

RHODES NEWSLETTER



Old Rhodian Union

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Renovations in keeping with character

MOVING towards the 21st century, is the description Rhodes architect, Mr Austen Jones, gives for a major renovation programme of the university's oldest residences.

Many of these residences had gradually deteriorated and amenities were primitive according to contemporary living standards. As Rhodians well know, many older residences date back to the early twenties and before.

A key feature in the renovation plan, however, has been a determined effort to retain the appearances and character of the various buildings.

The main alterations have been structured to provide more convenient accommodation, more comfortable living rooms and up-dated ablution areas.

The programme began in 1977 with the renovation of Jameson House and Oakdene which had been a private boarding house and was converted into a residence.

The nuns' infirmary at the old Training College was redesigned and major renovations converted it into probably the most popular residence on campus - Salisbury. Before the changes were completed, it was already fully booked. This charming building, dating back to 1895, is beautifully situated in the old T.C. grounds and also looks out onto 'bots' (the botanical gardens).

Oldest women's residence, Oriel (1915) has been restored to its former grandeur. The functions of some of the rooms were changed. As in Salisbury, where wooden floors and not concrete separated the different levels, car-

pets on two layers of underfelt have been laid to minimise noise.

The ground floor of Milner (1925) and Botha (1920) have been completed and College, the first residence built (1912) is now being refurbished.

Ancient plumbing has been a major part of the programme. Pipes have been replaced and drains relaid. In many cases the pipes were

almost blocked by layers of rust and the drains clogged with roots and earth.

Mr Jones has emphasised that the plumbing has been a constant source of trouble over the latter years and the only way to solve the recurring problems was to replace it.

The upper floors of Milner will be subjected to the builders during the Christmas vacation and in the following 12 months, Phelps, John Kotze, Lilian Britten, Matthews and Cory will be renovated.

Jan Smuts is a future subject for 'humanising'. It will be redesigned to consist of smaller units or flats rather than the present barrack-like and impersonal arrangement of rooms.

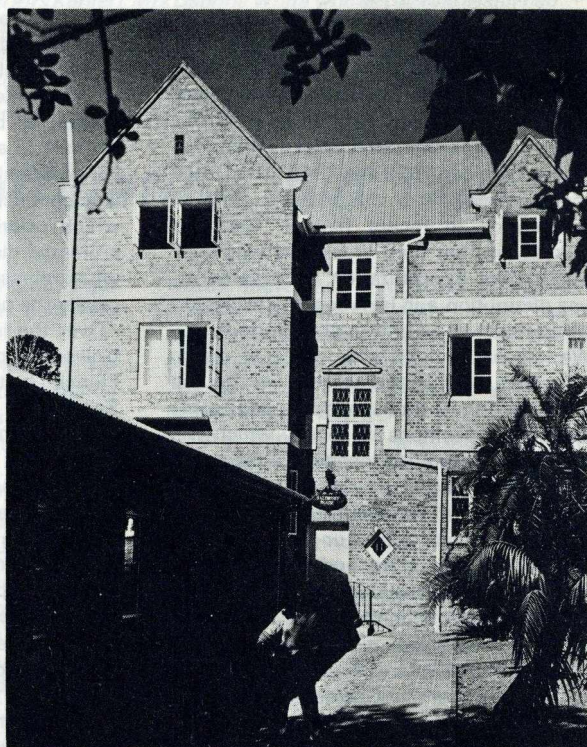
Winchester, part of the old T.C., has been used as the transit residence, but will 'come into its own' next year as a full-time residence.

A great deal of effort and thought has been put into making the residences more habitable and the furnishings and curtains have been carefully selected. Both the Vice-Chancellor and Mrs Henderson are taking a personal interest in the residences. Mrs Henderson has advised and helped choose many of the fittings.

Rhodes is unlikely to see any major new residences being erected in the near future. Mr Jones pointed out that there were cheaper ways of accommodating more students. Many of the buildings lent themselves to extensions. Possibilities were a new wing to College and an annexure to Oriel, he said.

Above: Recreation and common rooms have enjoyed a great deal of attention in the renovation of the older residences. Fittings have been selected to provide a comfortable and pleasant environment for the students.

Right: Salisbury House, formerly the nuns' infirmary at T.C., was redesigned and renovated. The University's architects have made a determined effort to make the residences as comfortable as possible. Awkward corners have provided places for ironing boards, small refrigerators and kitchenettes.



Blasphemy against the Spirit

Dr David Bandey conducted the annual university service in March. He was asked after the service if part of his sermon could be reproduced in the Newsletter since it was felt that is carried a pertinent message to all attached to Rhodes. It is with regret that we have to record his death in the same issue of the Newsletter.

TAKING as his text the verse 'The blasphemy of the Spirit shall not be forgiven' (Matthew 12:31) Dr Bandey preached that, contrary to common belief that this was a horrifying and rare thing, he believed it was very common and largely unrecognised, and was the sin of good, respectable people, like the Pharisees to whom Jesus was speaking. He had been accused of getting his power from evil sources when he healed the sick. Replying with anger, Jesus said it was ridiculous to say that a tree and its fruit could be of radically different kinds. What a man does is bound to express what he is.

Dr Bandey went on: "There are people all around you. How do you categorize them, classify them, value them? Is it by their colour, or language, or politics, or material possessions or academic achievements? Not one of those arises from the Spirit of the man; they are all consequences of external events - heredity or opportunity. To use them as a measure of a man is irrational prejudice, because you are not really measuring the man himself at all. It is blasphemy against the Spirit..."

"We Europeans look back on our history of bloodshed and conquest, of fraud and looting and exploitation, and we erect monuments to our ancestors. As Jesus said to his compatriots, 'You bear witness against yourselves that you are their children'..."

"And self-deception - calling ourselves good when we are doing what is clearly evil - is a blasphemy against the Spirit..."

"I believe that all this is especially relevant to a university. Our university should be a place where the storm-winds of the Spirit blow strongly and steadily, sweeping away every deception. Is it such a place? Can we trust universities to be like that, after what happened in Germany between 1933 and 1945? Then, they succumbed meekly to the grossest piece of self-deception in recent history. Germans have told me that their weakness was their specialization. Specialization necessarily involves diminution and isolation, the exclusion from attention of all that might interfere..."

"We receive considerable sums of public money each year, in the expectation that we shall prepare some thousands of young people to qualify for positions in society which will bring them money and prestige. We have to do this; it is for this that we receive the money. But when we think more deeply we know that it is not our primary duty. Our duty to humanity and to God is to gather and reflect the light of reality, which is the light of the Spirit. We have fulfilled our obligations to our students only when they have seen the world and themselves as they are. And ultimately that means seeing them as God sees them..."

"God calls us to get out from our mental tribalism, our intellectual sectarianism, our comfortable self-deception, to see ourselves

and other people and all things as they really are - that is, as Christ sees them. We need something like a "Christ's eye view" of our neighbours. In so far as we get it, much that we rank highly looks very trivial. Much that we cling to is blown away by the wind of the Spirit. And much that we neglect - the well-being of our fellow-men, for example - becomes intensely important..."

"It is not a university's task to propagate any particular religious belief or view-point. It is the university's task to open closed rooms. Sometimes it merely moves students from one closed room to another, and dispels old deceptions by teaching new ones. That, for a university, is blasphemy against the Spirit. Let us pray with all our heart that Rhodes University will lead men and women into the clear light and clean air of God's truth, so that they can see themselves and their neighbours and the world as Christ sees them - the Christ who knows their reality because it is through Him that they are created".

Honorary degree conferred on Monica Wilson

A FORMER head of the Department of Anthropology at Rhodes, Professor Monica Wilson, was awarded an honorary degree by the University of the Witwatersrand in April this year.

The degree, Doctorate of Literature *honoris causa*, was conferred on her for her role as scholar and teacher, and as a protagonist of liberal principles and academic freedom.

Professor of Social Anthropology at Rhodes and UCT, she was the first woman to hold a chair at both institutions. At UCT, which she joined in 1952, Prof Wilson was prominent in the University's Academic Freedom Committee.

Professor Wilson received an honorary doctorate from Rhodes in April 1970.

Smelling their way home

IN RECENT years the attention of many biologists has been attracted by the still poorly known mechanisms of orientation, which allow birds to direct their courses towards goals which are hundreds or thousands of miles away. Particularly amazing, is the so-called "true navigation", by which is usually meant the capacity displayed by many birds to keep a straight course towards their quarters when they are displaced to an unfamiliar area, never overflowed before.

Delivering the third Hugh Kelly Lecture, Professor F Papi, 1980 Hugh Kelly Fellow at Rhodes, said the problem of understanding the related mechanisms had been tackled either by experimentally testing particular hypotheses, or by systematically subjecting the animals to a variety of sensory deprivations. For practical reasons, the experimental work was conducted mostly on the homing pigeon, which offered the particular advantage of promptly displaying its navigational ability when released from an unfamiliar site. In most cases, the pigeon soon flew towards the loft.

Over the last 10 years, investigators of the University of Pisa, Italy, and of the Max-Planck-Institut für Verhaltenspsychologie at Seewiesen, West Germany, have been accumulating an increasing amount of evidence in favour of the idea that there are chemical cues in the air to direct pigeons, which perceive these navigational stimuli by their sense of smell. Various experiments have shown that pigeons deprived of their smelling capacity are unable to home from unfamiliar sites.

It is believed that pigeons are able to recognize the different patterns of olfactory stimulation over different areas, and to use these differences as an "olfactory map", which allows the birds, when displaced, to establish their own position with respect to home.



Professor F Papi

The "olfactory map" would be acquired by pigeons during their first months of life in the loft associating the odours carried by winds with the direction from which these winds blow.

Experiments aimed at testing this have shown that pigeons are actually able to associate an odour with the direction from which it originates. Moreover, as predicted by the hypothesis, pigeons kept in cages supplied with screens to deflect wind, or exposed to artificially reversed winds, show a corresponding deflection or reversal in their orientation.

Current work is aimed at establishing the nature of the olfactory clues the pigeons use to navigate and to ascertain if auxiliary mechanisms might occur, on which birds would rely when released from a very great distance.

Professor Papi is Chairman of the Istituto di Biologia at the University of Pisa.

Fine art graduates get ahead

OVER the past 19 years more than 40 M. Fine Art degrees have been awarded by Rhodes. Almost 90 percent of the graduates have obtained positions in art institutions, and of these more than half are in senior positions.

These include one head of a department at a university, three at technikons, three senior lecturers at universities and five at technikons. Another has been appointed director of the National Gallery in Salisbury and others include heads of departments at schools.

Considering the relatively few art teaching posts available in SA and the large number of students issuing from art schools, it is a high success rate.

Commenting on this, acting head of the department, Mr Jos Nell, said that probably the major reason was that students specialised in a particular field of art from their second year at Rhodes. With the four years necessary for the B. Fine Art degree, two years for the M. Fine Art plus an additional year for the Higher Education Diploma, it meant seven years training of which five years were spent specialising in a particular field. This all counted in the graduates' favour when applying for a competitive position in a given field.

