

RHODES newsletter

OLD RHODIAN UNION

DECEMBER 1989

Gold Medal awarded to Prof John Daniel

A special award of the Gold Medal of the South African Geographical Society was made on 4 October to Professor John Daniel who retired recently from the position as head of the Department of Geography. Professor Ron Davies, of the Department of Environmental and Geographical Sciences at the University of Cape Town, and Chairman of the Society's Honours Committee, who made the award said that the Gold Medal is rarely awarded and that Professor Daniel had been singled out as a man unquestionably worthy of such honour.

Professor Davies said that John Daniel had distinguished himself across a broad front of academic achievement of which the core of his service had been his devotion and commitment as an outstanding and innovative teacher



and lecturer with a deep concern for the academic and personal welfare of his students. Under his wise academic leadership, the already strong Department of Geography earned an enviable reputation which extended to the international sphere as a centre of education. Soon after his appointment as Professor and head of the Department of Geography in 1971 he initiated the establishment of the Hydrological Research Unit. Under his leadership that body has attracted substantial funding and has produced a volume of river catchment research that has gained international recognition.

Singin' in the Rain!

Living up to the old maxim "The show must go on", the Rhodes University Choir braved howling winds, bitter cold and a miserable drizzle to entertain their audience during a trip to Cape Town in September.

The choir had been scheduled to sing in the Cape Town Cathedral, but before the concert started, the singers were forced by police to leave the Cathedral. No explanation for this eviction was given by the police.

When the Dean was called to the Cathedral he asked the students not to sing inside as the police had "desecrated" the building. Nothing daunted, the choir performed to an appreciative audience - out in the car park.

Old Rhodian, Mrs Barbara Lloyd-Jones (Loden 1974), was just one member of the audience to applaud the choir for its fortitude. She writes;

"I would just like to say how proud we Old Rhodians were of the Chamber choir last night. After enduring a terrifying experience, being hounded out of the Cathedral by heavily armed policemen, they had the strength and courage to give a remarkable performance outside."

"We can only thank and congratulate them all, and hope that their next visit to Cape Town is not beset with as many problems. Archbishop Desmond, Dean Colin Jones and Dr Beyers Naude were loud in their praise."

"We are honoured to have as an Alma Mater a University that produces students and staff of such outstanding calibre."

Annual meeting of Convocation

In terms of the Rhodes University Statute, notice of any motion or matter for discussion at the above-mentioned meeting must be given by a member of Convocation to the Secretary of Convocation (ie the Registrar), in writing, by February 15, 1990.

Were you in College House?

Calling all past College House residents. The house celebrates its 75th anniversary this year, and to mark the occasion, commemorative beer mugs, coasters, jerseys and ties will be available. **Please contact:** The Warden, College House, Rhodes University, 6140 Grahamstown.

Rhodes recalled with affection

One of the most pleasant things about compiling this newsletter is reading letters from Old Rhodians all over the world who remember their student days at Rhodes with pride and affection.

One such Old Rhodian is **Miss Mavis Hill (1924)** who responded to our recent appeal for donations by sending us a sum of money "as a tribute to the memory of Professor Harold Bodmer".

Miss Hill writes that while she was at Rhodes University College, she decided to learn French, as a means to further her career at Oxford on completion of her degree.

"Professor Bodmer undertook my tuition in French in my first term at Rhodes and I did, in fact, with his help, get a place at Somerville College, Oxford."

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The Royal "Dress" Command of 1925

Know all whom it may concern:

Our Royal Will and Pleasure That henceforth on the Twelfth day of September in this year of grace One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty Five and on each succeeding anniversary thereof both to commemorate the occasion of Our visit to, and to celebrate continually, the Foundation of this The Rhodes University College each and every student shall wear as a distinctive mark of dress or attire:- Every male student shall throughout and at every occasion during the aforesaid day assume and wear white trousers trimmed with a purple braid down the length of either outward seam, and every woman student shall affect and knot a purple ribbon about her neck, the streamer to depend over the left shoulder. Further that this custom and practice shall be embodied and recorded in the Constitution of this College as a tradition established by Royal Favour for all time.

