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JAKES GERWEL new Chancellor of Rhodes

Professor Jakes Gerwel was installed as the sixth Chancellor of Rhodes University in the first of three graduation ceremonies held in Grahamstown.

Acceptance address by Professor G J Gerwel on the occasion of his installation as Chancellor of Rhodes University on Friday 9 April 1999 in Grahamstown.

One of the most insistent facts of human social life here at the close of the twentieth century is the measure to which so many aspects of our existence have become globalised. What happens in a corner of the earth farthest away from where

one group of people live, can in these days of interconnectedness and easy access to shared information, have profound implications for those people even though they might have had no direct involvement in or influence over those happenings. The romantic metaphor of the global village, which a few decades ago we employed as a form of wishful thinking that we may become more caring of one another in spite of distance and difference, has become a reality, sometimes quite harsh in its impact and implications.

We have become a global village not so much in that we take care of and care for one another in village-like style across and despite of boundaries and geographical separation; but rather in the way that we share the effects of the vicissitudes of social, political and economic life, and are becoming increasingly subject to the world-wide assimilation of dominant patterns of culture propagated by mass media and other technologies of communication.

There is no turning back from that pervasive trend of our times and there is no rationale in trying to do so. The sharing of resources, information and capacity has the potential for emancipating large parts of the planet that thus far have not been able or permitted to partake in the rich pool of gains that human progress and advancement should have brought to the

entirety of humankind. Globalisation, no matter its many down sides, is a fact of our times and an opportunity for sharing and development, particularly for the people of the developing world of which we are, or can be, such a central part.

In this globalised world particularity, whether of the individual, the social group or the specific nation, can easily be threatened, eroded and lost, while human beings seem to retain, perhaps even to a more accentuated extent, the desire to remain and be, even while being participants in global developments, themselves in localised context. To be allowed to be both citizens of the world and members of smaller caring units, is a challenge of social existence in our day.

This morning I stand here before a congregation of this great but small Eastern Cape university, very moved by a sense of home-coming, of being warmly and affectionately enveloped in such a caring smaller unit to which I relate with a feeling of profound and primary belonging. There is for me a poignancy, and perhaps even symbolism, that it has so transpired that I come to this ceremony almost directly from an involvement in a matter which in its way attracted and affected international attention and conduct.

This part of the world is home to me. To have been selected by the various representatives of the membership of and stake-holders in this institution to be its Chancellor, honours me in ways and extent that I cannot even try to start to express to you. Allow me merely to say in the simplest of terms: I thank you most sincerely. I wish that I may at all times be true to the oath I took this morning, and that this university will never have cause to regret its decision.

I thank you particularly for providing at the same

time a place and shelter for being at home, and a base for being part of a bigger world in which this university shares and strives to be a significant player. As much as globalisation can be a negation of the value of particularity, an insistence on insularity and the parochial can inhibit our humanity. This university is both socially particular in its links with and concern for its location; and outreaching and universal in its commitment to scholarship and science and to being nationally and internationally competitive.

That is, quite succinctly, what is required from all South African universities and the tertiary sector now. We cannot underestimate the potential crisis before our universities, neither the enormous opportunities to respond in fresh and innovative ways to the new national situation and needs. Our university system seems, I am afraid, still too much caught up and bound in mindsets of our past. Five years into the new political dispensation - or nine, if one takes 1990 as a starting point of preparing for the new - it does not seem as if there has been a significant reconfiguration of the tertiary education landscape. Rationalisation, niche definitions, regional co-operation and co-operative pruning, locational determination of function and mission, system-wide planning and sharing of the access burden with its particular demographic demands - none of these seem to the outside observer to have been significantly advanced and progressed during these years.

Those are issues that will in the first place have to be dealt with centrally by the organs of higher education planning. Much of what our current system looks like and reflects is the product of perverted racially driven central planning and to expect some fortuitous coincidence in the planning of individual institutions to now correct that, is both

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The new Chancellor of Rhodes University, Professor Jakes Gerwel, with a pleased Vice-Chancellor, Dr David Woods.

Excerpts from the introduction of the new Chancellor, Dr Jakes Gerwel, by the Chairman of Council, Mr Justice Jos Jones.

