in East London, the daughter of the distinguished historian and author Alfred Gordon-Brown. She grew up in Cape Town and obtained a B.A. from the University of Cape Town, graduating with distinction and the class medal in Classical Culture.

She married her English tutor William Branford, now Professor of Linguistics and English Language at Rhodes. They have a son and a daughter.

"South African English" grew out of Dr Branford's doctoral thesis and is a personal project, although it has the backing of the research unit.

She has been interested in South African English since her early student days and her other academic interests include Afrikaans, dialect generally, Anglo-Saxon literature, translation, phonetics, the Japanese language and people.



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Rehearsals for "In Camera" by Jean-Paul Sartre which was presented in The Box theatre at Rhodes by the Speech and Drama Department. From the left: Debra West (Inez), Janet Buckland (Estelle) and Ian Roberts (Garcin).

The Speech and Drama Department produced two plays at the end of the first term; "Forty Years On" by Alan Bennett and "In Camera" by Jean Paul Sartre.

The comedy "Forty Years On" had a cast of over 30, with head of the Department Professor Roy Sargeant in the lead role.

He portrayed a retiring headmaster at an English public school that had seen better days. The play involved a clash of ideals between his traditionalist attitude and the progressive approach of his replacement, played by Andrew Buckland who last year won the Peter Curtis Best Actor award.

The clash was interwoven with an end-of-term satirical revue by the boys on English historical characters from the 1900s to the end of the Second World War.

Mr John Burch directed the play. He is a Rhodes graduate who has spent the last six years in professional theatre, and has returned to Rhodes to read for an M.A. degree in Speech and Drama.

"In Camera" was first produced in French in the early 1940s. It is about three people trapped in Hell and various devices they use to alleviate or escape from their psychological dilemma.

At the same time they are caught up

in a variation on the eternal love triangle theme.

The three people were played by third year students: Garcin by Ian Roberts who won the award for the best supporting actor last year; Inez by Debra West and Estelle by Janet Connor.

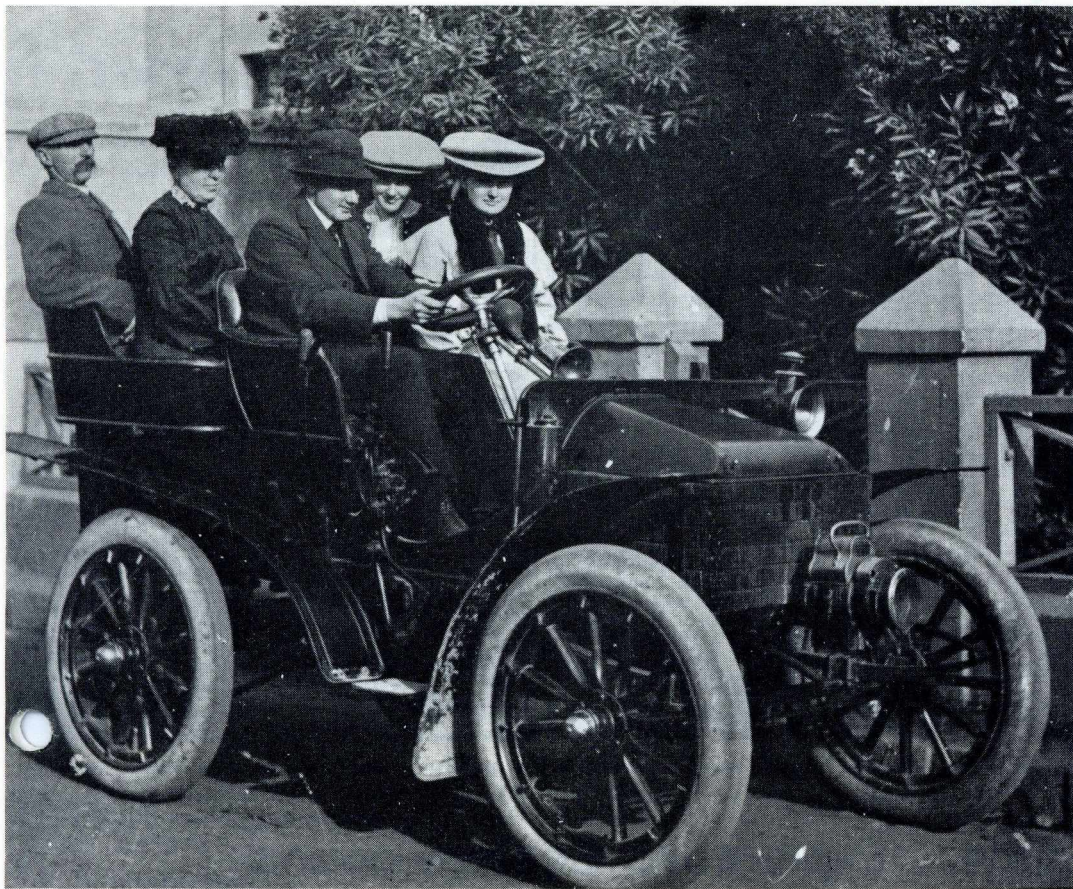
Mr Jamie Crawford, a graduate assistant in the Department working on his M.A., directed the play and also played the part of the valet.

World record

A world record of 1 071 pints of blood was donated at the Rhodes Rag Big Bleed in the Great Hall in April. Rhodes also set the previous world record last year for the most pints donated in one place in one day.

About 20 workers from the E.P. Blood Transfusion Service headquarters in Port Elizabeth, two staff members from the Grahamstown branch and two local volunteers worked for ten hours to collect the record quantity.

Donors were first given a blood test for iron deficiency, and blood samples were taken for grouping and testing for antibodies. Anyone lacking iron was not allowed to donate but was given a course of iron tablets instead.



acknowledgement: Mr N. Donald

This old Wolseley is reputed to have belonged to Cecil John Rhodes and to be one of the first cars in South Africa. Mr N. Donald, of Uitenhage, a consultant for the Port Elizabeth motor industry, said the driver was his grandfather, Mr. M. Donald. He left America to start a motor business in Cape Town, where the photograph was taken, and obtained the car from Cecil John Rhodes. Mr Donald said he believed the woman beside the driver is now living in Johannesburg. Further information can be sent to Mr Donald at 12 Gardenia Drive, Uitenhage.

Founders' Day Service

The University Council has approved a recommendation that Old Rhodians killed in action on military service other than the two Great Wars should be commemorated at the Founders' Day Service, held on the Sunday nearest to Founders' Day on September 12.

Please inform the Registrar, Mr W.J. Askew, as soon as possible by letter of the names of Old Rhodians in the above category for the University's Roll of Honour.

The Registrar,
Rhodes University
P.O. Box 94
Grahamstown
6140

New Universities' Office

A recently established service for university staff is the South African Universities Office (SAUO) in London.

The services offered include advertising for staff, establishing interviewing committees with academics, arranging immigration, visas, work permits, and itineraries.

The office does not only deal with enquiries about English universities but will pass on information about North American and European institutions. liaison office.

Academics in all disciplines will be assisted and each university will be treated as a separate body.

University personnel are invited to contact:

Mrs Viola Cruse
South African Universities
Office
Chichester House
278 High Holborn
London WC1V 7HE
Telephone (01) 242-1766

Councils meet

The annual Students' Representative Council (SRC) conference was held at Rhodes this year from April 13 to 15.

All 14 South African Universities were invited to attend the conference for which Rhodes and the University of Port Elizabeth (UPE) were joint hosts.

Among the topics discussed were open universities and academic freedom, student welfare, community services and the future of education.

Students show off art

A large and varied exhibition of students' graphics was held in the 1820 Settlers Museum Gallery during April.

There were etchings, lino cuts, wood cuts, silk screens, pencil drawings and a mixture of media selected from students' work done in their three or four years of study at the School of Art.

"It is interesting to appreciate the technical experiments in so many different media that demonstrate the progress of the students toward a personal aesthetic sensibility," a critic wrote.