For 1979 and 1980 there are 11 M. Fine Art students registered, the highest number ever at Rhodes.

In reply to criticism that this number implied a 'walk over' course, Mr Nell said he believed the high number of appointments among the graduates spoke for itself. He added that art graduates from other universities who registered for the M. Fine Art course found the standard of work extremely high.

The work of the staff of the department has also enjoyed considerable recognition. Last year, lecturer Ms Maureen Bradshaw, had a painting selected for the Cleveland Biennale in the United Kingdom which went on international tour after appearing on exhibition in Britain.

Dr Tom Matthews had work on the exhibition of SA Graphic Art which was shown in the offices of the SA consulate-general in New York and Houston, at the IMF Public Art Centre in Washington and at the World Art Exhibition Exposition in Boston.

Mr Nell had four paintings exhibited at the National Competitive Exhibition organised by the Southern Transvaal Association of Arts. Ms Margie Britz had four paintings selected by the same association for the Salon des Etoilés, and Mr Noel Hodnett had three photographs selected for exhibition in the National Gallery

in Cape Town, an exhibition shown in Johannesburg and Pretoria.

All the staff members participated in group exhibitions in different parts of the Eastern Cape. Currently their work, and that of their students, is being shown in East London at an exhibition organised by the Eastern Cape Association of Arts - theirs is the single largest display of any institution exhibiting.



At a simple function earlier this year, Mrs Joy Kohler (née Hopwood - 1944) handed over a portrait of one of South Africa's better known stage personalities, Leon Gluckman, who died in 1978. She and Leon were contemporaries at Rhodes and appeared in several productions together. Besides contributing to the Leon Gluckman Memorial Scholarship in Speech and Drama which was established by Leon's brother and his father, Mrs Kohler commissioned Robert Broadley to do a painting of Leon. Present at the ceremony were Dr Henry Gluckman (pictured with Mrs Kohler), Mrs Daphne White who as Daphne Mann had adjudicated some of Leon's early productions, members of staff and students of the department. Dr Henderson received the portrait on behalf of the university. It will be hung in the foyer of the theatre.

ORU Bursaries

THE Old Rhodian Union awarded three bursaries to Rhodes students this year.

The three recipients of the R250 awards were first year pharmacy student, Paula Addams from Umtali in Zimbabwe, Shaun Fautley, a third year B.Sc. student from Oudtshoorn, and Arthur Quick, a second year B.Sc. student from Durban who obtained distinctions in all four of his first year subjects.

Nusas affiliation bid fails

IT WAS touch and go in a referendum to get the student body to vote Rhodes back into Nusas.

Most interesting in the battle was the re-alignment of forces. No longer a straight battle between left and right, the liberals emerged as the chief and most vehement crusaders against re-affiliation to Nusas. The new alignment even caught the PFP (traditional supporters of Nusas) unawares and led to a clash between it and the PFP youth.

Dr Alex Boraine (PFP MP for Pinelands and father of the Nusas president, Andy Boraine), invited to speak for the pro-Nusas lobby, faced PFP youth organisers who accused him of being out of touch with facts and events.

Banners and posters decorated the campus. Drunken and apathetic rats depicted the anti-

Nusas movement. Pro-Nusas forces were branded radicals. Speaker rose against speaker, and many academics joined the fray pledging support for Nusas.

By 60 votes in an 80 percent poll, anti-Nusas forces won the day.

More controversy greeted the dawn however. The SRC was planning a UDN (unilateral declaration in favor of Nusas). The referendum results were not binding on the SRC, it was announced. The results were rigged, came a cry.

The SRC met and decided that the chairman, Mr Chris Butler, would attend the Nusas national convention later this year and present the objections raised by many of the students. He would report back on the position of Nusas in relation to the objections before any further decision was taken.

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Phys Ed association call

THE establishment of an association of physical education students has been proposed by a senior lecturer of the department, Mr Doug Coghlan.

The purpose behind the move is to help physical education graduates keep in touch and informed of one another's movements. The association could also publish a newsletter to keep past students informed of

new developments, the creation of posts and job opportunities in the field of physical education.

Mr Coghlan has said that he is prepared to launch the association and act as the link man.

All past students interested in the establishment of an association should contact him at the department (phone 2629).



NINETY pupils from the matric class of Lime Key School in Uitenhage visited the campus during the Easter vacation. They came for a glimpse of university life, and by request attended a lecture on bio-chemistry by Dr Ian Railton of the Department of Plant Sciences. Besides viewing the Coelocanth exhibition in the JLB Smith Institute of Ichthyology, they visited the Library for the Blind and the Albany Museum. Part of the group is pictured in the quad of the university.

Book on Lake Sibaya published

LAKE SIBAYA - the first integrated study of the limnology of a lake in South Africa - details work carried out on the lake from 1965 to 1978.

The book, published last year, has been edited by Professor Brian Allanson, Head of the Department of Zoology and Entomology and director of the Institute for Freshwater Studies. It is a combined effort by eight researchers who contributed chapters to the publication.

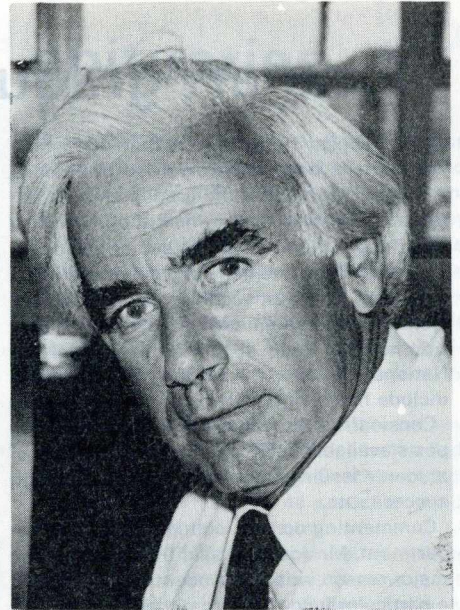
Among the 15 chapters, papers deal with the geological, botanical, hydrological, limnological, zoological, ichthyological and historical aspects of the lake. The utilization and conservation of Lake Sibaya are also discussed.

Donate a named bursary

IN these days of continually rising costs it is becoming increasingly difficult for many students to afford a university education.

The Old Rhodian Union is suggesting a scheme through which former students of Rhodes can help to ease the financial burden of their present day counterparts and their parents, and furthermore ensure that their names and their association with Rhodes University will be remembered by future generations.

According to this scheme a contribution of a minimum of R5 000 would allow for the provision of a 'named bursary' worth about R350 per annum at present. Smaller contributions are also welcome, but these would be added to the general Old Rhodian Union bursary fund. It



Professor B R Allanson who received the first D.Sc. degree in limnology in South Africa. He was also appointed chairman of the Scientific Committee for Maputaland earlier in the year.

Senior doctorate for limnologist

THE first D.Sc. degree awarded by a South African university for work in limnology was conferred on Professor Brian Allanson by the University of Natal (Pietermaritzburg) in May.

Prof Allanson is the Head of the Department of Zoology and Entomology and Director of the Institute for Freshwater Studies.

The senior doctorate was granted after an examination of his published work on limnology in South Africa over 25 years.

Professor Allanson began studying the rivers of the Transvaal in 1955 while working for the Council for Scientific Research. Since joining Rhodes in 1963, Professor Allanson has conducted research into Lake Sibaya in Zululand, the southern coastal lakes near Knysna and the large reservoirs of the Orange River.

should be remembered that the present total annual cost of attending university (including board) is about R2 000 per student. To this one still has to add costs of travel, books, pocket money, etc.

It is intended to invest the capital sum, along with other university funds, in the Rhodes Board of Governors' portfolio so that, as dividends improve, the value of the bursary will increase and should at least keep pace with inflation.

Donations and money for a named bursary could be paid directly or bequeathed to Rhodes University. Interested donors should contact the honorary secretary of the Old Rhodian Union to ensure that their donations will be tax deductible.

Business has a social responsibility

BUSINESS has a social responsibility and should refrain from those activities which, although economically profitable in terms of the traditional accounting calculations, have adverse and harmful social consequences.

Similarly, business is expected to perform certain socially desirable activities which will have a neutral effect on the economic goals of the firm and will probably result in a reduction of the firm's profits in the short term.

In his inaugural lecture, Professor Gavin Staude, Professor of Business Administration at Rhodes, also warned that the liquor monopolies, the inter-locking directorships of many companies and the extensive ownership of bakeries by milling companies were examples of the exploitative potential of business. In the process of economic development, there were side effects which could not be evaluated in money terms but to which business should no longer shut its eyes.

He added that the view that government should be responsible for all social action was naive and presupposed that government was omnipotent, flexible and administratively efficient. While there was no doubt that the government did have a role to play in legislating minimum requirements for business, the government was not always in a position to judge specific cases, nor to identify the dividing line between ethical and unethical. In addition, to assess the consequences of many manufacturing processes, highly specialised knowledge was needed - knowledge present in business but not in the corridors of government. He argued that the entrepreneur should be responsible for the consequences.

Professor Staude said that it was being increasingly recognised that business was not a separate entity which could selfishly maximise its own objectives but rather that it was part of a larger system.

As such the basic principles of systems theory often applied: business as a subsystem in society, had to limit profits and re-allocate resources so that society as a whole was better off.

Professor Staude is a graduate of Rhodes University - he obtained his B.Com. degree in 1966, a U.E.D. in 1967 and Honours the following year. He received his M. Com. degree in 1973 and during his sabbatical leave in 1974, obtained an M.B.A. at the Cranfield Institute of Technology in Great Britain.

He has specialised in the production, marketing, promotion and distribution of products and the relationship between production, management and consumer.



Professor T M Letcher (right) is pictured with Mr Georg Bleimschein, alternative fuels engineer of Volkswagen SA. The company has loaned Rhodes a diesel Golf to carry out research on diluting diesel with other fuels.

In a fix for a mix

VOLKSWAGEN of South Africa have loaned Rhodes a car to assist with research being carried out at the university on the dilution of diesel fuel.

Heading the work is Professor T M Letcher of the Department of Chemistry.

He recently explained that one of the ways of reducing South Africa's dependence on imported oil would be to dilute fuels with cheap combustible substitutes. At present methanol and ethanol are being considered. Both these mixers can be produced relatively cheaply. They dissolve readily with petrol and in Brazil cars are running on an E20 mixture (20 percent ethanol and 80 percent petrol). He added that 40 percent of South African cars (the Witwatersrand area) would shortly be running on an E10 mix. This required no modification to vehicles and would not reduce engine performance.

Unfortunately, the same solution cannot be applied to diesel because neither methanol nor ethanol will dissolve in this fuel. How-

ever, with the addition of a third liquid (or cosolvent) the problem can be overcome. Professor Letcher is investigating in the laboratory these bridging agents, many of which have been found acceptable. However, most of these are too expensive to produce in large quantities. Dilutions of between 15 and 40% have been tried in Volkswagen's Golf Diesel with excellent results.