Our sixth Chancellor-Elect is a man of many parts:

- husband and father
- scholar, academic and researcher
- author and commentator
- educationalist and university administrator
- one-time Vice-Chancellor of one of our universities
- a man of government and a diplomat
- a leader and present day head of the civil service in the government of the Republic of South Africa.

Our Chancellor-Elect was born and grew up in the rural district of Somerset East, not far from Grahamstown. His primary and secondary schooling was completed in the Eastern Cape. He went on to a distinguished career at the University of the Western Cape and later in the Office of the State President. He has shown skill in negotiating with the powerful leaders of foreign states to achieve a seemingly unachievable consensus. That skill is now at our disposal when we need it, as we surely will.

We at Rhodes are not alone in regarding Professor Gerwel as worthy of honour. Others have honoured him in the past. In 1986 Clark College in Atlanta conferred an honorary doctorate upon him. So did City College, City University, New York in 1990, and the University of Cape Town and University of the Western Cape in 1995. A year ago we did likewise. On that occasion Professor Gerwel won our hearts by telling us in his graduation address that he would have come to Rhodes as a student if things had been different during the 1960s. Things are different now. Now we can welcome him among us as our leader.



Professor Jakes Gerwel receives his gown of office from the Registrar, Dr Steve Fourie, with the Vice-Chancellor, Dr David Woods looking on.

Editorial

Some of the more observant among you may have noticed that it has been a year since you last received a newsletter from Rhodes. I'm sad to announce that a decision has been taken to publish the Alumni Newsletter annually instead of every six months.

The ridiculous increases in postage costs, as well as that of paper, thanks to our falling Rand, have forced that decision upon us. We'd rather continue this service free of charge to you less often, than demand a fee or drop it altogether. Better news is that this is a bumper issue, full to the brim with OR news received during the last 12 months!

So, sit back and enjoy - read about Professor Jakes Gerwel being installed as our new Chancellor, and remember with pride our long association with Dr Gavin Relly, who passed away in January. ORs who were at Rhodes during the decade 1955 to 1965, please diarise July 14th next year and join us for a special July 2000 Reunion, to coincide with the millenium and many of your group's 60th birthday celebrations. The rest of you, remember that Rhodes' Centenary is creeping up on us - the year 2004 will see many special reunions and celebrations.

Enclosed you will find a brochure outlining Rhodes University's Bequest Programme, suggesting reasons why you might consider making a bequest to Rhodes. While the University is doing its utmost to contain costs and increase its funding income, it is doing so in a competitive environment of limited resources. Rhodes University has to rely more and more on individuals with the foresight and generosity to invest in South Africa's most precious asset - its talented and intelligent youth. By making a bequest, you could help Rhodes meet the challenges of the future while perpetuating its position as a proud centre of academic excellence.

You will notice that the articles on this year's Honorary Graduates do not include the full introductions and speeches as in the past. We publish only extracts in this newsletter, but the full versions are available on request. These can be e-mailed, faxed or posted to you, so please contact me if you would like to receive them.

As usual, my final plea to you is to keep in touch! We "lose" many ORs every year when they move away without letting us have their forwarding address. If any of your OR friends are not receiving this newsletter, they are probably on our "lost" list - please ask them to contact me so that they can be reinstated. At the end of May this year we placed advertisements in the *Mail & Guardian* and the *Sunday Times*, asking "lost" ORs to contact us and get themselves put back on our mailing list. The response was overwhelming and our database is in better shape than ever!

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July 2000 Special Reunion Celebration

Old Rhodians who attended Rhodes between 1955 and 1965 are invited to attend a special reunion in Grahamstown during the weekend of Friday 14th, Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th July 2000.

This special event coincides with the new millennium as well as many 60th birthday celebrations within the invited group, not least of which is our own Vice-Chancellor, Dr David Woods!

We have arranged for this reunion to take place at the tail end of the National Arts Festival, so you are encouraged to come early, and spend a few days "festivalling" before joining the July 2000 Reunion celebrations on Friday 14th July.