"This is not a commercial exhibition. It has no clichés or mannerisms. It is a display of honest creativity."

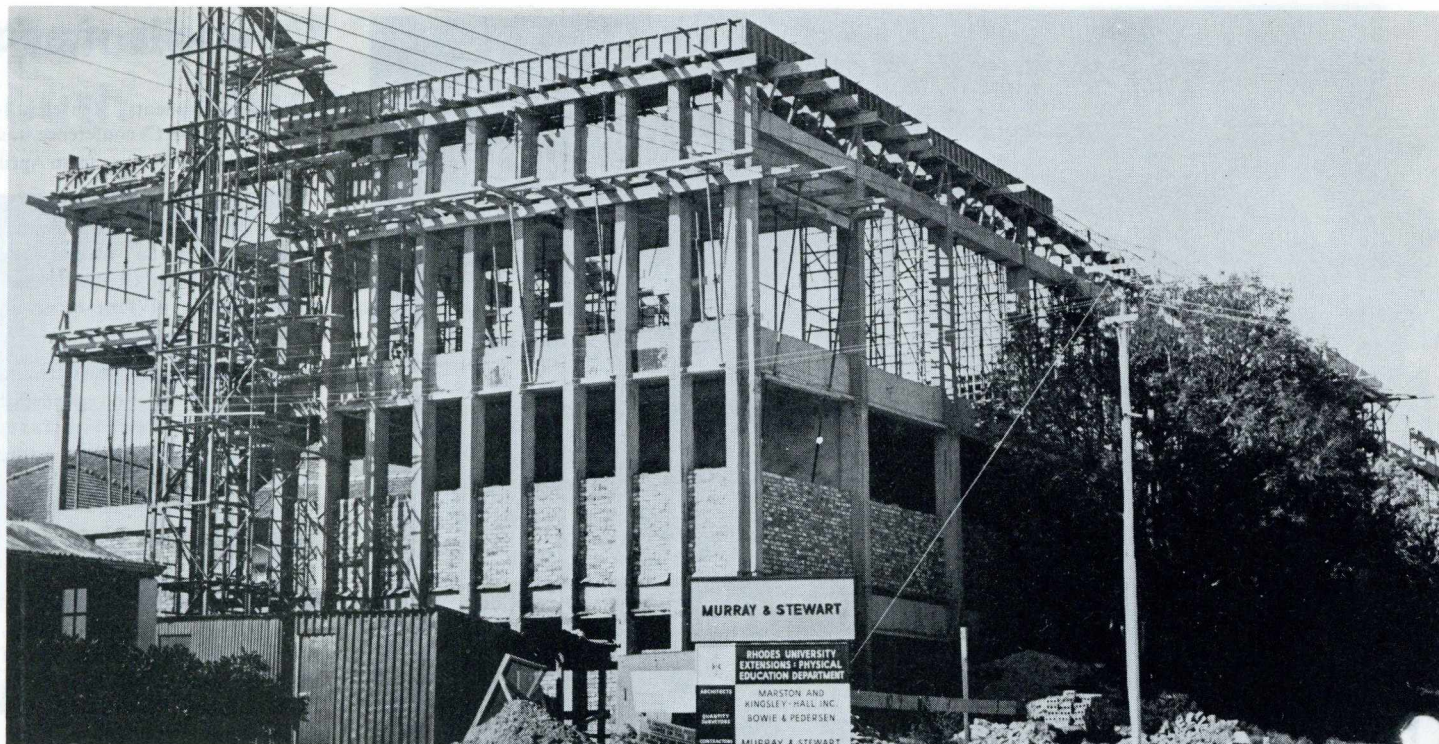
Dept. installs work benches

The Pharmacy Department has installed two laminar flow work benches which enable students to work in a sterile atmosphere in an ordinary laboratory.

The benches operate through air being channelled through filters which remove particles above a certain size. The benches differ in that one has a vertical ultimate filter and the other bench channels air through a horizontal filter.

The benches cost R2 500 each and seat three workers. A senior lecturer in the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Mr N. Finkelstein, said other teaching institutions had small work benches, but Rhodes was the only university in the Cape Province with such large units.

The bench prevents contamination from the person using it, from the equipment used, and from the atmosphere itself.



Progress is well under way on the R350 000 extensions to the Rhodes Physical Education Department in African Street. The two-story extensions, which should soon be finished, include facilities for teaching and research laboratories, a technicians room, open space for movement and fitness training, and lecture and office space.
Acknowledgement: Grocott's Mail

First S.A. post-grad. Exploration Geology course

Rhodes now offers South Africa's first post-graduate training course in Exploration Geology.

The course was started because although South Africa is one of the major mineral-producing countries, it relies on overseas institutions for post-graduate training in exploration geology. The variety of mineral deposits makes South Africa an ideal field laboratory for practical training.

Generous support from the Chamber of Mines and other groups has made it possible for the course to be offered this year. It is led by Dr Bob Mason, who was Exploration Manager for J.C.I. and before that Chief Project Geologist for Loxton-Hunting and Associates, and Geologist with the Botswana survey.

He will be assisted by visiting experts from industry and members of the Geology Department and other University staff. The Geology Department is headed by Professor Hugh Eales and already has one of the best under-graduate schools in the country, and is particularly well equipped for advanced research.

"The provision of an advanced course in mineral exploration is aimed at ensuring the development of senior exploration geologists who will have both experience and an up to date knowledge of all aspects of mineral exploration," Prof. Mason said.



Prof. R. Mason

The future development of cost effective mineral exploration will depend more and more on the skill and initiative of better trained, more experienced and better qualified geologists.

The course is intensive and candidates have to devote their time exclusively to it. The minimum entrance requirements are an honours degree in geology and at least two years post-graduate experience. It is hoped however that a Diploma will be introduced for candidates with at least five years experience and an ordinary B.Sc. degree.

Instruction is through seminars, project studies and lectures, and six to eight weeks in the field. Case history studies of exploration projects will be examined and lectures will be given by specialists from mining and exploration groups.

Four students are attending the

course this year. Prof. Mason said it was difficult for mature, experienced graduates who were possibly married to attend the course without financial assistance.

This year's intake of students was affected by the adverse economic

conditions affecting the country, he said. However there were strong indications that next year's course would be over-subscribed, and because of its advanced nature and supervisory difficulties, the number of students would have to be limited.

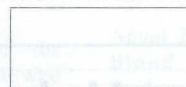
Christmas cards

READERS are invited to order their Christmas cards early, and contribute to the Old Rhodian Bursary Fund at the same time. The cards carry an attractive ink-and-wash sketch of the Rhodes main block. The message inside reads 'With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year,' and the back of the card bears the Rhodes crest. Orders should be addressed to the Department of Public Relations and Development, Rhodes University, P.O. Box 94, Grahamstown 6140.

NAME:

ADDRESS:

Please send me



Christmas cards

at 70c for 10 (plus 10c for postage). I enclose a cheque/postal order to the value of R cents.

Thank you,

Signed



Pharmacists start Association

A Transvaal group of Old Rhodian pharmacists has started a society called the Rhodes University Pharmacy Alumni Association (RUPhAA).

The first meeting was held in March at a Transvaal club and a National Executive Caretaker Committee under the presidency of Mr Stan Henen was elected.

The Association's objectives include improvements in pharmaceutical practice, further education for graduates, and

liaison with the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Anyone with the degree B.Sc. (Pharmacy) or B. Pharmacy from Rhodes may join. Those with close links with the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences and who identify with the Associate's objectives may apply for associate membership.

Any person who has had a long and active membership with the Association or who has done much

for the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences may be elected an Honorary Life Member.

The application form can be returned with a membership fee of at least R5,00 to the Honorary Treasurer, Rhodes University Pharmacy Alumni Association.

c/o:

Rhodes University Office,

P.O.Box 52303

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Old Rhodian reunions

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

Cape Town

Mrs J. Lewis (65-7426) September 8.