The car at Rhodes will be used to test some of the diesel blends and to investigate engine performance, and wear and tear on the conventional unmodified compression ignition engine.

Volkswagen is also involved in internal combustion engine research using pure methanol and ethanol, and alcohol/petrol blends at the Uitenhage factory, and the dual methanol/diesel fuel injection research association with the Energy Research Institute at the University of Cape Town. The company is currently manufacturing vehicles in Brazil which run on pure ethanol.

How Rhodes and the Prince made news

ON THE eve of Zimbabwe's independence, a headline in the *Eastern Province Herald* announced 'Ex-Rhodes blonde Prince's dinner mate'.

Startling news indeed between cornflakes and coffee. Even more startling was to read that she normally prefers lions to men (and that was before the present team was on tour). Alas, Bonnie Prince Charlie.

Barbara Travers, a physical education graduate of the university, was the girl. Described as 'willowy, grey-eyed', her lecturers recalled to Jill Joubert of the *Herald*, that she was one of four Rhodesian girls taking the course. "All were extremely nice, attractive fledglings who still had to mature to promised good looks".

Ms Travers has switched careers three times. She turned to nursing after completing her studies and underwent a three-year training spell. She has left nursing and is now a representative for a pharmaceutical firm in Salisbury.

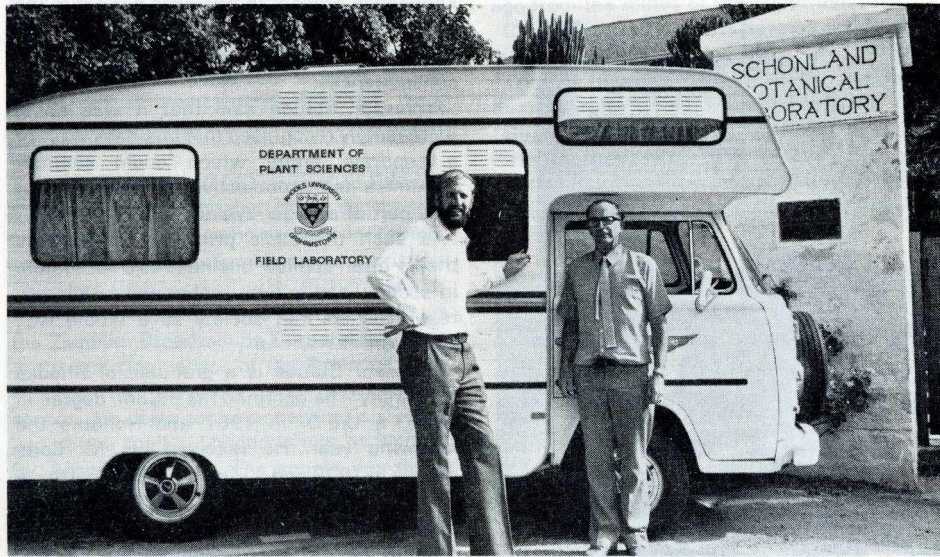
An attempt by the *Newsletter* to obtain a first hand account of the evening for its envious readers failed.

Laboratory on wheels

A MOBILE field laboratory, believed to be the only one of its kind in South Africa, has been delivered to the Department of Plant Sciences at the university.

The innovation was the brainchild of senior lecturer in the department, Dr Roy Lubke, who recognised the need for a fully equipped laboratory at hand while doing field research.

He approached a company of caravan builders in Port Elizabeth which produces a mobile camper and, without any major structural changes, the field laboratory was born.



The shower, hand basin, lavatory and oven were replaced by shelves suitable for research equipment. Besides gas taps, a CB radio has been installed. This will be used in conjunction with two portable sets for maintaining contact with workers using the laboratory as a base.

The R13 000 laboratory, which can still sleep four people, has a tent, an enlarged table and a small trailer.

The mobile laboratory pictured below with its creator, Dr Roy Lubke, Professor SC Seagrief, head of the Department of Plant Sciences, is on the right.

Rhodes staff open their homes to students

THE Rhodes University Women's Association is actively encouraging closer contact between staff members and their spouses and students.

A sub-committee has been established and the 29 houses divided between those women who expressed a willingness to have parties of students visit them at their homes. This has also meant contact between the hostesses and the wardens and the sub-wardens of the residences.

Already several parties of students have visited homes of staff members including

those of the Vice-Chancellor and the Vice-Principal.

Mrs Denise Dorning, warden of Oriel Hall, and a member of the sub-committee, reports that the scheme appears to be working extremely well and the students are enjoying the taste of home life.

Because Rhodes was largely a residential university, Mrs Dorning said that many of the students were far from home and seldom had the opportunity of getting away from the residences. "No matter how much one enjoys residence life, it can get a bit much at times," she commented.

Referring to the beginning of the scheme, Mrs Dorning said that it was suggested by the RUWA some years ago. Things were slow moving and time lapsed between the inception and implementation of the scheme. Because of this some people who had offered to have students to their home are no longer able to. Mrs Dorning said that any names of hostesses would be welcome and she could be contacted at Oriel House or by telephone at 4339.

The enthusiastic response by staff members, their families and the students indicates the excellent possibilities of the scheme.

However, Mrs Dorning has said that the smooth operation of the scheme is largely dependent on the house and sub-wardens' co-operation.

Private collection left to Rhodes

SEVERAL important Africana works and a comprehensive collection of books on all aspects of education have been left to Rhodes by former student and professor, Professor J J ('Koos') Gerber.

Prof Gerber died last year in George where he had lived since his retirement. He bequeathed his personal library to the university.

The University Librarian, Mr Gerald Quinn, said that it was an important collection, particularly to educationists, since it dealt with general education, the psychology of education, the gifted child and educational methods in education.

The collection also contained several publications now recognised as Africana. Among these is Ronald Lewcock's *Early 19th Century Architecture in South Africa*, an outstanding and historically important work.

Professor Gerber completed a UED at Rhodes in 1936 and obtained an M.Ed. at the university in 1948.

He lectured at Rhodes and became a professor in the Department of Education in 1961, a position he held until his retirement in 1976.

Gold medal award

PROFESSOR J V L Rennie was honoured earlier in the year by the National Monuments Council who presented him with a gold medal in honour of his services to conservation.

Prof Rennie, former professor of geography and former Vice-Principal of Rhodes, was the ninth recipient of this award which was instituted in 1969.

Dr Rennie can claim having been responsible for preserving some 40 buildings and sites in the Eastern Cape during the 19 years he was a member of the Historical Monuments' Commission and then of the National Monuments' Council.

Among the buildings he championed to have preserved are the Drostdy Gate, Fort Selwyn, the Old Provost, the Settler Methodist Church in Port Alfred, Queen's Park in East London, the Fort Beaufort officers' mess (now a museum) and the Old Graeme College and Victoria Junior School buildings in King William's Town.

Photos for College

LAST year was the 65th anniversary of College house. As a part of the celebrations, the house committee decided to start a photographic collection of "Collegian" activities through its history.

An appeal is being made to Old Rhodians to assist by donating or lending photographs depicting any aspects of College life, to be copied. There are photographs for each year between 1917 and 1924, followed by a gap until 1973.

Photographs should preferably be sent by registered mail to: The Senior Student, College House, Rhodes University, Grahamstown, 6140.

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B.Com. courses for E.L.

RHODES University will be offering a fixed curriculum B.Com. degree for part-time students in East London from the beginning of 1981. The degree will be aimed at students majoring in accounting.

The curriculum has been so structured that a student passing all the courses can complete the degree in four years although it is felt that most students should take five years to obtain their degrees.

The decision to expand the university's activities to East London, taken in March, will mean a small nucleus of permanent staff members in the city. The university has advertised for a Dean of Studies, who, in addition to his lecturing duties, will be in charge of the day-to-day administration of the East London office, a senior lecturer and lecturer in law, and a lecturer and junior lecturer in economics. In addition, the university is looking for part-time lecturers in business administration and business mathematics and statistics.

The Dean of Studies and some other full time staff members will be expected to live in East London while the rest will commute from Grahamstown.

Lectures will be held at the EL Technical College.

The cost of obtaining a degree will be the same as for students studying in Grahams-

town although the Grahamstown students pay an annual fee and those students registered in East London will be charged for each course.

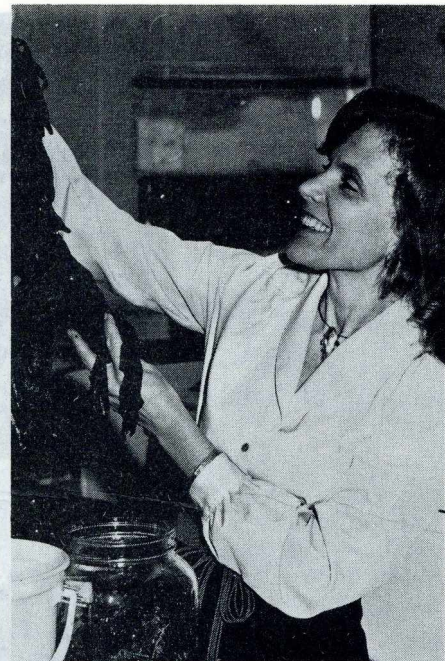
Rhodes has made no further commitment to offer any other courses in the city. Once the initial viability of the scheme is ascertained, the university will consider extending its activities with a particular view to that of continuing education.

Gratitude

RHODES wishes to express its gratitude to Mr Ashton Chubb and the members of the Ad Hoc Committee for Tertiary Education in East London.

He and the committee have been responsible for investigating the need and demand for an extension of the university in the city and have raised sufficient funds to meet the cost of the venture for the first three years.

The Vice-Chancellor, Dr Derek Henderson, has also expressed his appreciation to the East London community for its solid support and the East London Technical College for its co-operation.



Dr Sylvia Earle

High praise for 'ichthy' institute

DR Sylvia Earle, a leading algologist and world authority on whales, visited the JLB Smith Institute of Ichthyology earlier this year. Dr Earle, operating on the forefront of deep sea research, described the institute as "absolutely unique. There is nothing like it in the world". She paid tribute to the ingenuity, creativity and the sense of caring of the staff and added that the institute's existence said something very good about South Africa. "This sort of expertise is going to be prized. The time is coming when man will realise his dependence on nature and the institute is where he will come for the answers", she said.

All in the family

SEVENTEEN Rhodes degrees and five diplomas in one immediate family must surely be a record.

W I O Paterson (Headmaster of St Andrew's School in Bloemfontein) wrote giving the details.