The proposed programme of events is as follows:

Friday 14 July

Evening:

July 2000 Reunion Banquet in Kimberley Hall

Saturday 15 July

Morning activities:

Visits to various Rhodes departments

A tour of the University campus

Lunch in Canterbury Hall

Afternoon activities:

Golf, Squash or Hiking Trail

Tour of Grahamstown or a visit to the Festival's Village Green

Evening:

Attend the final Festival show at the Monument theatre

60s Party (informal dinner/dance after the show, with light supper & music)

Sunday 16 July

Morning chapel service in the Rhodes Chapel, followed by tea on St Peter's lawns

Please diarise these dates! Invitations to this special event will be sent later in the year.

Livingstone House 50th Anniversary

If there are any Livingstone House Old Boys interested in attending a 50th anniversary reunion in Grahamstown this year, please contact Richard Asher as soon as possible. (Preferably by e-mail or snail mail, as I'm a poor student and cannot afford to return phone calls!)

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ORU Bursaries Awarded

On 14 April 1999 we celebrated the award of this year's Old Rhodian bursaries to twenty-nine students at a party held in the Senior Common Room at Rhodes. In addition to the bursary recipients and their parents, local 150 Club members were invited to the party to meet the students, to see how their contributions have been spent and to witness the first prize draw of the year. If you are not a member of the 150 Club yet, or have allowed your membership to lapse, join now! (membership form enclosed)

As usual, we had many more applicants for our bursaries than could be accommodated, and the ORU committee and its bursary sub-committee had the difficult task of deciding to whom to award the bursaries. This, as always, involved weighing the merits of academic ability and effort against financial need. The committee has no doubt that the twenty-nine students who were eventually chosen for bursaries are all worthy recipients, but as always we know that some who really deserved bursaries have been left out. We wish that we could help them all and be able to award bigger bursaries. This year we received a bigger contribution than ever from the UK Charitable Trust, allowing us to increase the amount disbursed from R58 700 last year to R72 250 this year.

Jodi Cheiman - Top Award, Old Rhodian Diamond

Jodi is from Port Elizabeth, in her second year, studying Business Science. She plans to major in Information Systems and Management, followed by Information Systems Honours. She would like to work in advertising or marketing.

Anya Fourie - Old Rhodian Gold

Anya is a third year BJourn student, majoring in Journalism (Radio) and Afrikaans. She is from Grahamstown and plans to finish her degree next year. She hopes to work for a South African radio station and feels that journalism is an exciting field to be in.

Miranda Armstrong - Old Rhodian Silver

Miranda is from Grahamstown, in her first year BSc. She plans to major in either Human Kinetics & Ergonomics, Computer Science or Information Systems. She is the Chairperson of the First Aid Society and would like to work in Sports Research or Rehabilitation, using her Computer Science knowledge.

Phakama Tyaliti - UK Old Rhodian Gold

Phakama is from Port Elizabeth and in her first year of Business Science. She plans to major in Information Systems but is not yet sure where this will take her. She lives in Jameson House.

Veruschka Carboni - UK Old Rhodian Silver

Veruschka is from Johannesburg and in her second year of a BCom degree. She plans to major in Accounting and Information Systems and hopes to become a Chartered Accountant.



Chapman Bursaries.
From left to right: Lusanda Ngcaweni, Rene Haig-Smith, Laura Richter, Jane Breetzke, Felix Adade, Kirstin Williams



Old Rhodian Bursaries
Front: Bronwyn Adriaan, Catherine O'Grady, Liezl Main, Dermot O'Grady
Back: Vivienne Whitfield, Chris Thurman, Matthew Gilbert, Razvan Remsing



Top Old Rhodian Bursaries
Front: Jodi Cheiman (OR Diamond), Chantelle Pepper (OR Bronze), Veruschka Carboni (UK OR Silver), Anya Fourie (OR Gold)
Back: Miranda Armstrong (OR Silver), Adrian Skelly (C.Hummel), Phakama Tyaliti (UK OR Gold)



The residents of Drostdy Hall are in the process of compiling a history of Drostdy Hall and establishing a Web Page.