Durban

Prof. D. Williams-Wynn (35 2461 ext. 1109) September 7.

East London

Mr and Mrs Richard Mogg (87-193) September 15

Kimberley

Mr L.H.G. Shuttleworth (23-511) September 12.

Port Elizabeth

Mr John Blake (51-5141) September 8.

Pretoria

Mr H.H. Harvey (74-2142) September 15.

Johannesburg

Miss June Bahlmann (788-5543) September 16.

Pietermaritzburg

Mr Ted Giddey (27-181) September 8

Bulawayo

Mr R.A. Furber (P.O.Box 856 Bulawayo) August 17.

Salisbury

Mr H.H. Hall (25-262) August 18.

Windhoek

Mrs J. Lohmann (P.O.Box 21-663)

Rhodes University Pharmacy Alumni Association: Application for Active Membership.

Surname _____

First Names _____

Year Graduated _____

Residential Address:

Street _____

No. _____

Suburb _____

City _____

Code _____

Phone _____

Position Title: _____

Company: _____

Address _____

Code: _____

Phone: _____

Postal Address:

Residence ☐

Business ☐

Other: _____

Class of Membership: Ordinary ☐

Associate: ☐

If Associate

Proposer: Name: _____

Signature: _____

Seconder: Name: _____

Signature: _____

Newsletter

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Old Rhodian News:

Mr W.E.(Bill) Ashmole(1961) has joined the staff at Michaelhouse, Balgowan, Natal. After completing a B.A. and U.E.D. at Rhodes he joined the staff at Allan Wilson School, Salisbury, where he became the head of the Geography department. This was followed by a posting as senior master and divisional head at Churchill School, Salisbury. Prior to his departure for Michaelhouse he was deputy headmaster at Vimona High School in Salisbury. The Ashmoles have a son and a daughter.

Dr Tony Cameron(1957) has been appointed Deputy Chairman of Baird Textile Holdings Group at Stockport, Cheshire.

Robin Chappel (1968) has married **Merilyn Grieve** (1975). They returned to Port Elizabeth in December after 18 months in London, where Dr Chappel was in dental practice and Merilyn was a production assistant for a film company.

Mr Robert Clarence (1977) of Pretoria has been elected a Rhodes Scholar for post-graduate study at Oxford University. He obtained a B.A. degree with distinctions in Ecclesiastical History and English.

Mr Merton Dagut now heads the Nedbank Group Economic Unit and compiled their publication, "South Africa: an appraisal. The sovereign risk criteria." Mr Dagut was appointed by Professor Hobart Houghton to Rhodes. He married **Miss J. Orkin** (1957) who co-operated with Professor Hobart Houghton to produce three volumes of documents on economic history.

Mr Leo P.V. Deary (1913) celebrated his 90th birthday in March. He taught for many years and became a school inspector. Mr Deary served on the Rhodes University Council until his retirement in 1948.

Mr J.W. (Kooos) van Eeden (1956) has been appointed president of the Association of Chambers of Commerce (Assacom). He is married with one son and two daughters and is the Managing Director of Luyt and Company (Pty) Ltd. in Ceres.

Aileen Evans (1974) is now Mrs G. Strümpher and is working with **Cedric Roche** (1962) in the CSIR's Rumen Metabolism Unit stationed at Onderstepoort. **Keith Solomon** (1967) obtained a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois in

1973 and is now working in the Entomology section with **Jeff Brill** (1974). **Joe Minne** (1938) is working in the Toxicology section.

Mr Russel Everett(1964) has been appointed Deputy Headmaster at Chaplin School, Gwelo. He has been senior Science Master at Milton High School, Bulawayo, since 1969. He and his wife Gillian have three children.

Mr Jack Gaylard (1939) has been made a Grand Officer of the Legion of Merit in the Rhodesian Independence Day honours list. This is Rhodesia's top civil honour. Mr Gaylard has been behind **Prime Minister Ian Smith** (1946) in all the settlement negotiations over the past seven years.

Shirley Guiton (1933), daughter of the late **Professor P.A. Guiton**, has had her second book published. "A World By Itself" is about the islands in the lagoon in Venice. Her first book was about Torcello.

Dr Jack Harington (1950) has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of South Africa. The society is the oldest and most distinguished scientific body in South Africa and its fellowships are regarded as one of the highest honours that can be conferred locally on a scientist. Dr Harington is head of the Cancer Research Unit of the National Cancer Association at the South African Institute for Medical Research. The award was in recognition of Dr Harington's outstanding contributions to the study of cancer and the effects of silica asbestos and other materials on human tissue.

Miss Jenny Jones (1976) has been appointed librarian at the East London Museum. She was educated at the Kimberley Girls' High School then went on to do her B.A. degree at Rhodes. She later obtained the Higher Diploma in Library Science at the University of Natal.

The new chairman of Unilever Australia (Pty.) Ltd. is **Mr Michael Little** (1948). After taking his B.Sc. at Rhodes, Mr Little joined Lever Brothers in Salisbury, Rhodesia, as a chemist. His previous appointments before becoming chairman of Unilever Australia were vice-chairman of Industrias Gessy Lever, Brazil, and managing director of Lever division, Brazil.

Mr D. Mackay-Coghill (1960) has

been appointed Manager of Intergold Worldwide, a Chamber of Mines division created to establish closer contact with all sectors engaged in the industrial use of gold: The company has its headquarters in Geneva and branch offices in London, Munich, Paris, Barcelona and Milan.

Mr Michael Millard (1963) is working in Johannesburg as an executive of an American shipping line, and is chairman of the American Men's Luncheon Club in that city: Mr Millard is married to the former South African professional ice-skating champion Colleen Hadrow.

Mr Frank McD. Moodie (1955) has been appointed director of the South African Breweries Institute in Johannesburg. He is responsible for co-ordinating and controlling the brewery group's research, public relations and community affairs and retail liquor outlets.

Miss Linda McGregor (1971) has moved from Salisbury, Rhodesia, to London.

After ten years as a senior geologist with Getty Oil Development, **Mr Graham M. Miller**(1963) has been seconded to Atomic Energy of Iran. He is responsible for a \$100 million uranium search with four other expatriates. Mr Miller, his wife **Elizabeth (Dumett)**,1963) and their two daughters emigrated to Australia in 1967. Mr Miller has worked in Thailand, Burma, Indonesia, Papua-New Guinea, Fiji and other Pacific islands as well as in Australia. Successes include discovery of the biggest high-grade uranium ore-body in the world, Jabiluka uranium deposit in Arnhemland, Northern Territory, Australia.

Mr David Morrell (1948) has been appointed to the Inspectorate of the Orange Free State Department of Education as the subject advisor for English. He taught at Saint Andrew's School in Bloemfontein for the past seven years, the last five as Vice-Principal. His daughter **Susan** is now in Hobson House at Rhodes.

Mr Ron Morris (1954) has been promoted to vice-president of Johnson and Johnson International, and has also been appointed to the Board. He is responsible for Johnson and Johnson companies in Japan, Hong Kong, the Philippines and Taiwan, and for developing a corporate presence in Korea.

Dr B.K. Murray (1960) is to complete a book this year on Lloyd George and British politics 1908-11. In 1967 he was appointed a lecturer in History at Rhodes, and in 1970 joined the University of the Witwatersrand History department. In 1974 he was awarded a University Council Overseas Fellowship, which he used at Oxford completing research for his book. Dr Murray is now a senior lecturer at Wits.

Mr W.H.G. Newham(1936) has been appointed a judge in Bulawayo. He is married to **Thea (Dawson)**, 1936). Their daughter, **Elizabeth**, **Mrs P.B. Kettle**, (1969) now lives in London. She has been teaching Mathematics up to A level for three years and married to a town planner with Litchfields.

Mr Roger Omond (1966) has been appointed Assistant Editor of the Daily Dispatch. He joined the newspaper as a sub-editor in 1967 and has since been political correspondent, chief sub-editor, night editor, features editor and leader writer. Mr Omond spent a year working in London and Cardiff.