Given under our Royal Hand in the presence of the Students of Rhodes University College this Fifteenth day of May One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty Five.

Signed : Edward P



The correct dress for Founder's Day : September 12, 1925

A Theological First!

Dr Felicity Edwards, a senior lecturer in the Faculty of Divinity at Rhodes, has been promoted to Associate Professor, thus becoming the first woman Professor in Divinity in South Africa.

The Faculty of Divinity at Rhodes is the only official university training centre in South Africa for the ministry in the Anglican, Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches. Dr Edwards's appointment is therefore a major development in the South African theological scene.

Professor Edwards completed a BSc degree at the University of London, followed by a BD at the University of Edinburgh, and a DPhil at the University of Oxford. She taught in Zambia for two years before taking up a Lectureship in Systematic Theology at Rhodes in 1970. She was promoted to Senior Lecturer in 1984.

She is widely respected as an authority not only in her own field, but also in the related areas of contemporary spirituality, the relationship between science and theology (she began her career as a scientist) and the study of religion. All three areas are represented in her teaching programme, particularly the study of religion, for which she has developed a course named "Introduction to the Study of Religion" at Rhodes.

She is the author of numerous articles and editor of two books on spirituality, and has been a guest lecturer at several universities in the USA, including the University of California, Santa Barbara; and Temple University, Philadelphia.

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Miss Hill goes on to say that she paid a brief visit to Grahamstown in March this year while staying with her family in South Africa.

"...we had a happy evening with Dr and Mrs Rennie, and a brief tour of the new city and the new Rhodes - where I recognized only the Drostdy Gate and the outside of Oriel House - the women's residence where I spent my first year, 1924."

Convocation Election

The Registrar will formally call for nominations in mid-June 1990 with a closing date of mid-August 1990 for three members to represent Convocation on the Rhodes University Council.

The present members are: Professor Guy Butler, Mr Errol Moorcroft (MP) and The Hon Mr Justice Tom Mullins. All three are eligible for re-nomination if they wish to be returned. If more than three candidates are nominated it will be necessary to hold an election.

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The Secretary, Old Rhodian Union or The Public Relations Assistant, Rhodes University, 6140 Grahamstown, Telephone (0461) 22023

Old Rhodian Reunions

Bloemfontein and Kimberley

Professor Roger Jacob from the Department of Geology took on the task of addressing the OR reunions in Kimberley and Bloemfontein.

The Kimberley reunion was organized by Mr Richard Snyder of De Beers and was held in one of the reception rooms in the historic Kimberley Club.

Professor Jacob reports that about 35 ORs, of all ages, attended the gathering and responded well to his speech. "The evening turned out to be a very pleasant time of socialising and either renewing old acquaintances or making new ones".

The Bloemfontein get-together was organised by, and held at the home of Jim and Marge Mahaffey. It was attended by 20 people whose age, on average, was slightly older than the people who had gathered in Kimberley.

Professor Jacob reported that here much interest was expressed in the Biotechnology and Information Processing degrees.

He said the degree of interest in Rhodes and its goings-on was considerable at both meetings and all the Old Rhodians he met were very fond of their Alma Mater, were keen to support her, and valued the contact opportunities such as reunions afforded them.

Cape Town

Once again, the Old Rhodian reunion in Cape town was a great success - largely due to the unstinting efforts of Kitty Cruise, who works very hard at keeping all the ORs in the Cape region in touch with each other.

The registrar, Dr Keith Hunt and his wife attended the reunion and Dr Hunt reports that the occasion gave him and his wife a wonderful opportunity to renew old acquaintanceships with former colleagues and students, several of whom had not attended reunions previously, but had done so this year because he was the guest speaker.

Dr Hunt reports:

"The party began at 5.30pm and I was asked not to speak until 7pm as some could only come later. By 7pm there was a noisy hum of a party going well and I felt it was a pity that I had to speak at all. However, they were expecting it, and Professor Bunting drew



Seen at the Cape Town Reunion (from the left) Steven Cruise, Sheila Bunting, Ian Bunting, Rosemary Hunt, Keith Hunt and Kitty Cruise.

the gathering to order and introduced me with some very kind words.