Allan Gray House

Allan Gray House, the newest addition to the Hall (pictured below), was opened in 1993. The building of this residence was made possible by a generous donation from two Old Rhodians living in the United Kingdom, Allan Gray (1955) and Charles Baillie (1955).

Past residents of Drostdy Hall are invited to send Laureen Rautenbach (acting Hall Warden) any anecdotes on life in the Hall. Photographs will also be very welcome, as well as any news about the current activities of past residents of Drostdy Hall.

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Drostdy Hall takes on the Web!

Drostdy Dining Hall

Drostdy Hall was established in 1940, when Graham House and the dining hall (pictured below) were completed. Prince Alfred House was built in 1958 and Oakdene was added to the Hall in the early sixties. Struben House (now housing the Department of Computer Science and the Information Technology division) and Woodbourne House (since demolished to make way for the Zoology building) also used to form part of the Hall.

Tribute to Gavin Relly, past Chancellor

Gavin Walter Hamilton Relly (Chancellor, Hon Grad, 1991)

(Obituary from the Sunday Times, January 17, 1999)

Gavin Relly, Chairman of Anglo American and Chancellor of Rhodes University died on 10 January 1999 at the age of 72. He was born in 1926 in Cape Town and attended the exclusive Diocesan College where he distinguished himself as a flanker in the first XV, an achievement he was later disappointed more people did not know about. He wanted people to know there was more to him than a stuffed shirt sitting behind a big desk. After matriculating in 1943 he joined the SA sixth armoured division in Italy and was proud to become a lance-corporal while his school mates were still troopers. "I have been recognised," he chortled.

At the end of the war he still didn't have a clue what he wanted to do, and it was only a chance meeting with a friend at UCT that persuaded him a BCom might be a good idea. "What's that?" he asked when the friend told him his father had suggested he do it. "It teaches you about business," was the reply that won Relly's vote. After a year his father had the funds to send him to Oxford, so he spent two years reading politics, philosophy and economics at Trinity College.

Back in South Africa he became an organiser for the United Party in Stellenbosch. UP leader Sir De Villiers Graaff found him "one of the most efficient organisers I have worked with" and introduced him to Oppenheimer, then an MP. Oppenheimer subsequently made Relly his political secretary and later his business secretary. From there he became private secretary to Oppenheimer's father, Sir Ernest. He took over as Chairman of the Corporation in 1983. It is a tribute to Relly's impressive personal skills that he managed to hold together as successfully as he did, a corporation in the kind of flux Anglo American found itself in the 1980s.

Among memorable highlights of his career was his bold, imaginative move in leading a delegation of businessmen to talk to the ANC in Lusaka in 1985, at a time when government propaganda intimated that the ANC were evil terrorists and that talking to them was to have blood on one's hands. That pillars of the business establishment had met them and come back smiling, contributed to a more balanced attitude on the part of whites to the ANC.

Gavin Relly was installed as the fifth Chancellor of Rhodes University in 1991, a position he held until 1998. He also served on the Board of Governors of the Rhodes University Foundation.

He was a warm, likeable man who commanded the utmost loyalty and had the kind of diplomacy that enabled him, if need be, to tell someone to go to hell in such a way that he looked forward to the trip.

He leaves his wife, Jane, three children and four grandchildren.



Dr Gavin Relly (centre) installing Dr David Woods as Vice-Chancellor in August 1996, with President Nelson Mandela looking on.

A tribute by Dr Derek Henderson at a memorial service held for Dr Gavin Relly in the Rhodes University Chapel on 10 February 1999.

We are here this morning to commemorate and mourn the passing of our fifth and immediate past Chancellor, Dr G W H Relly. Many moving tributes have been made to him, in the press, at his funeral in Hermanus, where Old Rhodian Murray Hofmeyr (1943) spoke, and at a memorial service in Johannesburg addressed by Honorary Graduate Julian Ogilvie Thompson. Now it is the turn of the Rhodes community to record our sentiments and express our condolences.

As a member of a well established West Cape family, Bishop's was a natural choice for his schooling. He matriculated in 1943 and was a member of a highly successful Rugby XV, evidence of abilities not directly connected to deskbound activities. World War II was still raging, and he saw service in Italy with the South African Sixth Division.