Mr D.J. Pickett (1961) has been appointed marketing director of the Unilever South Africa foods company, Van den Bergh and Jurgens. He is the son of **Mr F.H. Pickett** (1925).

Mr Peter Reed (1974) married **Miss Virginia Hill** (1975) in St Cuthberts Church, Port Elizabeth.

Mr Brian Robertson (1970) has been appointed smelter manager of Chlorides smelting division at Berlin. Mr Robertson joined the company's technical unit in the laboratory, lead recovery, process and quality control, before moving to Berlin as chief chemist in 1975. He became deputy smelter manager in 1976.

Mr Tim Ross-Thompson (1963) has been appointed Editor of the daily Bloemfontein newspaper, The Friend. He is now the chief sub-editor on the Argus in Cape Town and will take up his new post in August. Mr Ross-Thompson has worked on the Daily Dispatch in East London, the Evening Post in Port Elizabeth and Reuters in Fleet Street, London.

Mr Winston Saayman (1967), deputy principal of Herbert Hurd Primary School in Newton Park, Port Elizabeth, has been appointed

P. O. Box 94

principal of the Parsons Hill Primary School from January 1978. After completing his primary teacher's training at Graaff-Reinet Training College, Mr Saayman came to Rhodes to do an H.P.T.C. and a B.A. degree. He is married and has three daughters.

Miss Patricia Silverthorne (1962) is working as a clerical assistant in the Physics department at King's College, London University.

Mr Roy Simpson (1964) has taken up a post as deputy headmaster of Selborne College, East London. He was vice-principal of York High School in George until September last year. Mr Simpson did a U.E.D. and later a B.Com. (Hons.) degree at Rhodes.

Dr Hugo H. Snyckers (1962) has been appointed managing director of Noristan Holdings Ltd. He is vice-president of the Pharmaceutical Chemical Manufacturers' Association of South Africa. Dr Snyckers is married to the former **Miss C.I. Rousseau** (1962).

Miss Barbara Staker (1971) taught at Townsend High School in Bulawayo until December 1977, when she married Mr Melvyn Phipps. She is now living in his home county of Kent, England.

Two Rhodes graduates won top Rotary Foundation Fellowship awards this year. They were **Mr Kerry Swift** (1972) who is studying at York University, England, and **Mr Deryck Hall** (1956, 1970) at Columbia University in America. Mr Swift was one of the first to graduate from the Department of Journalism. Mr Hall graduated B.A. and B.Ed. at Rhodes before obtaining a Special Education Certificate from the University of Cape Town.

Mr Norman Trethewey (1967) has accepted an appointment to establish an Industrial Relations section on Rössing uranium mine in South West Africa, the largest mine of its kind in the world.

Mr Rollo Venter (1958) has been appointed Advertising and Sales Promotion Manager of the Sigma Motor Corporation.

Mr Lawrence Waugh (1969) is lecturing in land survey draughting in the Escom Education Department at Henley, Transvaal. Mr Waugh completed a B.F.A. degree and U.A.T.D. at Rhodes and then taught at Chaplin School in Gwelo, and Grey High School in Port Elizabeth. He and his wife Dalene have a son of five and a daughter of two. Mr Waugh would be glad to hear from any of his fellow Fine Art students. His address is P.O.Box 353, Meyerton, Transvaal.

Mr Ian Wiseman (1976), Acting Head of the Department of Pharmacology at the Port Elizabeth College for Advanced Technical Education, has been awarded the R500 Pharmacological Society of South Africa Fellowship. Mr Wiseman, who holds an M.Pharm. degree from Rhodes, intends doing a doctorate.

Mrs Anna Woolf (Decker, 1965) who sailed single-handed from Cape Town to Scotland in 1976 to join her husband and twin sons has given birth to twins again, both girls.

Dr Chris Wortham (1967) is lecturing in the English Department at the University of Western Australia. After taking B.A. (Hons.) and Master's degrees at Rhodes he completed his Ph.D. through the University of London while lecturing at the University of Rhodesia. He is married to an Australian, the former Miss Mary Anne Osborne, and they have one daughter. His professor at Western Australia is **Professor Derek Marsh** (1948). Also in Perth are **Mr John Nelson** (1947), head of the Mathematics Department at Scotch College, and **Mr Peter Klemp** (1953), who is engaged in medical research. **Professor Basil Sansom**, who lectured in Anthropology at Rhodes, has just taken up the second Chair of Anthropology at Western Australia after spending three years at the Australian National University.

Mr W.S. (Bill) Yeowart (1958), a governor of the Rhodes University Foundation Trust, has been elected second vice-president of the Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce.

Appointments:

Professor H. Parolis, B.Sc. (Pharm.) B.Sc. (Hons.) Ph.D. (Rhodes) has been appointed to the new Chair in the School of Pharmacy. He has been a senior lecturer in Organic Chemistry at Rhodes since 1971 and was previously a Fellow in carbohydrate chemistry at Queens University, Ontario.

Dr M.G. Whisson, B.A. (Hons.) Ph.D. (Cambridge) is Professor and Head of the Department of Anthropology. He was a senior lecturer at the University of Cape Town.

Dr D.B. Gain, M.A. (Sydney) Ph.D. (London) is Professor and Head of the Classics Department. He was a senior lecturer at the University of the Witwatersrand.

The new Professor and Head of the Department of German is **Professor D.W. Welz, M.A. Dr. Phil. (Hamburg)**. He was a senior lecturer in German at Stellenbosch.

There have been two promotions from senior lecturer to associate professor. **Prof. M.E. Brown, B.Sc. (Hons.) (Witwatersrand), Ph.D. (Rhodes)** is in the Department of Chemistry and **Prof. V.C. Moran M.Sc. Ph.D. (Rhodes) F.R.E.S.** is in the Department of Zoology and Entomology.

Prof. Brown began his career as a junior lecturer in Chemistry at Rhodes in 1962 and in 1966 was a research officer with the Chamber of Mines. He returned to Rhodes as a lecturer in 1967 and was appointed a senior lecturer in 1971.

Prof. Moran was a junior lecturer in Zoology at Rhodes from 1961, a lecturer in Entomology from 1963, and a senior lecturer from 1969.

Dr M.F. O'Reilly, B.Sc. (Queens) Ph.D. (Manchester) and **Mr R.D.C. Jackson C.T.A. (Natal) C.A. (S.A.)** have been appointed Senior Lecturers in Pure Mathematics and Accounting respectively.

Dr O'Reilly has been an instructor at the University of Illinois and lectured at the universities of East Africa, Chemson, Nairobi, Papua and the Witwatersrand.

Mr Jackson has worked as an accountant for an engineering firm, as a company secretary, and management accountant for Datsun-Nissan.

Mr G.D. Quinn, M.A. Dip.Lib. (Cape Town), F.S.A.L.A. has been appointed University Librarian. He worked at the University of Cape

Town from library assistant to sub-librarian before joining Rhodes as Deputy Librarian in 1973.

The following have been appointed lecturers: **Mr G.N. Addison B.A. (Witwatersrand) B.A. (Hons.) (S.A.)** in the Department of Journalism. He worked as a reporter on the Rand Daily Mail and The Star before lecturing at Rhodes.

Dr M.M. Bruton, M.Sc. (Rhodes) at the J.L.B. Smith Institute of Ichthyology previously worked at the Institute for Freshwater Studies at Lake Sibaya research station.

Mr C.J. de Wet, M.A. (Stell.) received his Diploma in Social Anthropology at Oxford then lectured part-time at the University of the Western Cape and Stellenbosch before joining the Rhodes Department of Anthropology.

Mr M.N. Halpin, M.Sc. (Cape Town) in the Department of Pure Mathematics was previously a teaching assistant and a junior lecturer at Cape Town University.