He (1951) is the holder of a B.Sc. and U.E.D. His wife, **L R Paterson** (née **Angus** - 1949) a B.A.; his children: **T J M Paterson** (1973) a B.Sc., a B.D. and an M.A.; his wife, **L Paterson** (née **Liebenberg** - 1974) a B.A., a B.A. (Hons)

in Afrikaans en Nederlands, a B.A. (Hons) in English and an M.A. **A N Paterson** (1975) a B.A. and H.D.E.; his wife **G.M. Paterson** (née **Smart** - 1974) a B.A. and a Higher Diploma in Library Science. **J M Wales** (née **Paterson** - 1978) a B.A., a B.A. (Hons) and an M.A.; her husband **D Wales** (1977) a B.A. **A.W. Paterson** (1978) a B.Sc. and H.D.E.; his wife **S D Paterson** (née **Bedrick** - 1978) a B.A. and an H.D.E.

Phew! Any challengers?

Great get-together for July 1981

1981 is the year of the great Rhodes get-together.

The idea of a Great Reunion was suggested and it has been decided to plan this to coincide with the 1820 Settlers' Monument Foundation Festival next year.

The scheme has been greeted with enthusiasm by many Old Rhodians and it is hoped that everyone will plan their leave in advance and hot-foot it to Grahamstown to meet old friends and visit old haunts.

Although details of the scheme are still being worked out, Old Rhodians and their families will be able to stay free of charge in the university's residences. Meals, however, will have to be paid for.

Although the meeting of friends and the reliving of memories will no doubt occupy much of the revellers' time, the Monument Festival will provide alternative entertainment.

Watch the next *Newsletter* for **MORE DETAILED** information of the Great Reunion - an event which could be as exciting as those days spent at Rhodes!

Please complete the form to help the organisers gauge the degree of interest in a Great Rhodian Reunion in July 1981. By completing the form you are making no commitment, but indicating possible numbers.

Return to Public Relations and Development, Rhodes University.

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by courtesy of The Cape Times
Dr Jean Branford and the Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha. He was presented with a copy of her *A Dictionary of South African English* in May. They are sharing a joke about the entry "Botha's babes" which refer to the girls attending the military college at George. It was established during Mr Botha's term of office as Minister of Defence.

Of 'biltong' and 'brekers'

DR Jean Bradford's *A Dictionary of South African English* has been republished and is once again very popular. It has also received the distinction of being put on the list of permanent titles by Oxford University Press.

The first edition, which sold out less than a year after publication, was exhibited at the Frankfurt Book Fair of 1978, and the latest edition was shown at the Cape Town Book Fair in April. The new edition is considerably larger and contains roughly 500 new entries and 200 updates or expansions of existing entries.

Special treatment is given in this edition to the emerging vocabulary of black South African English and the terms in use in the defence force.

Being on the printer's permanent titles will mean the book will be updated and reprinted from time to time.

Listed recently among the top ten non-fiction bestsellers in the *Evening Post*, the second edition of the dictionary sold over 1 500 copies in the first three days after re-publication.

Telex link for Journalism

SHELL South Africa has donated R2 500 to the Department of Journalism for two telex machines.

It is hoped the machines will put the department in touch with the news media throughout Southern Africa and will serve students and staff with running reports on daily news events. One will be a send-receive machine, allowing users to send out freelance reports to newspapers and news agencies, and giving editors direct access to the department. The other will be on a private line from the SA Press Association, which has agreed to supply its agency news free of charge.

Another benefit will be in the field of publications. The department's quarterly journal the *Rhodes Journalism Bulletin*, could become a national medium of information and

forum for debate on journalism. The annual student magazine, *Inquiry*, will also be better placed to receive material from sources outside Grahamstown.

The send-receive machine will be useful in helping launch young journalists on their careers. Operating from the Eastern Cape, they will be in a position to send freelance news reports and features without delay to editors all over Southern Africa. The machines may also be used to arrange employment opportunities for student journalists and graduates on various media.

The donation by Shell South Africa is in line with the company's long-standing interest in journalism. The Shell Press Pictures of the Year Exhibition is sent to the Department of Journalism and Shell SA also contributes advertising funds to the departmental publications.

Top drama award for Prof Sargeant

PROFESSOR Roy Sargeant, Head of the Department of Speech and Drama, was awarded the prestigious Fleur de Cap Theatre Award for the best director of 1979 at a special ceremony in Cape Town earlier this year.

He received the award for his direction of Capab's repertory season plays, *The Relapse* and *Death of a Salesman*.

Mr Michael Atkinson, leading actor in both these productions, was awarded the Fleur de Cap Award for the best actor of the year. He has been a visiting lecturer at Rhodes on several occasions.

The awards are presented annually by the Oudemester Foundation for the Performing Arts.

Both Professor Sargeant and Mr Atkinson participated in Capab's most recent repertory season. Capab presented *The Shadow Box* by the American dramatist Michael Christofer, and *How the Others Half Loves* by Alan Ayckbourn both under the direction of Prof Sargeant.

Breakthrough programme now ten years old

IT IS the tenth anniversary of the Breakthrough-to-literacy programme developed by the University of London. This revolutionary teaching method was subsequently adapted by the Institute for the Study of English in Africa and is currently being implemented in five different South African languages.

The Breakthrough method has been adopted for Xhosa, Zulu, Tswana, Southern and Northern Sotho and the institute will have completed the necessary changes for Venda and Tsonga in 1981.

The research, which began in 1975, became known as the Molteno Project because of an initial grant by the Molteno Brothers Trust.

Besides adapting the Breakthrough method to South African conditions, it also developed the Bridge-to-English course. The project is aimed at teaching reading and writing skills in black primary schools in the mother tongue and then in English.

The institute is currently developing a third stage programme - Guided-writing-in-English.

More than 15 000 children in 128 schools in Transkei, Soweto, Bophuthatswana, Lebowa and the Eastern Cape, under the guidance of 295 trained teachers, are using the programme.

Three Molteno Fellows are responsible for research and organisation. They are Mrs Miriam Dakile, headmistress of Ekuthuleni Lower Primary in Soweto, Mr Victor Rodseth, formerly senior lecturer in English at the Johannesburg College of Education and Mr Graham Walker, also formerly of the JCE.

Walter Battiss sketching on the Drostdy lawns. He is a former head of the Department of Fine Arts at Rhodes.

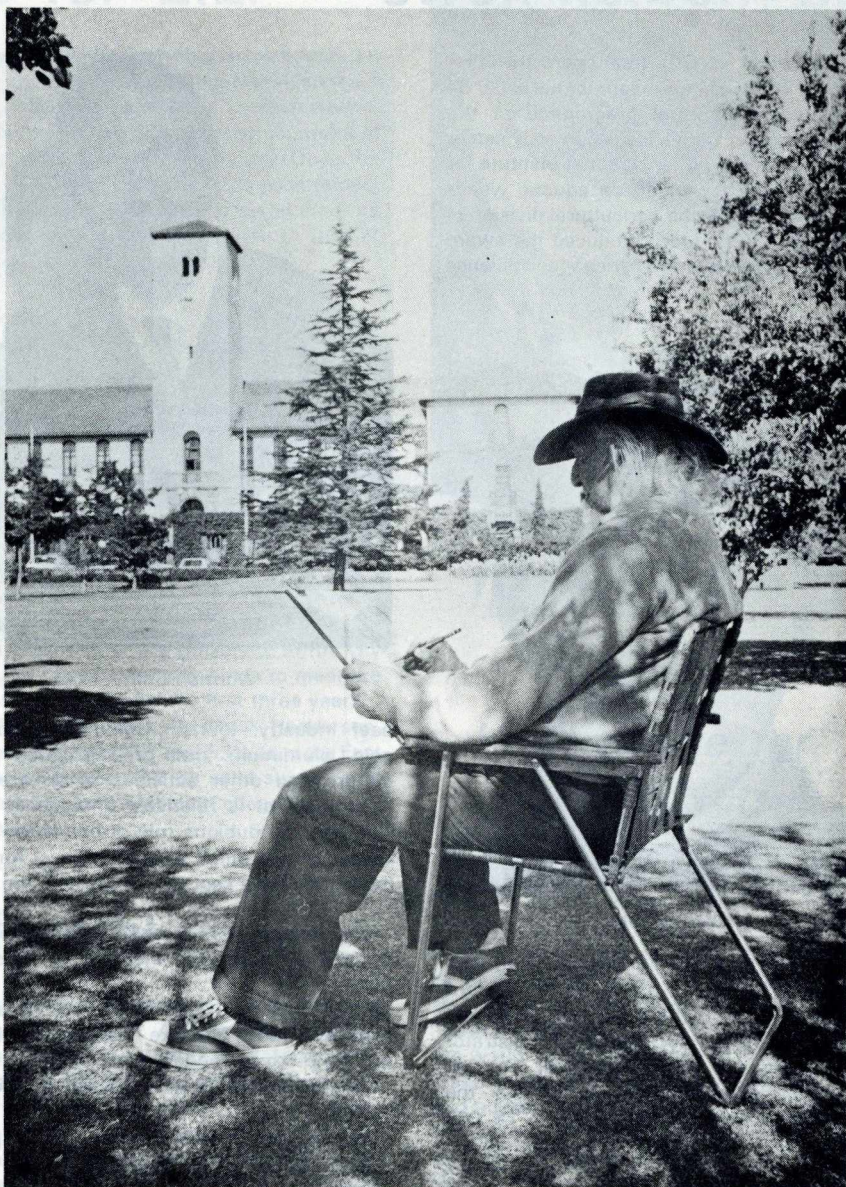
Walter Battiss puts Rhodes in the picture

WALTER Battiss was commissioned to paint a series of four watercolours of scenes on the Rhodes campus. A limited edition of prints of these will be available to Old Rhodians for a contribution to the Rhodes University Foundation. Some of the money collected will go to the Old Rhodian Union bursary fund. The donations for the prints will be tax deductible.

Walter Battiss was among the names of several artists put forward. He painted six scenes, four of which have been selected for reproduction. The originals will be hung at Rhodes.

Five thousand sets in a special commemorative portfolio, and a limited edition of 450 signed sets will be produced. The latter will be available for a slightly larger donation. It is hoped that all the sets will be sold over a number of years.

Small colour prints and details will be circulated to all Old Rhodians.



Hop, hop, hop around the clock

ANYONE observing the little sandhoppers going about their business at Bushmans River mouth, will have to greet them with greater respect.

They have been quietly contributing to science and within a short time these little crustaceans are likely to find their way into its literature and enter the arena of scientific debate.

During his stay at Rhodes as a Hugh Kelly Fellow in the Department of Zoology and Entomology, Professor Floriano Papi has been studying the orientation behaviour of the sandhopper (*Orchestia ancheidos*) - a continuation of his earlier work.

In 1953, he and a colleague identified the moon as one of the influences on sandhoppers' behaviour. In spite of the waxing and waning of the moon, and its changing position, sandhoppers have a way of 'correcting' for

these variations. The implication is, according to Professor Papi, that the sandhoppers have an internal 'clock' - a kind of programme which takes account of these changes. Sandhoppers isolated from moonlight for up to 15 days have still maintained their behaviour pattern in relation to the changing of the tides. Sandhoppers disorientated by artificial means, appear to reset their 'clocks' when again exposed to moonlight, Professor Papi said.