"It was perhaps a pity that the only way I could be elevated above the crowd was to climb onto the bar counter. The party had been going well and the gathering was in an hilarious mood. I thought my speech was rather on the serious side and was somewhat alarmed at the mirth by which some of even the more serious bits were accepted. I am enough of a seasoned campaigner to realise that one must not fight the mood of one's audience, but to go along with it as best one could. I pray nobody was offended by the obvious merriment."

At the reunion Dr Hunt met several ORs who wished to send their children to Rhodes and he was able to answer questions about residences and give advice about admission procedures.

Durban

Professor Peter Surtees, Head of the Department of Accounting, was the guest speaker at the Natal Old Rhodian reunions held in September.

In Durban, some 50 people attended the function at the Albany Hotel. At this gathering, the oldest OR was Ryk Coetzee, who graduated in 1946. There were also a number of young people, including several very new ORs - those who graduated in 1988! Professor Surtees reported that it was good to see Professor Waters, who has shown his continuing loyalty to Rhodes by sending all of his three children to study here.

The Durban get-together was organised by Styx O'Donovan, who, like his 'Maritzburg counterpart, ensured that the event was a highly enjoyable occasion.

Johannesburg

The Johannesburg Old Rhodian reunion was held at the Wanderer's Club on September 8, 1989.

This enjoyable get-together was very well attended by about 200 people, thanks to the efficient way in which the event was publicised by the Schools' Liaison Officer in Johannesburg, Liz Hadwen.

Liz appealed to the Old Rhodians present to assist her with getting the mailing list up-to-date, to ensure the success of future such social occasions, and to assist with organising possible sporting functions.

The guest speaker at the reunion was Professor Pat Terry, of the Computer Science Department, who delivered a fairly light-hearted yet informative address, on the lines of the well-known ballad of Sir Patrick Spens: **The Ballad of Prof Patrick T**

*The VC sits in Graham's Town,
Drinking his mug of tea.*

*"Oh where shall I get a Senate sucker
Tae make this speech for me?"*

*Up and spake the Registrar
Sat by the VC's chair.*

*"Prof Patrick T's the best speaker That
ever flew the air."*

*Wee Derek wrote a braid letter
(Sent through Internal Mail)
And sent it to Prof Patrick T
was helping folk to fail.*

*The first line that Prof Patrick read
A loud laugh laughed he
The neist line that Prof Patrick read A
tear blinded his e'e.*

*"Oh wha is this has done this deed Tae
send me tae the Reef
Tae send me oot this time o'year Tae
spread your tale of grief?"*

The 1910 Students' Representative Council



Members of the 1910 SRC in formal pose. Back from left, L J Vosloo, F H Britten, F V Frielinghaus, E M Brown, H W Phear (Secretary), Front from left, G D MacDonald, Miss Graham, Miss Hockly, Miss Macintosh and C N Thompson (Chairman).

*But on reflection it did seem
A jolly task 'twould be '
Tis far from grief, nae surely it's
A pleasure here tae be!*

*Sae thanks tae one and thanks tae a'
Liz Hadwen and her crew,
For asking Sally and mae sel'
This eve tae spend wi' you.*

*My task, it seems, it tae bring cheer Our
greetings tae relate.
And Founders' Time's as guid a time
Tae keep ye up to date.*

*The ivory tower that we love
Still stands up straight and tall;
And still it grows, so now we have
Hugh Chapman's Dining Hall.*

*The central Quad doth boast a hole
A fountain there to place.
Nae water, though - eternal drought As
usual is the case!*

*East London Div does quickly grow,
New buildings there you'd find.
And soon a Faculty of Arts
to broaden Border mind.*

*And people come, and people go - This
year retired five;
Daniel, Black, Suggit, Holland, Cook.
(Divinity still thrives.)*

*In land where freedom's under threat
We play a vital role.
Though tension's lately risen high Post-
Apartheid is our goal.
The days ahead will surely be*