Dr A. Ungar, M.Sc. (Jerusalem) Ph.D. (Tel Aviv) in the Department of Applied Mathematics was a post-doctoral fellow at Tel Aviv University in 1973 and the University of Toronto in 1974. He was a senior research officer with the C.S.I.R. from 1975 to 1977.

Mr J. Viljoen has been appointed a junior lecturer in Business Administration and **Miss J.E. Cock** a junior lecturer in Sociology.

Among the administrative staff **Mrs D. Robert Shaw** has been made analyst-programmer in the administration data processing unit, and **Mrs R.S.L. Jobling** a computer operator.

Mr M.R.N. Wetmore has been appointed a student advisor, **Mr C.A. Langham** deputy finance officer and accountant, and **Mr V.C. Cameron** a clerk of works.

Miss Judy Forword has been appointed information officer and **Miss Candy Miller** is one of the two Johannesburg liaison officers.

Mrs J.P. Parolis has been appointed assistant librarian. **Mr F.G. Heard** is the laundry manager, **Mrs F.E.M. Vaughan** a bibliographer in the Institute of the Study of English in Africa, and **Mr M.S.J. Haffey** a computer programmer in the computer centre.



THE Vice-Chancellor, Dr D. S. Henderson

**Mr President of Convocation,
Mr Chancellor, Ladies and
Gentlemen,**

This is now the third annual occasion on which I have been privileged to deliver to you my report on the previous year's activities at Rhodes. It is also the third time that some of you will have heard my voice today, and so I shall endeavour to be as brief as the material permits. After some mental arithmetic I ascertained that I am still just within my first 1 000 days of office, so that I must still regard myself as a comparative novice at my task.

One of the noteworthy events of 1977 was the installation on Thursday 31 March, amid appropriate pomp and ceremony, of our fourth Chancellor, Dr Ian MacKenzie. The Chancellor's role is not unlike that of a constitutional monarch and as such calls for rare personal qualities. We have now seen him preside with dignity and panache over two sets of annual graduation exercises, but he has not confined his interest in the University and enthusiasm for our cause to such formal acts of office. His active participation in the affairs of our Board of Governors and his continual and infectious concern for our wellbeing demonstrate, if one may borrow from Sir William Gilbert, that indeed we have "a rather susceptible Chancellor." Long may he reign o'er us!

A notable resignation from Council during 1977 was that of Mr B. Manchevsky, representing the Associated Research Institutes. On Mr Louis Dubb's accession to the

Chairmanship Mr Manchevsky cheerfully accepted the arduous role of Chairmanship of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, where his firm guidance and assiduous attention to detail piloted us successfully through perilous financial waters. We very much miss his sure hand, and Council is indeed fortunate to have at its disposal such an able successor as Mr J.S. Levy.

King William's Town Municipality appointed Mr N.E. Woollgar to our Council, while Grahamstown representation has been greatly strengthened by the presence of Professor M. Roberts (Donors) and by Dr B.E. la Trobe (Co-opted Member), who was joined early in 1978 by Mr L.B. Green in a similar capacity.

Amongst the Governors of the Rhodes University Foundation Trust we record with great regret the death of Dr H.A. Kendall, one of the longest-ever serving members of Council, whose benefactions to the University must surely be amongst the most generous ever recorded. We were also most reluctant to lose the services through resignation of Mr A.Q. Davies and Mr P.G.T. Watson. The only new member since last I addressed you is Mr Justice N.C. Addleson, although early in 1977 the Board of Governors was strengthened by a large contingent of appointees whose prominence in national affairs has given added lustre to an already distinguished body.

In my last address I paid tribute to Professor E.S. Twyman, who

retired as Vice-Principal and Pro-Vice-Chancellor in mid 1977. He was succeeded in August by Professor J.W. Brommert, then Professor of Physics Education and Dean of the Faculty of Education at the University of the Witwatersrand. It is remarkable how readily scientists, particularly physicists, are able to leave their laboratories and assume the administrative mantle. Professor Brommert, even in these short months, has made his benign and effective presence felt, and we wish him a long and successful second career at Rhodes.

Retirement brought to a close two long and noteworthy careers, each spanning more than a quarter of a century. Professor H.M. Roberts left us as Head of the Department of Accounting. When he arrived it was said that he was the only Free State farmer to have become a Rhodes Professor. We now believe that he is the only Rhodes Professor to have become a Free State farmer. Dr F.G. van der Riet, University Librarian for 35 years, raised our library to a very high pitch of efficiency and has the distinction of having trained many University librarians during his long and illustrious term of office.

It is commonplace fact that the English language universities in South Africa are losing more academics overseas than they are gaining. Rhodes has suffered proportionately less than others, but during 1977 we lost no fewer than five senior academics in this way. This is a loss that we and the country cannot sustain for any length of time without serious consequences for our academic life. Amongst the most noteworthy was our distinguished Head of the Classics Department Professor B.C. Dietrich, who has accepted the Chair at Aberystwyth in Wales. He and Mrs Dietrich will be much missed in Grahamstown. In nearly all cases we were fortunate to find suitable

replacements. The year also saw the appointment of seven new professors (a number equalled only once before in 1971), an associate professor and five senior lecturers.

Amongst senior administrators we welcomed Mr J.J.M. van Heerden to the newly created post of Physical Planning Officer. An architect of standing and experience Mr van Heerden has brought imagination, zeal and high professional standards to bear on the many and varied problems with which he has to contend. Similarly, Mr C.A. Lanham has added a new dimension of professional competence and experience to the role of Deputy Finance Officer and Accountant, while

Mr L. Smit has been promoted to the rank of Deputy Registrar (Staffing). The most notable academic development has probably been the introduction of an M.Sc. course in Exploration Geology, the only such course in South Africa, thanks in large part to the generous subvention of the Chamber of Mines. We were very fortunate to secure the services of Associate Professor R. Mason for this important programme. The first students have now enrolled, and we are receiving numerous enquiries from all over the world.

The B.A. (Translation) programme is off to a successful start, as is the new B.Sc. (Information Processing), which enables candidates to combine Computer Science and other mathematical disciplines with commerce subjects, particularly Accounting. A major disappointment has been our inability thus far to fill the important Chair of Development Studies, so generously funded by the Paul and Stella Lowenstein Trust. We are hoping not only to provide a theoretical contribution in this fast-developing field, but also to take a lead in practical development projects designed to ameliorate the very adverse social and economic social conditions

encountered in the Eastern Cape, Border and Transkei areas.

Last year was one of greatly improved housing for nearly half our academic departments. The new Arts building, finished in June, has finally completed the main quadrangle and provided excellent accommodation for seven Arts, mainly language, departments. The old Drostyd Barracks has been beautifully restored to provide a permanent home for the Department of Linguistics and English Language. Education has moved into spacious renovated premises formerly and fittingly belonging to the old Grahamstown Training College. The first phase of restoring Selwyn Castle has provided a home for Anthropology, and extensive laboratories are under construction in African Street for Physical Education, while the Law Department has benefitted from a new staff reading room and lecture room.

In this respect we are grateful to Dr Percy Yutar, former Attorney-General of the Transvaal through whose good offices some beautiful courtroom furniture was acquired.

Thanks to a generous donation from Old Mutual we have been able to complete the splendid new Old Mutual sports pavilion at the Prospect House sportsfields. This handsome addition to our sports facilities was officially opened on 14 March by Mr J.G. van der Horst, Chairman of the Old Mutual.

Our ambitious plans for the complete renovation of the older residences received an auspicious start with Jameson House, which now has an additional storey added to the rear wing, and a spacious new common room. The Jameson girls, with all mod cons and beautifully furnished rooms, are the envy of all the other houses. St Mary dining hall and kitchen have been enlarged and improved, while the restored original facade of Oakdene enhances rather than detracts from the appearance of Somerset Street. Incremental increases in accommodation have been skilfully added to Livingstone, Walker, Pringle and Piet Retief houses. The residences in aggregate can now house over 1 600 students, but it will be several more years before we shall be able to declare ourselves satisfied with the physical condition of all the houses.