He has collected sandhoppers from Bushmans River mouth and found conditions in South Africa ideal for studying their behaviour. He said that the sandhoppers were active for a longer period in the year and the nights were longer and darker here than in Italy where he began his research.

One of Professor Papi's major fields of study has been on the orientation of homing pigeons.

'Mog' Morris wins Pulitzer Prize

A FORMER Rhodes student, Mr Edmund Morris ('Mog' to his fellow students), has been awarded a Pulitzer Prize, America's top literary award.

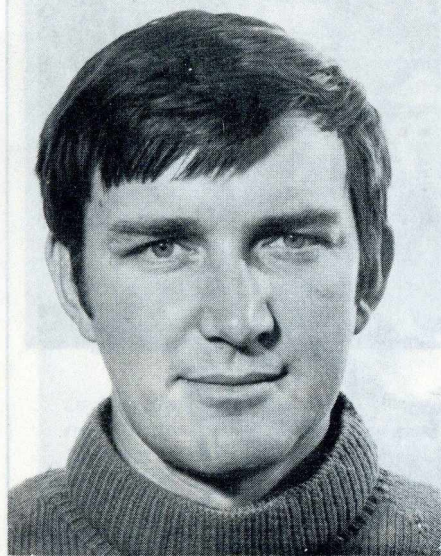
Thirty-nine year old Mr Morris was awarded the prize for his biography of Theodore Roosevelt. This book was widely acclaimed by book reviewers of some of the major American newspapers when it was published last year.

It is reported by the *Eastern Province Herald* that the book - *The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt* - grew out of a childhood interest when a "smudgy" portrait of Roosevelt evoked a passionate identification with America that a decade of residence in New York City has not entirely erased.

Mr Morris' work has ranged from science fiction and screen plays to advertising and mail-order catalogues.

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Peter Ashton (1970) has been the first recipient of the Elanco award for his paper on "The Hyacinth control programme at the Hartebeestpoort Dam". He is currently senior Research Officer at the National Institute for Water Research working on aquatic weeds and algae. Elanco, the agricultural division of Eli Lilly (SA) (Pty) Ltd, introduced the award this year to the Southern Africa Weed Science Society.



Peter Ashton

R J Barter (1973) and his wife **Ann (Hudson - 1972)** are living at Kununurra in Western Australia. He joined the state government and is Assistant Kimberley Regional Administrator ("an unfortunate title" he writes). The job entails developing an area - very remote - the size of Zimbabwe but with only a 16 000 population. His department is promoting the

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 Friday September 12, 1980 at 5.30 p.m. It will be preceded by a wreath-laying ceremony at the War Memorial at 5.00 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.

G M Gruber
Acting Honorary Secretary

A cocktail party will be held afterwards.



Norman Cliff

beef industry, tourism, mining (diamonds, gold, aluminium, iron ore), irrigated agriculture and other activities in an area of Australia that is relatively untouched. "My wife has the dubious role of housewife and keeper of two small boys", he says. Among those they have kept in contact with are:

Roy Pearce (1973) who is lecturing in finance at a tertiary institute in Western Australia.

Peter Brand (1973) and wife **Heather (Murray - 1973)** who are "happily computing and Ph.D-ing in London respectively".

Alan Bailey (1973) who recently married in Tanzania.

John Baxter (1975) has been appointed Sports Officer at the University of the Witwatersrand. He had been teaching at Alexandra High School where he began a Physical Education Society and trained athletes from the University of Natal. **Arthur Zimmerman** (1970) was the first Sports Officer to be appointed at Wits. He left in 1977 for Israel. John is the third person to take the post.

Leo Benning (1961) wrote giving information of himself and of seven Old Rhodians at SACS in Cape Town. Leo who teaches Afrikaans and physical education and coaches athletics and cross country, founded the Western Province Masters (Veterans) Athletic Association of which he is currently vice-president. He was also a member of the SA Masters Athletic team that competed in the third World Veterans Championships in Hanover, West Germany in July-August 1979. The other Old Rhodians at SACS are:

Trevor Aspelung (1977) who is teaching accountancy and coaches rugby and cricket. We are told that his claim to fame is being a qualified bricklayer.

Michael Chiles (1969) who is teaching mathematics and computer science. He was one of the founder teachers of Computer Science in the Cape.

Richard Ledger (1963) is head of the geography department and is involved in the Teachers' Centre and S.A.T.A. affairs. It was written that he has neither claim to fame nor notoriety.

Chris Lund (1972) teaches biology and physical education, and coaches the first XV rugby, water polo and swimming. He is master in charge of SACS cadet detachment.

Allan Mullins (1974) teaches mathematics and coaches the first, second and third water polo teams and rugby under 14 C and D teams. He has been the coach of the successful SACS under 19 water polo teams of the past few years. This team went on tour to Johannesburg in 1978 and to the Eastern Cape in 1979.

Dave Pinchuck (1977) is a teacher/psychologist teaching English and history. He is a committee member and a founder of Educational and Guidance Counselling Association.

Richard Burmeister (1977) joined the college at the beginning of the year and is teaching mathematics and physical science. He played South Western Districts rugby while in the army in 1978/79.

Julian Burgess (1966) is working as a carpenter in Whipps Cross Hospital in London and is living in Forest Gate. He would be very pleased to hear from Old Rhodians, who can find his telephone number in the directory.

Richard Busse (1963) was appointed regional manager for the dyes and chemicals division of Sandoz Products. He is based in East London.

L E A Callaghan (1968) has been appointed an executive responsible for industrial relations by the Midland Chamber of Industries. The appointment is a step in the chamber's programme to strengthen its secretarial function.

Norman Cliff (1949) settled in the U.K. in May 1976. He is the accountant of the British Rheumatism and Arthritis Association, a large charity which does welfare work among Britain's five million arthritics. He has had a book published on his experiences under the Japanese in China during the war - *Courtyard of the Happy Way* published by Arthur Jones Ltd. He is anxious to form an ORU branch in the UK. Those interested can contact him at "Hlala Kahle", 49 Lodge Avenue, Gidea Park, Romford, Essex RM2 5AB.

Gary Cooney (1977) has been appointed youth director for the Progressive Federal Party in Natal. He was vice-chairman of the party's Pinetown branch before his appointment.

Sean Coghlan (1973) has been appointed education officer of the 1820 Settlers' National Monument Foundation in Grahamstown. One of his responsibilities will be organising the Rank Xerox Schools' Festival of English. He taught for five years at St John's College in Johannesburg.

B Curtiss (1978) has taken a position at the Namib Desert Ecological Research Unit at Walvis Bay.

M T Darlison (1961) studied medicine at UCT after graduating from Rhodes. He practised in the UK and SA only to return to the UK where he is working at three clinics - ante- and post-

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natal clinics and the Well Baby Clinic "with the district midwife, and health visitor, plus a district nurse, social worker and myself comprising the care team". He is living at Twyford in Berkshire.

Jon de Gruchy (1960) is chairman of the United Congressional Church in South Africa and senior lecturer in religious studies at UCT.

John de Reuck (1971) and his wife **Jenny** (née **Gillmer** - 1973) have both joined the staff of the University of Durban/Westville. John recently completed his Ph.D. in philosophy and Jenny her M.A. in English. John is a senior lecturer in philosophy and Jenny a lecturer in English. After leaving Rhodes they spent a year in Germany and lived in Cape Town before moving to Durban. Jenny is the daughter of Mr and Mrs **Malcolm Gillmer** of Uitenhage. **Malcolm** (1948) was an outstanding rugby player representing Rhodes, Eastern Province and the Junior Springboks.

Sue Dickie (1977) is teaching physical education at Howick High School.

Denise Dorning (née **Chaplin**), **Phillida van Hoesslin** (née **Brooke**) and **Margaret Geldenhuys** (née **Gough**) recently had a get together in Grahamstown. Denise has lived in East Griqualand. Returning to Grahamstown, she became Hall warden of Atherstone Hall in 1975 and of Oriel Hall this year. Her son, **Warwick** (1974) spent two years at Cambridge and is currently working at the Documentation Centre of the Defence Force in Pretoria. Her daughter **Angela** is studying at Rhodes.

Phillida has lived in Cape Town for much of the time since she left Rhodes. She taught English at St Cyprian's in the city and has also worked for publishers, done freelance writing and broadcasting. She is currently editing the memoirs of John Blade Currey who was her great-grandfather. He was a personal friend of Cecil John Rhodes, having befriended the sick young Rhodes and given him shelter on the diamond fields in Kimberley.

Margaret has taught from time to time. She was a psychologist at Vista Nova School for brain injured children in Cape Town and has worked in the Department of English at Rhodes. Her daughter, **Paula**, is living in Italy. (see **Nanni**).

B H Downing (1961), former head of the Department of Botany at the University of Fort Hare, has left SA for Australia.

Owen Emslie (1957) is a leading squash promoter in SA.

D J Eve (1953) formerly a senior lecturer at the University of Rhodesia, has been lecturing in the Department of Chemistry from the beginning of the year.

Jeremy Fieldsend (1978) is back at Rhodes to do an MA in physical education. He is a stooge at St Andrew's. He is teaching at Cranborne High School in Salisbury.

John Fieldsend QC (1946) has been appointed Chief Justice-designate of Zimbabwe and is expected to take up his appointment at the end of July. He was an advocate of the High Court of Southern Rhodesia until he was made a judge in 1963. He resigned from

the bench in 1968 and went to Britain where he became secretary to the British Law Review Commission.

Ted Floweday (1936) retired in January 1979 and is now assistant minister at the Methodist Church in Pietermaritzburg. He writes that although officially retired, he is kept "pretty" busy with pastoral work and preaching. "I am also chaplain to the local prison where, so far, I have not met any Old Rhodians!"

John Frame (1976) took up articles with a firm in Salisbury after completing his honours and CTA. He was called up for national service in mid 1978 and served in the Rhodesian Air Force in a variety of functions - the more notable of which was as a team member in the computer operations room and as the secretary to the Staff Officer (Reserves). While doing national service he passed the Final Qualifying Examination in Accountancy. Since the completion of his service he has been attempting to complete as many hours of articles as possible between call-ups.

Brian Garbutt (1962) has been appointed Managing Director of Panther Footwear in Cape Town.

Howard Garmany (1970) married **Lynne Mosel** (1974) and is the manager of the Salisbury branch of Rhobank Ltd. Lynne completed her registration with the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain after spending two years in the UK and is now working in a local pharmacy.

Ed Goldberg (1973), his wife **Janice** and son, **Alon**, are living in Canada where Ed is working as a pharmacist for the Shoppers Drug Mart Organisation, one of the largest pharmacy chains in the country.

Hilary Graham (1967) recently made the news as a collector of toy soldiers. In pride of place among his soldiers is a Bengal lancer from the Skinner's Horse Regiment. He has over 1 000 toy soldiers in his collection which, it is reported, began while he was at Rhodes. **Hilary** is senior lecturer in art and design at the Technikon's School of Art in Port Elizabeth.