*sour mixed with sweet The team's
prepared as ever was,
The challenges to meet.*

*Though times be hard and cash be
short, 'Tis good wi' ye tae be.
Recall awhile those halcyon days
When we were young and free.*

*So join wi' me and raise your glass
To Rhodes - for Rhodes is yet
The place we loved, the place we can
Not ever quite forget.*

Pietermaritzburg

The function in Pietermaritzburg, on September 7, was held at the Park Towers Hotel and was very ably organized by Rob Pennefather. About 30 Old Rhodians attended, the most senior of whom was Jock Ellis, who graduated in 1934. There were very few representatives under the age of 30. Amongst those present were Professor Bill Page and his wife, Lindsay, who have retired in Pietermaritzburg.

The function was a very pleasant social occasion and Professor Surtees enjoyed meeting and chatting to the Old Rhodians present. His address led to a considerable number of questions, mostly academic. The Pietermaritzburg ORs were very enthusiastic about the University, Professor Surtees said.

Port Elizabeth

After a break of seven years, a very successful get-together of Old Rhodians in the Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage area

was held at the Walmer Country Club in September.

Organized with the able assistance of Brian Horn, Rob Henson and Chris Pouroullis, the gathering was well attended. About 60 ORs got together to chat about "the good old days" and listen to a very informative address by Dr Godfrey Meintjes from the Department of Afrikaans en Nederlands.

Dr Meintjes reported afterwards that he was most impressed by the level of knowledge the ORs present had about current affairs at Rhodes, and said that he'd been hard-pressed to keep up with the flow of diverse questions!

United Kingdom

The United Kingdom branch of the Old Rhodian Union held another successful braaivleis at the home of Rex and Elizabeth Davis in Dorking.

At the get-together, which was, as usual, very well attended, a raffle was held in aid of the Rhodes Rag Appeal and the funds raised have been forwarded to the Rag Committee.

The Union would like to hear from ORs in the United Kingdom who might have ideas on alternative venues which could cater for about 70 people for future annual braais, and for the May gathering in London itself.

Contact Murray Graham in this regard. His address and telephone number are listed separately in this issue.

We shall remember them



Dr Eily Gledhill, President of the Old Rhodian Union, laying a wreath at the annual Founders Day Wreath Laying ceremony at the Rhodes war memorial.

Thank You

A big "thank you" to all those Old Rhodians who sent in photographs in response to our request in the June Newsletter for photographs of Old Rhodians who died on active service. We are slowly filling in the gaps in our records.

Were you an Oarsman?

Any Old Rhodians who belonged to the Rowing Club and are not receiving the Old Oarsman Association Newsletters should write to:

M Vermaak, Rhodes University Rowing Club, c/o The Sports Administration, Rhodes University, 6140 Grahamstown.

First Head of Department Honoured

Fifty years of Geography at Rhodes was celebrated in August at the launch of a book of essays in honour of Professor JVL Rennie, the first head of the Department of Geography at Rhodes.

The 441-page book has been edited by Dr Roddy Fox, a lecturer in the Department, and Professor John Daniel, who recently retired as Head of the Department. It was produced in the University using computer typesetting software in the Department of Journalism and Media Studies, and printed in the University's Printing Unit.

All past and present permanent members of the department have contributed to the book. The essays show the wide range of research interests in the Department.

There are three Presidential Addresses of the South African Geographical Society, five previously unpublished works, and twenty further papers, covering a wide spectrum of Human and Physical Geography.

The Cape Province, Ciskei and Transkei form the focus of many of the papers, but work on Central and East Africa is also included.

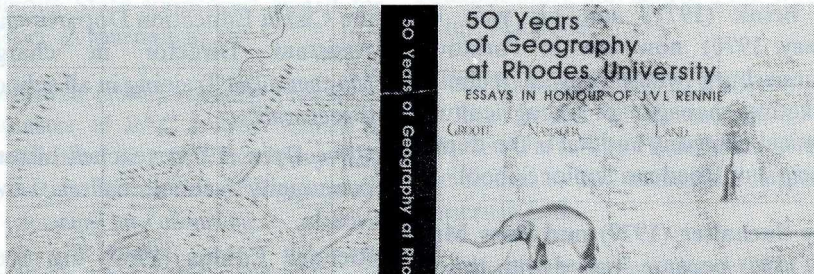
Professor Rennie and Professor Vernon Forbes, his successor as Head

of the Department, were close friends as boys in Cape Town, and the first few chapters of the book focus on them.