Student numbers during 1977 rose very satisfactorily by about five per cent to almost 2 650. A noteworthy aspect of the growth was the substantial increase in postgraduate, Honours and other post-baccalaureate enrolment, encouraged in part by the residence bursaries made possible by the Eda Fisher bequest and the

post-graduate assistantships provided by the Governors. We were able to welcome 17 new Black students, and for the first time Black students at Rhodes could not be counted on the fingers of one hand. Preliminary registration figures for 1978 indicate that these trends are being maintained.

A feature of 1977 was the increased sense of responsibility of student leadership, both with regard to the SRC and the various Hall and House committees, who are playing a larger role in the determination of their own affairs. Rag raised a most impressive record of R36 000 available for distribution to charities. All Rag activities were conducted in fine spirit as was also the Intervarsity at U.P.E., where in the most exciting Rugby finish seen in years we equalised the score at 15-15 literally in the last minute of play.

Mr Chairman, I cannot conclude without making reference to the difficult subject of finance. In pre-Vatican II days a Roman Catholic layman once asked a rather old-fashioned priest what the duties of the laity were. "The duties of the laity," came the laconic reply, "are three: to pray, to pay and to obey." While I am all for students obeying, there is no doubt that paying is a question that must exercise their minds considerably. We have had to increase both academic and residential fees considerably in 1976 and again in 1977 for 1978. Students may not pray as much as they used to, but subsidy cuts, pension increases, electricity tariffs and inflationary pressures have certainly forced your Vice-Chancellor and his advisers to their knees.

By dint of careful budgetary control, the freezing of selected posts, practising economies, eliminating waste and inefficiency wherever we could identify it, and by the most commendable voluntary restraint on the part of the students and staff alike, we were able to reduce expenditure during 1977 by an impressive R400 000 without harming the essential academic fabric of the university. Preliminary indications are that we have come through 1977 without contributing to the already alarming accumulated deficit. Fortunately, our donors continue to support us more strongly than ever, and thanks to their generosity the Governors have been able to make a substantial contribution towards getting the financial ship back on an even keel. The current year will require even greater vigilance and cooperation if we are to keep our heads above water.

A sombre prospect it is indeed, Mr Chairman. Without the support of

a dedicated staff, both academic and administrative, who have responded so generous-mindedly to the need for responsible action our prospects would indeed be bleak.

I should like to record also my appreciation to the members of the University Council and the Board of Governors, all of whom give so unstintingly of their time and experience in the service of the University. It is therefore a great

privilege, as well as a pleasant duty, to present my annual report to the Convocation of Rhodes University, knowing as I do that all members, both those present and those unable to attend today, are always avid for news of our Alma Mater and willing to afford the bearer an enthusiastic hearing.

D.S. Henderson

8 April 1978.

International Library of African Music moves to Rhodes

The International Library of African Music run by Mr Andrew Tracey is to be affiliated to the Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER) from the end of the year.

The collection of books, films, journals and recordings dating as far back as 1930 is presently situated in Roodepoort in the Transvaal, where the library was founded in 1954.

The library will be housed in a special building at the back of ISER in Prince Alfred Street and the musical instruments will be displayed in a gallery in the Albany Museum.

An annual journal "African Music" is published as the standard academic journal in the field. Its contributors are researchers from all over the world working on the music of Africa. The Library has also published over 230 LP records of music.

The move to Grahamstown is the result of an offer made by Professor Jeff Opland, the Director of ISER, when the Library ran into financial difficulties.

"This is a natural extension of our work on the culture of the Xhosa speaking people, and a significant development for ISER, Rhodes University and Grahamstown," Professor Opland said.

The founder of the Library was Dr Hugh Tracey, Andrew's father, a noted expert on African music who lectured in England and America.

Andrew studied Anthropology at Oxford and first made his name with his brother Paul and Jeremy Taylor in Leon Gluckman's smash hit musical "Wait a Minim". This ran for two years in South Africa, a further two in London, two and a half in America and even had a run in Australia.

Andrew began working with his

father in 1960 and since then has travelled extensively, recording and studying African music and working with instrument makers. He has established a workshop in the Transvaal which manufactures thumb pianos and which may also produce other instruments for sale here and overseas.

Mr Tracey plans to do research locally on Xhosa music in the Ciskei and Transkei and make films and recordings. He will also teach at the Music Department and start work on his doctorate. Mr Tracey also wants to restart his Steel Band which played at the Grahamstown Festival last year.

Students' no to Nusas link

Rhodes will not reaffiliate to Nusas for the third successive year.

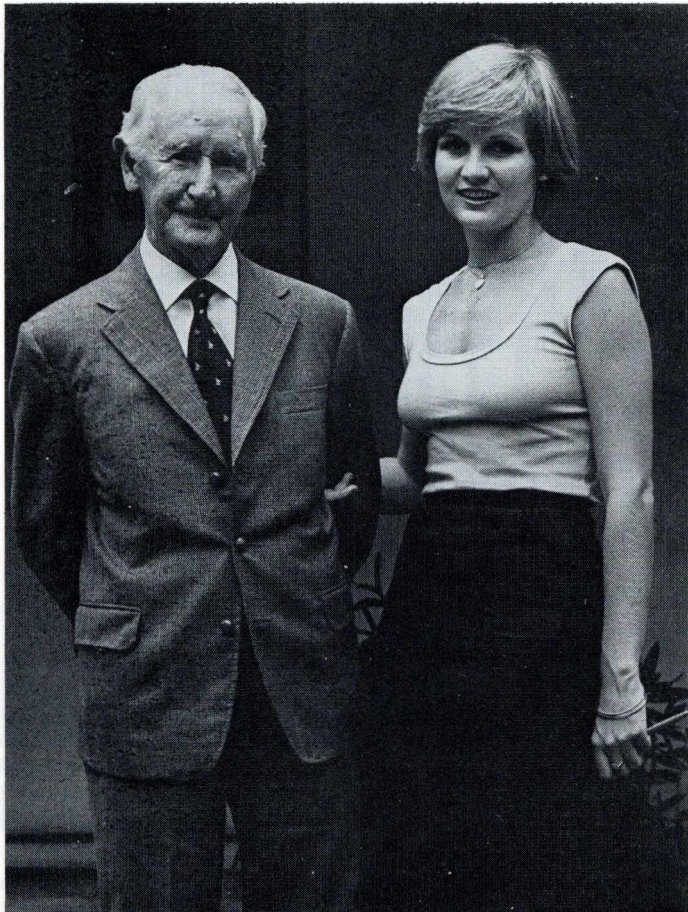
In a referendum held on April 26, 984 students voted against affiliation and 849 voted in favour.

The percentage poll was one of the highest recorded on the Nusas issue: 79 per cent compared to 61 per cent in the last year's referendum, where a small majority of 25 voted against affiliation.

Mr Izak Smuts, president of the Students' Representative Council (SRC), said he was happy with the outcome of the referendum.

Mr Monty Roodt, SRC cultural councillor and co-ordinator of the pro-Nusas group, said a local Nusas society would be formed to accommodate the 849 students who did want to belong to Nusas.

"We will carry on regardless. It will be the largest society on campus and will cater for those students who are really interested in what Nusas has to offer.", he said.



Mr J.H. "Chum" Steere, the only surviving member of the Rhodes University College foundation class of 1904, with Miss Candy Miller, liaison officer at the Rhodes Johannesburg office.

Mr Steere celebrates his 94th birthday in July and has retired in Pietermaritzburg.

Student days at Rhodes in 1904 were rather more difficult than today. Mr Steere remembers bathing in a zinc tub after breaking the ice every morning. But he was lucky to have accommodation at all; a middle-aged classmate lived in a tent pitched near the College.

Mr Steere left Rhodes to work as a land surveyor for 66 years. "I have lived hard, but got plenty of

exercise and fresh air, and its to these factors that I attribute my good health. I have surveyed the whole of Natal and Zululand, every inch of it on foot or riding."