B M Handley (1960) has been promoted to senior lecturer in physical education at Rhodes.

Meg Hartzenberg (1968) has been appointed Librarian-in-Charge of Grahamstown Public Library. She joined the Cape Provincial Library Services in 1976 and, apart from a short spell away, has been in Grahamstown since 1970.

Graham Hayman (1968) has been promoted to lecturer in the Department of Journalism.

Francis John Hewitt (1938) until recently deputy president of the CSIR, has been appointed scientific consultant to Federale Volksbeleggings.

Douglas Hey (1935), former Director of Nature and Environmental Conservation in the Cape, has been appointed visiting professor at the School of Environmental Studies at UCT. He is chairman of the South African Nature Foundation's Scientific Advisory Committee.

Murray Hofmeyer (1946) returned to SA after an eight year term in London to become a member of the operating sub-committee which manages the day to day affairs of the

Anglo American Corporation. He was chairman and chief executive of Charter Consolidated. He won a Rhodes scholarship to Oxford where he was an outstanding sportsman - he was a double Blue (for rugby and cricket) and also represented England at rugby. He and Mrs **Hofmeyer** have three sons and two daughters.

Peter Honey (1972) is the representative of the Natal Daily News in Umtata.

Lynne Hughes (1971), a silver medalist in the SAU athletics, has resigned from Maritzburg College and taken up a post at the research station in the Kalahari.

P E Hulley (1958), who came from the University of Rhodesia, has joined the staff as a lecturer in zoology.

Keith Hunt (1958) was appointed an associate professor in the Department of History at the beginning of the year.

Benson Jarzyna (1973) and family are moving to Vancouver after he wrote the necessary qualifying examinations for British Columbia. He adds that the climate and general area will

Old Rhodian meetings

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

Bloemfontein

Mr W I O Paterson (77-831) September 19

Cape Town

Mrs A M Ransom (P O Box 3847)

Durban

Mr B Wicks (39-2513) September 12

East London

Mr T Armstrong (2-4221) September 12

Kimberley

Mr J B Hawthorne (28-157) September 12

Port Elizabeth

Mr John Blake (51-5141) September 5

Pretoria

Mr R E M Archibald (78-5305) September 1

Johannesburg

Mr J L Stead (788-5543) September 12

Pietermaritzburg

Mr R E Cross (2-1852) September 13

Bulawayo

Mr R K Gracie (P O Box AC 20, Bulawayo) August 7

Salisbury

Mr H H Hall (25-262) August 8

Windhoek

Mrs J Lewis (65-7426) September 12

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suit them more as nine months of winter in Northern Ontario "are hard to live with". Daughter Jennifer was born in January. He adds that he would be willing to correspond with any graduates liking information on pharmacy in Canada. His address is 946 Westview Crescent, N. Vancouver, V7N 3Z2, B.C., Canada.

Martin Jollands (1979) is teaching mathematics at Mansfield High School in Durban. He was captain of the SAU waterpolo team against Natal and was awarded a Protea. He was a finalist in the Sportsman of the Year competition at Rhodes last year.

I Kanfer (1967), previously lecturer in the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences, was appointed a professor at the beginning of the year.

Tony Koenderman (1961) writes to Richard Buckland (public relations officer at Rhodes) recalling that their paths crossed in Zambia several years ago. Tony married Christine Saunders who worked with Richard at the Federal Broadcasting Corporation and later on the Zambian Broadcasting Corporation. Tony is the assistant editor of the Financial Mail running the business and newsmakers section. He came to Johannesburg six years ago after a spell in London where he worked for Associated Press. The couple has three children and live in Randburg.

Mark Ledebor (1979) has gone to St John's College in Johannesburg in the place of **Rob MacLean** (1976) who has taken a post at St Andrew's in Grahamstown.

Deborah Lavin (1957) has been appointed Mistress of Trevelyan College, University of Durham. She was senior lecturer in history at the Queen's University in Belfast.

Mike Lloyd (1937) retired as the editor of the Diamond Fields Advertiser at the end of 1977 and began a new career. He was ordained into the Anglican Church (deacon in December 1977 and priest in December 1978) and is now an assistant to the Dean of the Cathedral Church of St Cyprian the Martyr in Kimberley. He is, he says, working harder than before he retired. He has varying jobs, among them Anglican chaplain to the Kimberley Hospital.

Gail Lombard (née **Billson** - 1971) is living at Amanzimtoti with her family where she has the job of teacher-librarian at the one English medium high school. She completed a School Library Diploma through UNISA last year. In a letter to Professor Winifred Maxwell, she writes of several other Old Rhodians:

Penny Morgan (1971) left librarianship after two years as librarian for the *Financial Mail* and had become a reporter on the *Business Times*. "She has a lovely flat in Illovo and races around Jo'burg in a dreadful Volkswagen, putting the fear of God into her passengers and fellow motorists alike!" Gail wrote.

Sally Saunders (now **Boule** - 1969) is reported as having two sons and still manages to have time to become very involved in amateur dramatics.

Cheryl Christal (1969) won an Alfred Beit scholarship to do honours at Reading University where it is believed she is continuing her studies.

Brian Tarr (1972) and wife, **Sue** (née **Sturrock** - 1970), have three children and are living in Westville. They gave news that **Wendy Young** (née **Dalton** - 1968) is teaching at an American school in the south of England.

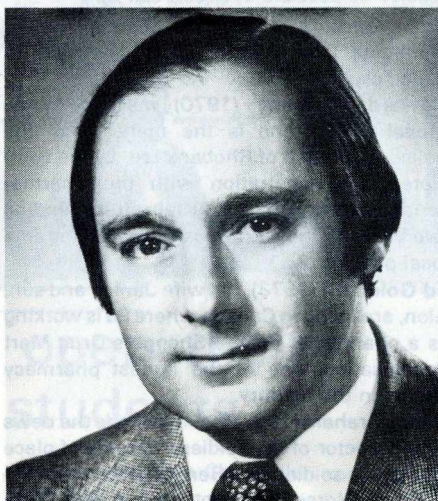
Penny Thomas (1974) with her husband and two daughters were still in Zimbabwe when Gail wrote to Prof Maxwell. Penny was "rushing around holding gym and swimming classes".

Rosheen Hurford (1971) and husband **Keith Gray** (1971) moved to Pinetown several years ago from the mines of the Transvaal.

Carol Maynard (1971) is married and honeymooned overseas.

Trinette (née **de Villiers** - 1973) and **John Evert** were expecting a second child.

Geraldine (née **Moser** - 1971) and husband **Pete Southey** (1970) have left Zimbabwe and are living in Port Elizabeth where he is credit manager for Nedbank. They have three children.



Tom Maxwell

Joy Maclean (née **Peacock** - 1946) has had an historical work *The Guardians* published and is working on two other books on the history of Umtali. This, and work on the farm, keep her busy and she does police reserve duties regularly in the radio room at Odzi police station. She was appointed a Senator in 1977 and remained in that position until April 1979.

Willie Marais (1969) an industrial psychologist and, previously a specialist in the Old Mutual's personnel department, has been promoted to manager/personnel evaluation at the Old Mutual. From 1969 to 1973 he was a freelance photo-journalist in Grahamstown and the *Daily Dispatch* correspondent.

Zoë Marchand (née **Bissett** - 1948) ended her term of office as the first woman mayor of Sandton in March. This period coincided with the tenth anniversary of Sandton as an independent town. Her daughter, Susan, was awarded her MB B.Ch. degree at Wits in November.

Tom Maxwell (1963) is attracting "sell-out audiences that would be the envy of any Hollywood show promoter" according to the *Toronto Star*. In an article it is reported that top economists are attracting huge audiences

with seats selling at about \$200. "You're expecting maybe Bo Derek, Billy Graham or Dr Christiaan Barnard? Wrong... Tom Maxwell is vice-president and chief economist of this country's biggest think-tank, the Conference Board of Canada. He is about to explain his latest prognosis on our economic health. It's a grim message..." writes Helen Henderson. Yet, she adds, Maxwell, along with other Conference Board specialists, regularly attract sell-out audiences.

John McCormick (1977) and his wife **Lesley** (née **Robertson** - 1976) have left South Africa and are living in Britain where they expect to be for several years.

Barbara McGahey (née **Godden** - 1954) has been appointed the Grahamstown diocesan secretary. She joined the diocesan office in 1972 and was a member of the cathedral congregation when she was a student at Rhodes.

Don Mackay-Coghill (1960) is the chief executive of Intergold, the marketing arm of the Chamber of Mines.

A R McMillan (1957) has been appointed Solicitor-General in the Attorney-General's Office in Zimbabwe. In 1958 he joined the Department of Justice in Rhodesia and was later admitted to the Bar and was posted to the Attorney-General's office in 1960. He has held the post of public prosecutor and registrar to the Chief Justice, Sir John Murray. He also lectured part-time at the University of Rhodesia.

W G Meintjes (1968) has been promoted to lecturer in the Department of Afrikaans en Nederlands.

D M Morrell (1948) has been appointed an inspector of education by the Orange Free State Department of Education. He is involved in English First Language, Latin, French and Speech and Drama. He has two daughters at Rhodes - Susan, doing English III and Psychology III, and Ruth studying to be a kindergarten teacher.

Mervyn Muller (1946) has won the British Amateur Vintage Squash Championship at Wembley at the age of 55. While at Rhodes he excelled in athletics, specialising in hurdling. He represented Rhodes, Border and the Eastern Province.

Audrey Alison Murray (née **Turner** - 1930) is author of many books and short stories. Her book, *The Blanket*, was widely acclaimed in Britain, America and South Africa and appeared in several translations. It was among ten books in 1959 granted an American award by the Secondary Education Board in 1959, together with *Dr Zhivago* and *Laurens van der Post's Lost World of the Kalahari*. Among Audrey's other books are *Anybody's Spring*, *Hat over the Moon* and *Reach Me a Gentian*. She is living in France.

Paula Nanni (née **Geldenhuys** - 1971) won a scholarship and studied at the University of Florence in Italy where she did a degree in comparative literature and languages. She married her Italian husband, Carlo, in 1976 and the couple now has a son. Paula is teaching part-time at Liceo, a high school in

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The Orange Room at the Rhodes University Club was recently the scene of a gathering of three generations of Rhodians. The occasion was the 21st birthday party of final year art student, Corinne Withaus, to which friends and family were invited. Ethel "Peanut" O'Grady (née Allnutt) first registered at Rhodes in 1920 and was one of the first batch of students to enter Jamieson House when it was opened in 1921. Thirty-one years later her daughter, Geraldine (now Withaus) registered for a BA and stayed in Jamieson. When Corinne registered in 1977 she went into Beit because Jamieson was being renovated. In all, between the O'Grady and Withaus families, ten members have been, or are at, Rhodes. One of the members of the family, Edith Allnutt, was a double springbok (squash and athletics) and Rhodes Rag queen.