The first essay in the book is a facsimile of a handwritten report of a "Geological and Archeological Expedition to A Certain Valley near the Sand Mountain Fishhoek" in April 1920, written in a schoolboy's hand by Professor Forbes and signed and solemnly sealed by both boys.

Other topics include work on black townships in South Africa; agricultural development; various hydrological studies; and philosophy and methodology in Geography.

The book is available from the Department of Geography at Rhodes at the price of R25,00 plus R2,50 for postage.



The interesting cover of the book invites the reader to explore a fascinating history of geography at Rhodes.

Journalists work together on book

Four members of the Department of Journalism and Media Studies at Rhodes have contributed to five chapters of a book entitled *Currents of Power: State Broadcasting in South Africa*.

The book, edited by Ruth Tomaselli, Keyan Tomaselli and Johan Muller, from the University of Natal, is being marketed internationally by James Currey as "Broadcasting in South Africa".

The Rhodes members who contributed were **Graham Hayman (1966)**, **Mikki van Zyl** (who lectured in the Department of Journalism and Media Studies in the early 80s) and two research students, **Abner Jack (1981)** and **Nofikile Nxumalo (1981)**.

The book examines the history of the broadcast media, both radio and television, in enhancing and creating the "general affairs" and "own affairs" cultures required by the National Party for their continued dominance.

The book examines struggles within the SABC, the reasons for and content of TV2/3, the role of soap operas in ideological legitimization and the way in which broadcasting technology has been shaped for political ends.

Going abroad?

Old Rhodians moving to, or visiting the United Kingdom are reminded that their contact person there is **Murray Graham**. Murray's address is as follows:

27 Dormers Wells Lane
Southall
Middlesex
UB1 3HX
England
His telephone number is (London)
574-2197

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Ron Abbott (1965), who was Sportsman of the Year at Rhodes in 1967, is now living in New Zealand with his wife and two sons. He is a computer consultant, working for Auckland University in the Centre for Information Science.

Mark Addleson (1970) lectures in Economics at the Graduate School of Business Administration at WITS. He is a recipient of the Business School's award for teaching excellence.

Greg (1971) and **Debbie Alvord (Granger 1972)** emigrated from Harare to Wauchula, Florida, USA where Greg teaches in the local senior high school and Debbie is the Assistant Director of the County in the Guardian Ad Litem Program. This program investigates cases of child abuse and neglect. They also do network marketing part-time and would like to hear from Old Rhodians in the USA who would be interested in doing the same and bringing in a big income in a fairly short time. They can be contacted at 108n 3rd Ave, Wauchula, Florida 33873. Telephone (813) 773-0534.

Robert Ball (1961) has been appointed Deputy Editor of the Eastern Province Herald.

Barry Blakemore (1960) and his family have settled in Brisbane, Australia, where Barry heads up the Hardie Iplex Pipeline Company in Queensland, the Northern Territory and the South West Pacific. Any ORs of his vintage may make contact with him at 4 Kilcolman Street, The Gap, Queensland, 4061, Australia.

Rory (1977) and **Belinda Brett (Shaw 1980)** are living in the United Kingdom where Rory works as a research chemist for Wellcome and Belinda as a sales and marketing co-ordinator for a packaging company.

Ian Brink (1971) and his wife **Pat (Beney 1970)** now live in Parktown, Johannesburg where Ian is technical marketing manager of an agricultural chemical company and Pat is the deputy principal of Roedean Senior School.

Tony Buchalter (1977) and **Ross Murray (1976)** became "bored with the rat

race" and started River Rafters for people who want to get away from it all and relax on river nature trails.

Linda Castaldo (1981) is teaching in Elliot.