When the War ended he was enrolled for a brief spell for a BCom degree at UCT before proceeding to Trinity College, Oxford to read for a generalist degree in Politics, Philosophy and Economics. To a far greater extent than in today's more competitive environment, young people tended to start their working lives with no mapped out career path in mind. It is not that surprising, therefore, that he began as a political organiser for the United Party in the critical run-up period to the watershed election of 1948. Sir De Villiers Graaff thought sufficiently highly of him to recommend him as a political secretary to Mr Harry Oppenheimer, then an MP for Kimberley. From there it was but a short journey into Anglo American, with initial periods as private secretary both to Harry and Sir Ernest Oppenheimer and a stint as liaison officer in the newly established Free State Goldfields. Aspects of this progression tended over time to become somewhat formalised, and a succession of Executive Trainees, including myself, could find in Gavin a formidable trailblazer and a source of encouragement and advice.

Thereafter Gavin's progress at Anglo was rapid and in hindsight both logical and almost inevitable, given his innate leadership qualities and accumulating experiences. He was successively manager of the coal division, a prime mover in the establishment of Highveld Steel and Vanadium in the late Fifties, and Anglo's 'Man in Zambia' in the Sixties at a difficult time involving delicate negotiations over the nationalisation of the copper industry. From 1970-1973 he was responsible for the Corporation's North American interests, based in Toronto. Thereafter he was Chairman of the Anglo American Industrial Corporation (AMIC) from 1972-1983. He thus had a broad and international experience of a substantial spectrum of Anglo's main activities. Concomitant advance in Anglo itself included appointment to the Board in 1965 and the Deputy Chairmanship in 1977. In 1983 he succeeded Harry Oppenheimer as the first non-family Chairman and remained at the helm until 1990.

In spite of such responsibilities he did not neglect

other interests such as the SA Foundation, the Urban Foundation and the Foundations of three other universities. Above all he had a deep commitment to the environment long before such a stance became popular. He played an important role in the World Wide Fund for Nature, which brought him into close contact with Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands and the Duke of Edinburgh. His view on business and the environment was straightforward and direct: business activity necessarily impacts on the environment, but if you are not managing such impacts you are not managing your business. As evidence of his influence one may quote an official Chairman's Comment -

"In the Anglo American and De Beers groups of companies we fully recognise our responsibility to ensure that the environmental impact of our mining and industrial activities is managed effectively. We view the environment as an important business issue to be addressed by the same principles that make for commercial success - forward planning, efficiency and optimal resource utilisation."

Subsequently Anglo formed a subcommittee of the Board to pursue on an institutional basis explicit environmental goals and yardsticks.

One of Gavin's most significant achievements was to head up a business delegation to meet the ANC in Zambia in 1985, surmounting both Harry Oppenheimer's hesitations and P W Botha's fulminating condemnation. That courageous episode and its contribution to South Africa's comparatively peaceful political evolution has been so widely commented upon that it would be superfluous to add anything further.

No account of Gavin's career would be complete without reference to Jane, his wife of forty-seven years. She was the sheet anchor of stability as their circumstances changed and they moved about the globe. Wherever their headquarters happened to be, Dunkeld, Lusaka, Toronto, London, Melrose or Hermanus, she was mistress of the occasion. Innumerable gatherings, both large and small, enjoyed their warm hospitality, and had ample reason to be grateful for happy memories and enjoyable conversation and cuisine.

Such was the man who was installed as our Chancellor in 1991. He brought to the office all the experience, diplomatic skills and felicitous interaction with people that he had built up during his illustrious career. He presided with dignity and charm over graduation ceremonies and demonstrated his speaking skills at formal functions. His friendly interactions with both students and staff with whom he came into contact were much appreciated. Behind the scenes his interest in the University's affairs and his informal advice and support were a great source of strength to the University's Administration.