Florence. Recently, she had a children's book published which was illustrated by a friend. Exhibited at the Frankfurt Book Fair, it has been bought by publishers in Britain, Norway, Sweden, France and Germany. The book was initially bought and published by a Swiss company.

Tony Newman (1965) has been appointed head of the Vehicle Sales Division of Volkswagen South Africa. He was previously Sales Operations Manager.

Marion Nixon (1974) is training in business management in East London.

Robert Nixon (1977) has won a Fulbright scholarship to do an M.A. and doctorate in the United States where he will be for three and a half years.

'Lofty' O'Connor (1971) has been appointed as a lecturer in physical education at Maritzburg College.

Jock Omond (1932) has been invited to umpire at Wimbledon this year. He joined the Eastern Province Umpires Association in 1957 and has been a regular member of the body since then. He officiated at Wimbledon in 1973.

John Penberthy (1976) who was Student Societies Liaison Officer at Rhodes in 1979, has taken up a new appointment at the University of Cape Town as Sports Officer. He majored in physical education.

Rex Pennington (1942) will be giving up his position as headmaster of St Peter's Preparatory School to launch the new co-

educational Soweto Commercial High School. Project "Pace" (Planned Advancement of Community Education), the brainchild of the American Chamber of Commerce, aims to provide comprehensive commercial education of a high standard to children of average and above average ability to facilitate their assimilation into the business community. One of the main objectives will be to meet the needs of pupils who have suffered political, social, economic and educational disadvantages. Mr Pennington went to Oxford after Rhodes. He became a rector of Michaelhouse.

A J Penny (1963) who was a lecturer at the University of Fort Hare, has joined the staff of the Department of Education. He is also Master of Founder's Hall.

Tony Petter-Bowyer (1959) made an appearance in the columns of the *Sunday Times*. He is managing director of a plant hire concern in Saldanha.

Marguerite Poland (née Oosthuizen - 1970) has had a children's book published - *The Mantis and the Moon*. It is the first in a series called Ravan Books for the Children of Africa. A review in the *Eastern Province Herald* described her as having "combined a powerful talent for telling a story in simple and eloquent language with a wealth of knowledge of the animals and insects of the bush". The aim of the Children of Africa series is to make children more aware of their own heritage, identifying with the veld and buck rather than with snow and robins. Marquerite is the

granddaughter of one of the original students of 1904, Victor Brereton.

Peter Robinson (1957) former headmaster of Sinoia High School was appointed headmaster of Marandellas High School in Zimbabwe.

Colleen Roebuck (née Vaughan - 1937) had her radio play *A Requiem is Requested* selected as the SABC's entry for the International Festival at Lecce for the 'Prix Italia' last year. During the last world war she joined the Women's Auxiliary Army Services. She married in Egypt. Since then, she has spent many spells in Africa, Europe and Australasia accompanying her civil engineer husband and teaching, lecturing and writing with special interest in youth speech and theatre projects. In 1964 Colleen received the award of the English Association and in 1967, the Olive Schreiner Award for her novel set in a remote West African village. Her other writing includes work on school text books and of the Western Cape, where she and her husband have a small apricot-producing orchard.

H G Ruthrof (1969) has been appointed Dean of the School of Human Communication, Murdoch University, Perth, Western Australia.

Pat Scott (1978) has been appointed a junior lecturer in the Department of Physical Education at Rhodes where she will be doing honours. She was lecturing at Edgewood Training College in Durban.

Malcolm Spence (1957) is a sugar farmer at Richmond in Natal. He has five children and his youngest son, David, has broken the under ten 800m record in Durban.

Coert Laurens Steynberg (1928) in one of SA's most famous sculptors and held an exhibition in April to celebrate his 75th birthday. He displayed 40 sculptures at a Pretoria gallery, and put a number of his big-bulk works in the garden of his Pretoria North home. He specialises in larger-than-life works. After leaving Rhodes, he studied at the Royal College of Arts in London under Henry Moore.

P G Surtees (1961) was in private practice in Bloemfontein and is now lecturing accountancy at Rhodes.

Peter Sutherland (1963) is now lecturing in educational psychology at St Mary's College of Further Education, Twickenham, London.

Murray Sutherland (1967) is a sub-editor on the *Canberra Times*, Canberra, Australia. He travelled 19 000 miles in North America by coach last year.

Theo Swanepoel (1978) has been appointed the rugby organiser at the University of Natal.

Brian Kibbey Taylor (1964) and his wife, Sue, are living in Johannesburg - they have two delightful daughters, Lynne and Claire. Kibbey recently received an M.B.A. from Wits and is a marketing manager for a major mining company.

Chris Terry (1970), teaching at St Andrew's College in Grahamstown, won the top award for bagpipers in South Africa earlier this year. He is a frequent visitor to Scotland where he competes against pipers of world class. He has two daughters.

old rhodian news



A reunion of some 180 Old Rhodians took place in Cape Town last year. Pictured with Professor Margaret Smith who addressed the gathering are from the left: Prof Ferguson (chairman), Mrs Ferguson, Prof Smith, Mrs and Mr Selfe.

Christopher Till (1976) was recently appointed director of the Rhodesia National Gallery, making him one of the youngest gallery directors in the world. He has an ambitious idea of turning Zimbabwe into the world's "shopwindow" of African art. Besides plans to build a R1 million extension to the arts complex, he has plans to stage big exhibitions of African art abroad.

Margaret van der Merwe (née Gebbie - 1968) has been appointed to run a specialised microbiology unit within the existing Willards laboratory complex in Zimbabwe. Margaret worked with the chemistry and soil science section of the Department of Research and Specialist Services until 1971 when she joined Colcom as chemist and microbiologist.

Hendrik van der Merwe (1969) worked for two years in the Rhodesian Civil Service and after a teacher's diploma at the University of Rhodesia, went as an Afrikaans language teacher to Churchill Boys' High School in Salisbury.

Christopher van der Spuy (1978) is the Regional Organiser of the Progressive Federal Party in the Western Cape. He was teaching at the Victoria Park High School in Port Elizabeth.

Lee van Rensburg (1974) was awarded a Master of Philosophy degree at Drew University in October. His post-graduate plans were to continue his ministerial duties at the United Methodist Church in Barryville, N.Y. and studying for his Ph.D at Drew. He previously served as a minister in the Methodist Church of South Africa.

Rollo Venter (1958) is Advertising Manager of SATV Manufacturing Company Ltd.

R S Ward (1975) was awarded a D. Phil. by St John's College, Oxford, over two years ago. He continued his studies as an Oxford Junior Research Fellow and more recently has taken a position at Trinity College in Dublin.

Kinton Weakley (1961) continues to represent Border at cricket. Recently, when on long leave, he played cricket in England. He was in the SAU team that played New Zealand in 1961/62 and also represented Griqualand West in 1971/72.

Eddie Webster (1967), after graduating at Rhodes, read P.P.E. at Balliol College, Oxford, and B.Phil. at York University. He is now a lecturer in industrial sociology at Wits.

Jeni Webster (1969) took a diploma in Psychiatric Social Work at Manchester University after graduating at Rhodes. She is now working at St George's Hospital, Wandsworth, and lives in Wimbledon near London.

Sally Welsh (1979) has taken up her first post teaching physical education in Pinetown. During December she was awarded a Protea for diving during the SAU match against Natal. She was a finalist in the Sportswoman of the Year competition at Rhodes last year.

Bernie Wheeler (1978) is teaching physical education at Durban Boys' High, which is considered one of the top physical education posts in Natal.

Charles van Onselen (1966) is the man to tell one about prostitution, drinking, and gangs in Johannesburg, we are told, provided one is interested in the years 1980 to 1920. According to *The Star*, he is working on a two-volume social history of turn-of-the-century Johannesburg. He is the Head of the African Studies Institute at Wits. He obtained a doctorate at Oxford and was a Fellow at Yale.

Dave Whittal (1978) took honours at UCT where he is currently busy with an M.Sc. course in nuclear physics.

Gordon Wiles (1929) retired from the faculty of Connecticut College in 1975 and is living in East Lyme, Connecticut.

Bill Yeowart (1958), a Governor of the Rhodes University Foundation, has been elected the chairman of the Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce.

Stewart Young (1962) has been awarded a doctorate in music which is reported to be quite rare. After beginning a B.Sc. course at Rhodes, he graduated B.Mus. from UCT. His thesis was on a reappraisal of tempo in the music of Beethoven and Schumann and the research took him to many parts of Europe. He lives in Cape Town and teaches music at Bergvliet High School.

obituaries

David Bandey, a chaplain at Rhodes for four and a half years, assistant tutor to the Methodist "theologs" and a part-time lecturer in the Department of Divinity, died at the end of May.

Born in Hertfordshire and a graduate of King's College, London, and Manchester University, he spent three and a half years in India where he met and married his wife. Severe sunstroke and TB forced him to SA where, after a short visit back to England, he remained.

After his spell at Rhodes, in 1966 he became principal of John Wesley College in the Federal Theological Seminary of Southern Africa where he made his mark as a teacher, diplomat and ecumenical statesman.

He retired in 1973, but continued to take an active part in many institutions. He was a part-time lecturer at St Paul's College for many years and more recently at Rhodes.

He leaves his wife and two married sons.

Ben Beinart, professor of law at Rhodes from 1945 to 1949, died in London in November last year. After 24 years of service at UCT, in 1974 he took up the Barber chair of jurisprudence at the University of Birmingham. He was to have received an honorary doctorate from UNISA in December where he had been dean of law for two years. He is survived by his wife, a son and two daughters.

Patrick Bertoud (1963) died in the UK. After a period on the staff of the University of Rhodesia, Patrick joined the Open University, UK, in 1972, and rose to be associate dean in the Faculty of Arts. "His outstanding administrative talents and his keen sensitivity to academic issues made him a pillar of strength in a time of expansion and upheaval, and a colleague and friend on whom I totally depended," writes Prof Arthur Warwick, dean of the faculty. Patrick, a keen Roman Catholic, was working on a book on the novelist, Graham Greene, at the time of his death.

Dr C M Doke, an honorary graduate and one of the most eminent scholars of black languages in Southern Africa, died in East London in February.

Dr Doke spent his first eight formative years at a Baptist mission among the Lamba in Zambia and came to know their language well.

After a period at the London School of Oriental Languages, he was appointed lecturer in bantu languages at the University of the Witwatersrand in 1923.

During his life-time Dr Doke published a steady stream of works on the Lamba, Ila and Zulu languages, including his textbook on Zulu grammar which for many years was a standard work.

He also translated the entire Bible into Lamba. His last work - published when he was 80 - is *Trekking in South Central Africa, 1913 to 1919*.

He retired to Alice 26 years ago and moved to East London with his daughter six years ago.

Dr Doke is survived by four daughters, 18 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

obituaries

Daniel Rowe English ("The Major") a lecturer in applied mathematics from 1966 until his retirement in 1978, has died.

Born near Bulawayo in 1912, he was educated in England and studied engineering at Cambridge. He took a commission in 1933 and was posted to India in 1935. He saw service in North Africa during the war and returned to India after an injury. After the war and the partitioning of India, he was seconded to the Pakistani forces.