Belinda Croxon (Platt 1969) runs Durban's first independent wine school, which has been a great success, offering introductory and advanced wine courses to the public and monthly wine tastings.

Mick Davis (1976) has been appointed general manager in charge of finance at Escom.



Mrs Esther Maloni with a television set presented to her by Oriel Hall in recognition of 34 years service.

Niki de Jager (1984) is the education officer for the Wildlife Society based in Port Elizabeth. The Wildlife Society has a hut in the Seaview Game Park where she will spend two weekends a month with groups of about 25 pupils, studying the ecology of the area.

Mark Derry (1980) and his wife **Debbie (March 1981)** live in Port Elizabeth where Mark is a sports writer for Times Media Limited and Debbie is a sub-editor at the Evening Post. They are expecting their first baby in December.

Vanona Dewitt (Gillard 1979) works for the Ciskei Education Department as an Assistant Director in charge of Management Training in all schools and directorates.

Clive Dyer (1974) teaches history at a community school called Liivha in Venda.

Richard Edkins (1969) has been appointed headmaster of Queenstown

Girls' High School and is the first man to hold this position.

Chris Everett (1959) has been appointed a Director of a Printing and Stationery company in Bulawayo which he joined in 1980 as factory engineer in charge of maintenance.

Bruce Fields (1984) married **Carol Andrew (1984)** in Johannesburg in May this year.

Celia Gibbs (1984) is an assistant accountant in Johannesburg. She will be marrying **Anthony Willmott (1984)** in December.

Rob Gibbs (1979) is a programmer analyst with Teklogic in Cape Town.

Isaac Goldberg (1946) is the Chief Director of the Minerals Bureau. He has travelled extensively worldwide. His son **Edmund (1970)** lives in Vancouver and his daughter **Doreen (1972)** in Johannesburg.

David Gough (1979) married **Gail (Gradwell 1981)** last year. David works for UNISA in the African Languages department and Gail works at a hospital as a pharmacist.

Ian Gough (1940) has been awarded the Chapman Medal of the Royal Astronomical Society for his work in developing and exploiting magnetometer arrays to study both external current systems in the ionosphere and magnetosphere, and induced currents within the Earth.

Harry Hall (1939), one of our most stalwart Old Rhodians, writes from Zimbabwe that he and several remaining friends from the "class of 39" decided to get together in September to hold their own Founder's Day celebration.

Gwen McDonald (Glasson 1939), **Kathleen Bennett (Sturgeon 1939)**, **Keith Harvey (1939)** and **Pam McGraw (Harland 1939)** joined the party which, according to Harry, was "a very good one".

"We talked a great deal about our favourite professors - Peter Haworth, Dingemans, Ernie Wild, Dan Morton, Eddie Mountain, Mike Roberts, Joe

King etc. Also about who "pushed" who to Old Kaif, Scope etc," Harry writes.

"Gwen even produced a photograph of the 1940 Founders Ball in the old Great Hall and a printed dance programme in which we men used to record the dances we booked with the partners of all the birds we wanted to dance with."

"You danced only the first, supper and final dance with your own partner, but usually sneaked in a couple more when you had a heavy push".

"And, of course, we recalled that we knew everybody as there were only 600 odd of us altogether....."

"As the year 2039 is a bit far away, and even 1999 somewhat distant, we have decided to meet again in 1990!"

Robin Hamilton (1957) has been elected to the board of governors of the Rhodes University Foundation. Robin is a partner in a Business Planning and Management Consultancy.

Berenice Hayter (Du Toit 1977) is enjoying living in America and has a four-month old baby.

Douglas Hey (1934) has been awarded a civic honour in Cape Town for his work as an environmentalist.

Michael Higgs (1961) lectures in Education at the Algoa College of Education.

Rosemary Holloway (1955) is the director of the William Humphreys Art Gallery in Kimberley.

Brian (1980) and Melanie Hunter (Collins 1979) live in Johannesburg and have twin boys who were born in February.

Sabita Jithoo (1981) is presently the head of the department of Anthropology at the University of Durban-Westville.