Let me cite but two examples of his humility and finesse. I well remember one of his earliest remarks to me: "Now Derek don't you go and retire on me before I have learned the job". At graduation garden parties a custom had arisen that at the appropriate moment his predecessor, Dr Ian Mackenzie would take the baton and "lead" the St Andrew's/DSG brass band in a stirring rendition of the Teddy Bear's Picnic. Of course their musical director Mr Mike Skipper had previously instructed them to disregard entirely the random gyrations of their pro tem conductor's wand. When I invited Dr Relly to continue the tradition, he politely but firmly declined. He understood perfectly that this was personal to Dr Mackenzie and that there would be no authenticity if he continued the practice.

It remains only for me to express our sympathy and condolences to Jane, their children Janis, Georgina and Giles, grandchildren Alexander, Nicholas, Matthew and Gregory and the extended family. The sudden loss of such an outstanding paterfamilias has been a heavy burden. Our hearts go out to them as we express our gratitude for his contribution to Rhodes as Chancellor. The thousands of graduates and diplomats that he capped must cherish their photographs taken while kneeling or standing before him. Such was his conscientiousness and that of his predecessor, that in the twenty annual graduation sessions from 1977 to 1996, I as Vice-Chancellor only awarded one degree, that of a Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, to Dr Relly himself when he was installed in 1991. He could hardly have capped himself, nor would he have wished to. There was no trace of Napoleon in his personality. It was one of my proudest moments when he returned the compliment in 1997.

Salve, Gavin Relly, distinguished Chancellor, good friend and great human being.

We shall remember you.

A tribute by Dr David Woods, at a memorial service held for Dr Gavin Relly in the Rhodes University Chapel on 10 February 1999.

Rhodes University was proud to have as its Chancellor a man of the calibre and stature of Gavin Relly. His keen interest in education was manifested in schemes like the Anglo and De Beers Chairman's Fund. Although his duties at Rhodes were mainly ceremonial, Dr Relly's wisdom and vast experience as a businessman and diplomat were invaluable to the University.

His long career with the Anglo American Corporation began in 1949 and he rose quickly, serving in South Africa, Zambia and Canada. He succeeded Harry Oppenheimer as Chairman in 1983, becoming the first non-family Chairman of the world's leading mining finance house, a position he held until 1990. His qualities of humanity, warmth and leadership were hallmarks of his career.

His directness of manner and transparent honesty gained the admiration of all who came into contact with him. Those whom he led showed confidence in his judgement and respected his common sense. This directness enabled him to cut through pretension and muddled reasoning - often with an impish sense of humour.

Many of us remember the cheerful manner in which he presided over Graduation and all the attendant events, such as the formal luncheon and the garden party. He had the right balance of formality and approachability on these occasions, which set at ease those around him. He will always be remembered for his personal warmth, sense of humour and the ease with which he related to people of all kinds. During his term in office he capped - at a conservative estimate - 8 000 graduates of this University both here and in East London.

He hugely enjoyed the occasion on which the University conferred an Honorary degree on Pieter Dirk Uys, who failed to turn up for the traditional garden party. However, to the surprise and delight of all, the famous Evita Bezuidenhout swanned in, in a startling pink dress and charmed all - including our Chancellor.

Dr Relly had an inquiring mind and read widely on a vast range of subjects. He had a great interest in and enthusiasm for conservation. He had recently been appointed to the international board of the World Wide Fund for Nature. He also served as Chairman of the WWF South Africa's Executive Committee and was a keen promoter of the development of Peace Parks.

One of his finest qualities was his firm belief in this country and its people. Speaking at his installation as the fifth Chancellor of Rhodes University in April 1991, Dr Relly pointed out that a substantial identity of purpose was evident among the major political players, who were then working on the basic structure of the new constitution for South Africa. "This indicates, I believe, that despite the great real and imagined differences between South Africans, there is a deep sense that getting on together is an imperative."

He demonstrated this belief in 1985 when he led a delegation of South African businessmen to meet the then banned ANC in Zambia. He did this because he believed that establishing dialogue with relevant groups across the political spectrum and promoting public debate on the future of South Africa at a time of growing conflict and isolation was vital to our survival as a country. This bold and imaginative move was the mark of a leader of exceptional fibre.