He retired from the army in 1950 and farmed for 10 years in Zimbabwe.

In 1960 he left farming to study and take up teaching. His first post was at the Fletcher African Senior School at Gwelo which he left to come to Rhodes.

He leaves his wife and four children.

Brian Goble (1970) died at Megavissey in Wales last year at the age of 46. He was a great sportsman and achieved international standing as a cricketer.

After school he trained as a stockbroker and ran his own companies. At the age of 33 he entered Rhodes and studied for the ministry. He was ordained in 1971 and took charge of Howick Presbyterian Church. In 1976 Brian became minister of St George's Presbyterian Church in East London.

He left South Africa and entered the ministry of the United Reformed Church in the UK and became minister of Megavissey in July 1978 where he ministered for 15 months before his death.

He was an outstanding cricketer; he played for South Africa against five international touring sides; his two greatest achievements were that he scored the fastest century against the touring Australian side of 1958 - he scored 104 in 114 minutes - and in 1965 when playing against the MCC he took four wickets for 30 runs. In his funeral address, Rev Michael Hubbard wryly commented "as an Englishman I am not sure if we can give thanks to God for that!"

He is survived by his wife, **Rosemary (Foreman)** - 1958) and four children.

Colin Kinghorn (1952) died in Johannesburg at the end of February after a short illness. He was a senior member of the Johannesburg Bar Council. He was a Rhodes scholar in 1953 and attended Lincoln College, Oxford. He was admitted to the Bar in South Africa as an advocate in 1958 and was a member of the Johannesburg Bar Council for many years. He is survived by his widow and two children.

Dr M E McKerron (1915), one of six women to receive an honorary doctorate from Rhodes, Old Rhodian and one-time lecturer in education, died in Settlers' Hospital on May 21. She was 84.

Having obtained the gold medal for top scholar at the Molteno Public School, Marjorie Martinus finished her schooling at Queenstown Girls' High, went to Rhodes University College to take a degree and teaching certificate and was one of six to gain distinctions in the old first class Teachers' Certificate.

She taught at Queenstown Girls' High and then at the Good Hope Seminary, and later

spent one of the most worthwhile and interesting years of her life doing tests in London for the National Institute of Industrial Psychology.

She returned to Rhodes as a lecturer in the Department of Education where she won the admiration and respect of all her students.

Marjorie Martinus married Professor Grant McKerron, professor of law at Rhodes. At the start of the last war she was asked to take a temporary post teaching Latin at St Andrew's College. She stayed for 20 years. She served on the Victoria Girls' High School committee for 47 years, 25 as chairman. Similarly, she served on the Albany School Board for 28 years, 23 as chairman.

One of the founder members of the Grahamstown Area Distress Relief Association, she started the Gdra School Feeding Scheme which she ran unaided for 20 years, gaining the love and devotion of the black community.

Dr McKerron was honoured by the Grahams-town City Council, being the first person to sign its register of distinguished citizens in 1976. Next year she received Grahamstown's Rotary merit award for selfless service to the community.

A memorial service was held in St Mary's Chapel, at her alma mater. - *Jill Joubert*

Dr C J Meyer, a former senior lecturer in German at Rhodes died in November last year after a short illness. He retired in 1959, but continued teaching at various schools throughout the country until he settled in Somerset East seven years ago.

He is survived by his wife, **Phoebe** (née **Hendrikz** - 1923), four sons and two daughters.

Mrs J G Mumme (née **Hards** - 1942) died recently. She was an excellent swimmer while a student at Rhodes and taught generations of children at a Salisbury junior school.

Tom Pringle (1946) died in the Tygerberg Hospital in Cape Town in April. He was a sub-editor on the *Eastern Province Herald* from 1952 to 1962 and returned in 1967 until his retirement in 1977. His career in journalism began on *The Friend* and he also worked on the *Natal Witness*, the *Natal Mercury*, the *Daily Dispatch* and the *SABC*.

Tom Scott (1924) died in May at Maritzburg where he was visiting his brother.

He (76) was history master at Grey High School for 14 years before being appointed principal of Cambridge High School in East London, a post he held until his retirement almost 30 years later.

He played rugby for the Crusaders when he lived in Port Elizabeth. He leaves a daughter, Patricia.

Howard David Rogers (1948) died in hospital in Umtata. He was acting judge in Transkei and a former Eastern Cape Advocate.

He was at Rhodes for a brief spell before seeing action in North Africa and Italy in the South African Artillery.

Returning to Rhodes after the war, he read for an LLB.

He practised at the Eastern Cape Bar as a junior advocate for some years during which he built up a large practice in Transkei. Later he joined a Grahamstown firm of attorneys for a short while before returning to the Bar. He took silk and continued practising until he was appointed acting judge last year.

He survived serious illness and surgery last year and returned home before he died.

He leaves his wife, **Myra** (née **Stanford** - 1946) and three children.

Dorothy Shillington (former lecturer in classics at Rhodes from 1961 to mid 1963) died in Cape Town at the beginning of April. She was educated at St Cyprian's School for Girls in Cape Town and graduated from UCT. She spent 16 years on the staff at Wits.

Sidney Stone (1934) died in February. He taught at Healdtown, became principal of Osborn Secondary School at Mount Frere before joining the army in 1940. He was principal of Emfundisweni Secondary School from 1946 to 1952 and then inspector of schools and finally regional director of bantu education in Natal before his retirement in 1975.

David Kibbey Taylor (1967) died in Grahams-town in June last year. He was born in Salisbury and educated at Prince Edward School, where he excelled both as a sportsman and scholar.

At Rhodes, he obtained a B.Sc. (Hons) degree in physics. Since his graduation, he had been working in the physics department where he had undertaken ad hoc lecturing duties, but was primarily associated with research of the ionosphere. More recently he had been attached to the Antarctic Research Unit at Rhodes. He represented Rhodes at golf and small bore rifle shooting.

His family has established a memorial trust fund, through which a prize will be awarded annually to a student of physics.

Fred van Wyk (1937) died recently. He retired from the Institute of Race Relations after 30 years service. In *Race Relations News*, former editor of *The Star* and chairman of the Cape Western Region of the institute, René de Villiers, wrote: "Fred van Wyk is as compassionate a man as any I have ever met. His sincerity, honesty and integrity one simply takes for granted once one has got to know him."

"His years at the institute first as deputy director and then as director, were years of total dedication to the cause which was and is part of his very being; the cause of human relations. A Christian and devoted churchman, he not only believes in the brotherhood of man but has practised it his whole life."

"He is a liberal in the traditional and the best sense, and has been prepared to pay the price of his beliefs. As an Afrikaner he has suffered the criticism - and more - of some of his compatriots uncomplainingly, even when such criticism spilled over into the family circle and affected those nearest and dearest to him - his wife and four daughters. His faith sustained him and he never flinched from doing what he and they believed was right."

The winning combination



Rag royalty with a difference. These birds have brains. The rag queen competition and the drummies were the centre of anti-sexist focus this year. The rag queen competition was "upgraded". Three quarters of the marks awarded went for intelligence, personality and features other than physical appearance. The winning combination - Rag Queen, Karin Jerg, and her two princesses, Wendy Moorcroft (left) and Carol-Ann Kelleher.

The story of St Aidan's

ST AIDAN'S College, once among the leading Catholic colleges in South Africa, is the subject of a book published earlier this year by Professor Frank Coleman of the Department of Economics and Economic History at Rhodes.

The college was the victim both of the times and of tragic misfortune. Prof Coleman analyses the decline and final closure of St Aidan's in depth. With its unfortunate closing in December 1973, the life of an institution which had contributed directly to the history of the Catholic Church in South Africa and to the history of South Africa itself, ended.

Professor Coleman served throughout its existence on the Interim College Council, and was party to all the decisions of that body. He is

the author of six major works including *The Northern Rhodesia Copperbelt 1899-1962*. Mr Tony Farnell, who contributes two sections to Prof Coleman's history of St Aidan's College, taught at the college and has maintained a close relationship with the Jesuits there ever since.

The book was published by the Institute of Social and Economic Research at Rhodes.

Familiar characters take on a new lease of life

SOME characters familiar to several generations of Old Rhodians take on a new lease of life in another publication by Oxford University Press. These are Sandringham, Grishkin, Lolita and Willoughby, four of the stalwarts who have figured for some years in example sentences in language practicals for English I.

Their new setting, however, is Dr Bill Branford's textbook *Structure, Style and Communication* (Oxford University Press, 1980), written in collaboration with Professor Maurice Aldridge, Roy Dace, Paul Keating and Isadore Pinchuck, all members or former members of the Department of Linguistics and English Language.

Starting from a simple model of human communication, this introduction to English language studies works downwards from paragraph to sentence, sentence to word and word to sound-unit. Its aim is a general introduction to English language studies at the level of first-year university freshmen, with a focus on 'how the structures of language serve the communicative needs of man'. Topics discussed in some detail include communication as such, the elusive concept of 'style' in relation to language structure and the 'social meanings' of language. Traditional and 'transformational' models of grammar are synthesized as far as possible.

Many of the *Workpoint* sections have been tested over several years with first-year classes at Rhodes, and the text is angled specifically to the student who wishes to relate 'language' to literature, with illustrative and discussion material ranging from recordings of everyday conversation through advertisements and scientific texts, to poetry and traditional and modernised versions of well-known passages of the Bible.

Over 700 degrees awarded

MORE than seven hundred degrees, certificates and diplomas were awarded at two graduation ceremonies on April 11 and 12.

The graduation ceremonies, held in the 1820 Settlers' Monument, were attended by almost 1 400 relatives and friends of the recipients of the academic awards and guests of the university.

Eight doctorates, 30 masters degrees, 103 honours and second degrees, and 401 undergraduate degrees were awarded.

It was the first time that the degree of Bachelor of Arts (Translation) was conferred by the university, and also the first occasion on which a doctorate was awarded in classics, a department established in 1929.

Among the graduates, 10 students were awarded academic honours colours, 25

colours and 45 half colours. These awards are based on academic merit.

The garden party was held in the grounds of the St Peter's campus. Background music was provided by Dr Albert Honey and his windband. Believed to be the only one of its kind on a university campus, it has provided several generations of Rhodians with music at the garden party.

The Department of Speech and Drama staged *The Crucible* by the American playwright, Arthur Miller, over the graduation weekend. *Yeoman of the Guard* by Gilbert and Sullivan was initially chosen, but a delay in the completion of the renovation of the theatre meant a change in venue to The Box which was unsuitable for this particular production.

Who were they?

WHO were all the head students of Oriel Hall?

Mrs DN Dorning, Warden of the hall, is trying to establish who they were, and to complete a record. She has appealed to Old Rhodians for help. At present she has a complete list of those dating back to 1945 and not much more.

Oriel Hall tends to be one of the more traditional halls on the campus and Mrs Dorning is keen to keep it that way, drawing on its long tradition.