Sandy Kennaugh (1956) has returned from the United States to continue her Personnel Consultancy Practice in Durban.

Alan (1966) and Vivienne Kenyon (1985) live in Cape Town where Alan lectures in the School of Education at UCT and Vivienne lectures at the Good Hope College of Education in Khayalitsha.

Peter Kidger (1973) has been appointed branch manager, Glencoe for Corobrik in Natal.



Robin Hamilton (1957)

Garth Kieck (1972) has been appointed the President of the Kaffrarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Sandi Krige (Bruton 1968) lives in Port Elizabeth where she is the promotions manager for Times Media Limited, Eastern Cape. She is also divisional manager of the group's Eastern Cape freesheet division.

Margaret Lehnhoff (Reeve 1964) immigrated to Germany in 1978. She is kept very busy teaching piano at two music schools in two different towns every day.

Raymond Low Kum (1976) married **Venetia Yee Loong (1977)** in January 1983. They have been in New York since 1988 and have a baby daughter. Any ORs wanting to know more about the USA can contact Raymond at 300 Newark Street, Apt 6H, Hoboken, NJ 07030, USA.

Desmond Low Kum (1972) lives in San Francisco and got married in August.

Jeremy Mansfield (1984) married **Cornelia Schulz (1985)** in August in Johannesburg.

Chris Marais (1973) is the Johannesburg editor of Scope and recently won a prestigious State-sponsored award for excellence in journalism.

Les McEwen (1946) recently retired as Headmaster of SAC Junior School in Newlands after 21 years. Les is enjoying a very active retirement of jogging, cycling, canoeing and climbing.

Eppie McFarlane (Gibbs 1976) lives in Florida Glen with her husband, Norman, and two daughters. Norman was

the Democratic Party candidate for Florida in the General Election.

Anthony de V Minnaar (1977) is a senior researcher with the Human Sciences Research Council's Institute for Historical Research which he joined in 1983.

Peter Moore (1958) is the Vice-President of the South African Teachers' Association (SATA).

James Moulder (1959) is the Head of the Department of Philosophy at the University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg.

Mike Mountain (1965) still lives in Zimbabwe. He decided to seek his fortune in the world of commerce after teaching for 19 years in Plumtree, Harare and Bulawayo. He moved from Bulawayo to Harare where he is now projects manager of a large painting and decorating firm.

Lex Mpati (1979), a former petrol pump attendant and barman, was inspired by court proceedings to study law. He was admitted to the Bisho High Court in October and became the 21st black advocate in South Africa, including those in the black homelands.

Shaun (1975) and Holly O'Connor (Cohen 1977) have been living in Cape Town where Shaun works for Wyeth-Ayerst and Holly has been teaching at Wynberg Boys Junior School. Shaun has been transferred to Port Elizabeth so the O'Connors and their two-year-old daughter will be returning to the Eastern Cape.

Michelle Pilet (1981) has been ordained an Anglican deacon in Johannesburg. Although her title will be Reverend she cannot be made a priest until the Anglican Synod approves of women being admitted to the priesthood.

Sharlene Pilet (1983) works in the computer division of a bank's head office in Johannesburg and shares a flat with her sister, Michelle.

Brian Rayner (1958) has been elected to the board of governors of the Rhodes University Foundation. Brian is the chairman and managing director of Suncrush Ltd.

Margaret Robinson (Lister 1953) is researching methods for Aids education at schools as a half thesis towards her



Brian Rayner (1958)

Masters Degree in Education. She aims to devise sets of questionnaires for children in Standards, 5, 7 and 9 which will help ascertain what children's perceptions and fears of Aids are, what they understand the disease to be, and how it works.

Hanno Rumpf (1984) recently returned to Windhoek where he is Information Officer for SWAPO, and is a member of the SWAPO Elections Directorate preparing for Namibia's elections for a Constituent Assembly in terms of UN Resolution 435.

Henry Martin Saayman (1960) has been appointed Research Manager at the Water Research Commission in Pretoria. Henry says he has not lost touch with Grahamstown as he frequently visits both Grahamstown and

Kenton-on-Sea.