Mr Steere plays bowls three times a week, drives round Pietermaritzburg visiting friends and is setting down his reminiscences. This leaves little time for the watercolour painting which he so enjoys.

Despite the worldly experience of nearly a century, he has a refreshing sense of wonder.

"Just imagine," he said, "I read somewhere that a rocket-ship is made up of three million parts, yet we can simply press a button and send a man to the moon."

Literacy Breakthrough

A system for teaching literacy developed by the Institute for the Study of English in Africa is to be tested in schools in newly-independent Bophutatswana. The 'Breakthrough' system teaches Sub A children to read and write in their mother tongue, and prepares them for English reading and writing in Sub B.

This method is already used in the Transkei and Ciskei, work is being done on a Zulu version, and the Botswana education authorities are also interested.

The project's two researchers are Mrs Miriam Dakile, headmistress of Ekuthuleni Lower Primary School, Diepkloof, Soweto, and Mr Vic Rodseth, a senior lecturer in English at the Johannesburg College of Education.

The bridging of the gap between mother-tongue education and instruction in English was described as an educational breakthrough by Prof. A.R.W. de Villiers, director of the Institute for the Study of English in Africa.

Old Ichthyology Building Down

The old red brick building which housed the Ichthyology Department at Rhodes for 30 years has fallen under the demolisher's hammer. The area will be used for landscaped gardens.

Hundreds of papers were published from the old building and numerous research projects adding much to the knowledge of marine life were supervised from it.

A great deal of work was done on the taxonomy of sea fishes leading to Professor J.L.B. Smith's copiously illustrated *Sea Fishes of Southern Africa*.

The building was erected 83 years ago shortly after the Jameson Raid when Lord Salisbury's government decided to strengthen its South African garrison at Grahamstown. Four companies of infantry were posted to the city and a crash building programme to accommodate them was launched.

When war broke out a few years later the troops left for the front and the buildings stood empty for about five years. Rhodes University College bought some of the buildings to house the new university, but many were later demolished.

The building was used for many years by the Zoology Department as a laboratory for students doing practical work.

When Professor Smith resigned from the Department of Chemistry

in 1945 to take up a C.S.I.R. grant to work on the sea fishes, he was given a room in the building. He then took over the whole building as the bottled specimens he was working on filled room after room.

Among the many valuable specimens that found their way to the Department was the second coelacanth. Today it is mounted in a glass tank in the foyer of the new quarters of the Ichthyology Department; the spacious J.L.B. Smith Research Institute of Ichthyology in Somerset Street.

New Member of Council

A Grahamstown attorney, Mr L.B. Green, is the most recent appointment to the Rhodes University Council.

Mr Green is honorary treasurer of the Kingswood College Council, and chairman of the Council's finance sub-committee.

He has been a member of the Council of the 1820 Settlers' National Monument Foundation since its inception in 1969. Before that he was a member of the monument board of trustees replaced by the Foundation.

Mr Green is also one of the trustees of the Josie Wood Trust of the South African Library for the Blind.

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 Tuesday September 12, 1978 at 5.30 p.m.

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.

D.E.A. Rivett
Honorary Secretary

A cocktail party will be held afterwards.

Delta is a new student society concerned with community development that has done considerable work in Grahamstown and the Ciskei.

A founder member, Mr Guy Berger, said students have always helped raise funds for Rag, but their contribution ended when the money was passed on to non-student organisations.

"Rhodes has not had a channel for students themselves to get involved," he said. "While elections and Rag have come and gone, local beggars still remain and students are left feeling helpless."

The first major project started by group was a quilt-making scheme at Thornhill resettlement camp near Whittlesea. Using material offcuts and synthetic stuffing donated by factories or bought by Delta, three groups of 30 women each made about 90 quilts.

"We didn't show them much," said Delta co-ordinator Miss Nalini Naidoo. "We just sat chatting and sewing with them."

After suggestions by the students the groups elected committees which are now running the project.

The society has also started a newspaper, *Ilizwi Lase Rhini / Grahamstown Voice* directed at the black community. The first issue appeared in September and had articles on nutrition, buying food cheaply and hire purchase.

Three sewing co-operatives have also been established at Thornhill and have prompted one of the chiefs to give Delta a plot of land on which to build a centre for the women to work in. The building will also be used for community meetings and social gatherings.

Architecture students from the University of the Witwatersrand have offered to design the centre. Local resources will be used as much as possible in the construction.

Delta is holding a course in

bricklaying and a series of conversational Xhosa lessons in preparation. Letters of appeal have been sent to building companies asking for donations to help cover the project costs.

There are also plans for a crèche and cottage industry but these are hampered by lack of funds.

"Delta aims at self-help schemes which can become independent and self-supporting," Miss Naidoo said. "We're trying to avoid dependency through handouts."



Mr Miles Clark and a Thornhill resident at a quilt-making session.

Academics from South Africa, Rhodesia and Lesotho discussed ways of evaluating student performance at a conference of the University Teachers' Association of Southern Africa (Utasa) at Rhodes from January 31 to February 2.

A British educationist, Professor Ruth Beard of the Postgraduate School of Studies in Research Education, Bradford University, was the main speaker. The Utasa executive was chaired by Dr Beverley Wilson of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Professor Beard and more than 30 speakers from Southern African universities and colleges gave lectures and led seminars and workshops.

The conference was held to discuss the purpose of student assessment and new techniques for gauging student performance.

African languages

A Linguist and a Librarian from Rhodes have compiled the most comprehensive classification yet produced of all the languages of Africa. It is entitled: "African Languages: A Genetic Decimised Classification for Bibliographic and General Reference."

The authors are Professor Derek Fivaz, head of the African Languages Department, and Miss Patricia E. Scott, a specialist bibliographer in the field of African languages.

Their book lists 1 500 languages and shows that the continent has many more languages than traditionally accepted. It was thought there were only 800 to 1 000 African languages but research has brought to light many 'minority-languages.'

The book is only the third known specialist work of its kind. The first was a classification published in 1858 by Wilhelm Heinrich Immanuel Bleek, librarian to Sir George Grey, and Miss Scott's great-grandfather.

Rhodes Choir

The Rhodes Chamber Choir, which celebrates its 25th anniversary this year, has cut a record.

It includes a work specially composed by Hugh Magagulo, regarded as Swaziland's foremost composer, as well as sacred and secular music and folk songs from different lands.

The recording was done on the last day of the choir's trip to the Transvaal in July last year, in the church of St Peter's at the Lake.

The choirmaster is Professor Rupert Mayr, head of the Rhodes Music Department.

Founders' Hall request

Old Rhodians from Founders' Hall

A request is made to all Old Rhodians who were at any time members of Botha, College, Cory or Matthews houses to send their names and addresses to:

**The Secretary
The Founders' Hall Committee
P.O. Box 94
Rhodes University
Grahamstown
6140**

Please add the names and addresses of others you may know of who were members of Founders' Hall.



Obituaries

Mr J. Barnard

MR JEFFREY Barnard (1975) was killed in an army accident on March 20 last year while doing his National Service in Rhodesia.



Rev. H. Bollen

THE REV. Harold Bollen (1925) died in Cathcart in July after two strokes. He took ill while driving to the Callie Evens old age home for the weekly religious service.



Miss E.M. Brown

MISS E.M. BROWN (1921) died in November at the age of 81. Miss Brown was headmistress of Victoria Girls' High School from 1933 to 1950, and was a member of the Rhodes University Council for several years. She was a past president of the South African Teachers' Association.

Miss Brown did a considerable amount of war work in Grahamstown during World War II, and was commended for her contribution by King George VI.

When she retired from Victoria Girls' High School she went to live on the Natal South Coast. She taught at Park Rynie for 15 years, was an active member of the Black Sash and started branches of the United Party in Park Rynie and Scottburgh.