His interest in Rhodes University was genuine and helpful and he and his wife Jane always appeared to enjoy their visits to Grahamstown and Rhodes. As Chancellor he served on the Board of Governors of the Rhodes University Foundation, which administers capital funds donated to the University. His wisdom and careful advice in this role was of immense value to Rhodes and is one of the factors that ensures that the University will be here to educate the sons and daughters of our present students.

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unfair and unrealistic.

That does, however, not detract one inch from the responsibility and obligation of every institution subsidised by society, to strive for excellence in its service relation with its immediate environment and to become a significant scientific presence nationally and internationally. I am proud of what I know about our university in this regard. Its connectedness with its environment in research, outreach and service is well-known. I am encouraged by its lack of complacency in striving to have the reputation and standing of its qualifications and scholarship internationally validated.

South Africa, in order to develop as a modern society in the next century, cannot afford restrictive parochialism, least of all from our institutions of higher learning. The manner in which we have dealt with our political transition and the ease with which we have racially united the country, have made South Africa a society with enormous standing in the world. Not only do we have an obligation to ourselves, but in a profound way we owe it to the world - that global village I spoke of earlier - to be true to that hope-inspiring dimension in ourselves. The voices of our universities should be heard and the results of its intellectual work seen to be substantively contributing to the advancement of those national political gains we made. We have a comparatively strong base in our tertiary education system on which to build and reshape. Nation-building would also entail recognising and

PRAISE SONGS FOR JAKES GERWEL

ELOKUKHAHLEI,A

P.T. Mtuze 9 April 1999

Makhe zim’ iinkqubo madoda nam ndiyindoda,
Ath’ amaxhosa ikhwelo lityala kulowo ungevayo,
Bayetheni zidweshu nezinunzela zomzi karhodes,
Bayethe mfo kawoods, bayethe Somahlathi,
Ndebubisa nejaji eyongamele iqumrhu leyunivesithi,
Ndebubise izikhakhamele ezipheleke umfo kagerwel,
Ndegqibele ngaye xa ndiqala ngaye kuba ngusingaye,
Ndeithi bayethe nzwan’ enkulu yexhego lasekommadagga,
Bayethe maginy’ inyathi neempondo, wena mpondo-zihlanjiwe
Owanyathel’ umhlaba kangqika lwatsho lwambhox’ uthuli,
Waphum’ efama wangen’ edower kant’ ujong’ epaterson,
Wagxalathelan’ ungxamile usiya eNtshona-Koloni, ntondini,
Wambon’ uvan der Ross, wambulis’ uboesak, untinga,
Gxada ehewat, tsii ebrussels, ujong’ egrassy Park,
Kant’ apho uya khona ubuyel’ ekhaya kwiyunivesithi yakho,
Kanti nanamhla usabuyel’ ekhaya kwelokuzalwa elomgquba,
Kuba kaloku umoya walapha uyakuzala wakunik’ ubomi,
Namhlanje le nginginya ingamangqin’ uyimel’ indlw’ emnyama,
Awuphumi etyholweni uphuma kundlunkulu uyiDG kamadiba
Ingangalal’ engatshonelwa langa eyancanywa nayirhobheni,
Nawe ukwayiyo kuba sikubonile uthetha nogadaffi elybia,
Silaphanje sizokuthi kuwe ntondini qula kubo kuba bakulingene,
Mhlawumbi nomakana uman’ encuma phezu kwemakana’skop,
Kudal’ emhloph’ utshansila makakhe abe nebala laseafrika,
Mhlawumbi nale Rhodes yod’ izigenge ngakumbi iingcango,
Mhlawumbi nabantwana bethu boda bayihloniph’ imfundo,
Kufunde nabasezintakumbeni nabasesilvertown bayityekeze,
Kuba bengekaseli kulo mthombo wohlala ungowasemzini
Sterkte, Oom Jakes, Vasbyt, Veels geluk, weli done,
What a pity I have no authority to say ‘I confer the degree’.

acknowledging as national assets those strengths already achieved and attained. The task would be to ensure that such national assets are for the participation and benefit of all the nation. In as much as a Chancellor as the titular head of a university can contribute to that, I undertake to assist in protecting and defending that strong intellectual and scientific asset which Rhodes University represents for our nation, and to advance the accessibility of those assets to students and scholars from all sectors and backgrounds of our society, and beyond.