Felix Schonland (1919) recently celebrated his 90th birthday at his home in Hogsback.

Bruce Smith (1964) has been appointed Director of Personnel at Rhodes.

Carol Smith (Venter 1981) is an analytical chemist at a pharmaceutical company in Port Elizabeth.

Sue Stead (1975) is the chief sub editor at the Evening Post in Port Elizabeth.

Conrad Strauss (1954) was chosen as the Institute of Marketing Management's Marketing Man of 1989. Conrad is the group managing director of Standard Bank Investment Corporation.

Brian Stuckenberg (1948) is the Director of Natal Museum, Pietermaritzburg and is well-known for his contributions to the weekly radio programme 'Talking of Nature'.

Christopher (1980) and **Carol-Anne Thomas (Cairs 1980)** live in Queenstown where Christopher teaches at Queen's College. They have a daughter born in 1988.

Chris van der Spuy (1974) lives in Rivonia and works as personnel and training manager for SA Breweries southern Transvaal region.

Mark van der Velden (1976) has been appointed editor of SAPA in London.

Len van Zyl (1957), chairman of Lindsay Smithers-FCB has accepted a post with Foote, Cone and Belding in New York. He will remain chairman of Lindsay Smithers and will spend one week every alternative month in South Africa.

Kit (1972) and **Joan Vaughan (Blair 1972)** have moved to Charlottesville where Kit has taken up the post of Research Associate Professor of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation at the University of Virginia.

G Williams (Farrar 1960) is the new headmistress of Durban Girls' College.

Neville (1979) and **Gillian Workman (Hoare 1979)** live at Woodridge College (near Port Elizabeth) where Neville teaches Accountancy and Gillian is the Housematron.

Kevin Yee Loong (1974) is married and lives in Toronto, Canada. The couple has two children.

Yolande Yee Loong (1976) is married, lives in New York and has a baby daughter.

Bruce Young (1983) has landed a plum part in a major American movie called Lethal Weapon 2, starring opposite Mel Gibson and Danny Glover. He says life in Los Angeles is very hectic.

Obituaries

Bob Abbott (1965) in Durban in December 1987.

Edwin Norman Brown (1926) at Hogsback on August 11, 1989.

Anthony Delius (1937) in Chichester, England on September 1, 1989 after a long illness.

Hugh Dent (1974) died suddenly while lecturing in the Fine Art Department at the Durban Technikon on February 7, 1989.

Thornton Fincham (1936) in Queenstown on August 6, 1989 at his home on the farm, 'Imvani'. A lasting monument to this well-known Queenstown farmer will be his beautiful garden which he so carefully nurtured and which he loved so dearly.

R G Foggo-Malcolm (1929) in Cape Town on July 10, 1989. He will be sadly missed by the many charities he assisted.

Nigel Chirho Glover (1954) in Benoni on February 5, 1989. Until a few months before his death he worked for the research department at Pilkington Glass.

Oriel Rossalyn Langley (Hampson 1945) in Milton, Keynes, England on July 18, 1989.

Bob Key (1940) in Cape Town. Until his retirement three years ago he worked in the public relations department at Volkswagen in Uitenhage.

Allan L Mapham (1935) in Adelaide on May 28, 1989.

Ellen Tersia Saayman (Annandale 1959) in Pretoria on August 17, 1989 after a very long illness.

Keith Sanson (1924) in Harare on August 21, 1988 aged 86 years, after a long illness. After graduating with a BSc in 1925 he was awarded a scholarship to St John's College, Cambridge by the Rhodesian Government. Upon his return to Rhodesia he joined the Ministry of Agriculture where he remained until 1962 when he retired as Deputy Director of Research and Specialist Services.

Douglas Tyler Smith (1929) in Port Elizabeth on December 9, 1988.

Michael Szendrei (1938) in Magoebaskloof on August 1, 1989, suddenly and peacefully, without any prior illness, two days after his 70th birthday.

Marjory Werbeloff (Russell 1938) in Cape Town on June 13, 1989.