Mr E.Q. Davies

MR E.Q. DAVIES (1934) died at the beginning of last year. Mr Davies completed the B.Sc. degree and a U.E.D. at Rhodes. He won colours for athletics and played

rugby and cricket. He also represented Eastern Province as a fast bowler, and he was a member of the South African cricket team which played the last Australian side to visit South Africa before World War II. Mr Davies joined Iscor after graduating. He fought in the war and attained the rank of major. He rejoined Iscor at the end of the war.



Mr A.J. Duncan

MR A.J. DUNCAN (1969) was killed in a motor accident in Australia. Mr Duncan was working as an assistant mine manager and production supervisor at a mine in the north of Western Australia.



Prof. H. Erbe

PROFESSOR HELMUT Erbe, retired head of the Department of German, died of a coronary while walking on the beach at Mpekweni, near the Fish River Mouth, on January 6. He was 67.

Professor Erbe joined the staff of Rhodes as head of the German sub-department of the Department of Afrikaans-Nederlands in 1957. He was offered the chair when a separate department was formed in 1962.

He retired at the end of 1976, intending to devote more time to his favourite pursuits; translating Afrikaans poetry into German, and his vast collection of books covering the literature of most major countries of the world.

Among his published work is "Afrikaanse Lyrik" published in German in about 1960 and many doctoral poems. His doctoral thesis on the French Huguenots in Germany was published before the Second World War and is still a standard reference work on the subject.



Mrs E.M. Kidd

THE WIDOW of a foundation member of Rhodes University College, Mrs Edith Margaret Kidd, died in Grahamstown in June at the age of 100. Professor Stanley Kidd taught at St Andrew's College at the end of the last century, and lectured at Rhodes from its foundation until his retirement in 1932.



Mrs M. M. Opperman

MRS M.M. OPPERMAN (née Dixie) (1974) was killed in a motor accident on October 10 last year. She had obtained a B.A. and N.H.E.D. at Rhodes.



Dr D. Parbhoo

DR DAYARAM Parbhoo (1963), a lecturer in chemistry at the University of Durban-Westville, died after being knocked down by a bus. Dr Parbhoo matriculated at South End High School, Port Elizabeth, and obtained a B.Sc. degree at Fort Hare University. After doing honours in chemistry at Rhodes he completed a doctorate at Natal University, winning a scholarship for post-graduate study in Canada and another to do research in London. Dr Parbhoo leaves his wife Chandia and two daughters.



Dr M.A. Pocock

DR MARY Agard Pocock died in Grahamstown on July 11 at the age of 90. Dr Pocock, daughter of the first headmistress of Durban Ladies' College, was educated at Cheltenham Ladies' College and London University, and gained a doctorate in botany from the University of Cape Town in 1932. An authority on freshwater green algae and seaweeds, she

gained many honours for her work, and Rhodes awarded her an honorary D.Sc. in 1967. She was a Fellow of the Linnaean Society of London, the Royal Society of South Africa and many other learned bodies. She lectured at Rhodes at various periods, and was twice acting head of the Botany Department.



Rev. Prof. N. Robinson

THE REV. Professor Norman H.G. Robinson who held the Chair of Divinity at St Andrews University died on March 9 at the age of 65.

He came to Grahamstown in 1953 to follow Dr Horton Davies as the second Professor of Divinity at Rhodes University, a post which he held for three years.

Professor Robinson received his M.A. from Glasgow University in 1934 then proceeded to Queens College, Oxford, where he graduated B.D. at New College, Edinburgh. In 1948 he was awarded the D. Litt. by Glasgow University. In recognition of his contribution to theological studies he held the Honorary D.D. of Edinburgh University.



Mrs N. Wild

MRS NELL Wild, widow of the late Professor E.H. Wild, died in Salisbury on January 19.

Nell van der Merwe Craig took her B.A. at Rhodes University College before getting a B.Ed. at Cape Town. She then married a fellow Rhodian before returning to Grahamstown.

Mrs Wild served as Branch Secretary of the local National Council for Women (N.C.W.) and was National Secretary when the headquarters were in Grahamstown.

During the few years when Grahamstown had a Gluckman Health Centre she helped at the observational play centre for children.

Old Rhodian Union "150" Club

Background

Like other educational institutions worth their salt, we invite the alumni and staff of Rhodes University to join together in a fund-raising scheme that has proved generally very successful elsewhere as readily rewarding to both subscriber and institution supported.

Aims

The Club's aim is to support the University in a manner which, as implied above, is both interesting and - because it operates on a basis of regular deduction - not too 'pinching'. Every 150 members will generate approximately R18 000 a year for the benefit of the University, and that same sum is the absolute minimum we would have to generate from the outset in order **first** to maintain (together with a £500 annual donation from Old Rhodians in the United Kingdom) the **present** level of Old Rhodian bursaries disbursements. So, clearly, we aim for a membership well beyond the initial 150 to make the scheme really work. As a matter of simple arithmetic 4×150 members would

generate R72 000 in one year or -

three quarters of a million rand in 10 years.
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This scheme would actually eliminate the problem of further expensive and time consuming fund raising schemes. It is aimed at individual Alumni and Staff members. The money collected would be used by the Executive Committee of the Old Rhodian Union

- To sustain (and improve) the level of awards of bursaries to dependants of Old Rhodians
- To do the same for dependants of Rhodes University Staff
- Thereby to help parents in the above categories to cope better with ever rising fees.

How the club operates

- 1 Each member contributes R10.00 per month
- Either** as an annual lump sum payment at the start of each club year in January.
- Or** with postdated cheques covering

the R10.00 monthly contribution. Cheques payable to RU (ORU) 150 Club, ORU, Rhodes University

Or by monthly stop-orders in favour of Old Rhodian Union, account No.1003490378, at First National Bank, Grahamstown.

- 2 Each month there is a draw in which all members' names are included. Approximately one-third of membership contributions are paid out in prizes. At each monthly draw there is a First Prize (initially worth R500), and we hope, as membership grows, also second and third prizes as well as a bottle of whisky to be won by a member present at the draw. Draws will begin to operate as soon as membership reaches the magic figure of 150. The draw will normally take place monthly in the Senior Common Room.
- 3 To legalize the operation it is necessary that the members answer a simple question about Rhodes University.
- 4 It is necessary that members who join continue membership for a least one year. If a member decides to withdraw this to be done at the end of the Club's year 31 December. Members are reminded of this in the November bulletin each year.
- 5 The three-member Organizing Committee is elected by the members of the "150" Club each September and in rotation one retires each year, though eligible for re-election. This body has the power to co-opt.
- 6 Twice yearly bulletins (to coincide with the twice annual Old Rhodian mailings in May and November) are sent to all members. They contain a list of recent winners

and forthcoming draws are, wherever possible, linked to suitable Old Rhodian and Staff functions.

Conclusion

This scheme will be promulgated in the belief that it will assist greatly in promoting the interests of the Rhodes University community by fostering the new camaraderie/friendship which will be created among Old Rhodians, Parents and friends of Rhodes University.

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Rhodes (ORU) 150 Club

Name & Initials _____

(Please Print)

Address _____

Code: _____

- 1 I hereby apply for Membership of the Rhodes (ORU) 150 Club.
- 2 I accept the obligations of Membership and agree that I will remain a member of the Club unless events compel otherwise for each successive Club year (1 Jan - 31 Dec), unless I inform the ORU before the end of the Club year of my decision to discontinue Membership.
- 3 Method of Payment:
 - ☐ (a) I enclose a single payment of R120.
 - ☐ (b) I enclose 12 post-dated cheques of R10 each.
 - ☐ (c) I will make stop-order arrangements for R10.00 per month in favour of ORU Acc.No. 1003490378, First National Bank, Grahamstown.
 - ☐ (d) As a member of Staff of the Rhodes University, I will make the arrangement to have my monthly salary deducted to the amount of R10.00 by the University's Salary Officer.
- 4 To legalize the operation it is necessary that members answer a simple question about the University.

QUESTION: ***What do the initials ORU stand for?***

ANSWER: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____