Mr Vice-Chancellor, this is ultimately the day of the graduands and diplomates, and I wish to conclude by extending to them the congratulations of all of us and to wish them well. We celebrate with you today the fruits of hard work and dedication, and cannot but also commend, in these days when the financial demands of university education are becoming ever more, your parents and guardians. We are aware of how much so many of them had to sacrifice to make this possible. We wish you well in whatever you now pursue, and may you be worthy ambassadors of your proud *alma mater*.

Thank you once more for the honour you have bestowed upon me. I trust that I shall be worthy of the faith you have put in me, and now gladly and proudly take up the chair for the performance of the first ceremonial function in this esteemed position.

SALUTING GERWEL

Praise Song by P.T. Mtuze 9 April 1999

Let the proceedings stop men, I am also a man,
The Xhosas say it is an offence to ignore the call to order,
I salute all the dignitaries of Rhodes University,
I salute Dr Woods (translated Somahlathi - father of forests),
I salute the Judge, Chairman of the University Council,
I salute all the VIPs who have accompanied Dr Gerwel,
I end with him while starting with him as our guest of honour,
And say hail you handsome son of the old man of Kommadagga,
Hail you that swallows the buffalo horns and all, you mighty one,
You treaded on Ngqika’s land and dust rose to the sky,
You left the farms for Dower, your sights on Paterson High,
You walked hurriedly to the University of the Western Cape,
You saw Van der Ross, greeted Boesak, while flying high,
Landed at Hewat, studied in Brussels, and left for Grassy Park,
But the final aim was to return to your *Alma Mater* (UWC),
But today you have come back home to your roots, Even the air here knows you as it gave you life.
Today all these crowds bear witness - you have not let us down.
You do not come from the bush but you are the DG of Madiba
The great one on whom the sun never sets, even on the island.
You are also great because we saw you talk to Gadaffi in Libya.
We are here to say to you, you are equal to the daunting task,
Even Makana should be smiling on top of Makana’s kop today,
White Chancellorship must give way to the complexion of Africa,
Maybe Rhodes will open the doors even wider than ever,
Maybe our children will ultimately see some value in education,
And those in ezintakumbeni and Silvertown will emulate you,
Unless they drink in this fountain it will remain foreign.
Sterkte, Oom Jakes, Vasbyt, Veels geluk, well done!
What a pity I have no authority to say ‘I confer the degree!’

John Coetzee

The degree of Doctor of Literature (Honoris Causa) was conferred upon John M. Coetzee at a Rhodes University Graduation ceremony held in Grahamstown on 10 April 1999.

The Public Orator, Professor Vivian de Klerk, Head of the Department of English Language and Linguistics, presented him to the Chancellor.

Widely recognised as one of the leading writers of fiction of our time, John Coetzee is the author of 13 books, many of which have won major literary awards both in South Africa and abroad, and of many widely-acclaimed critical essays. His writings have been the subject of five books, two collections of essays, and numerous special issues of journals. The fact that he holds honorary degrees from five universities already, bears testimony to his status internationally.

He completed two honours degrees at UCT, in English and in Maths, followed by a Masters, and then a PhD in Texas. He taught briefly overseas before returning to UCT as lecturer in English in the 70s, where he subsequently climbed the ladder to full professorship by 1984. He has been writing all that time, and continues to write prolifically.

The number of critical articles he has written is awesome, and the number of critical articles written about him and his critical articles is positively daunting.

John Coetzee grew up in Worcester, and felt his way through a world whose rules were inexplicit, yet which demanded that he obey them. Rules about how to treat coloured people, for example, about how “ware Afrikaners” should behave, what it means to be English, how to cope at school, how to relate to siblings and to parents - how to manage that balancing act of life, always complex, always complicated.

With brutal honesty and unerring candour, with perceptive brilliance, and with keen imagination, John Coetzee manages to recreate it in exquisite prose, in his book *Boyhood*, in ways that have left readers enthralled and have left even the critics groping for words.

He evokes the tensions, the delights and the very real terrors of childhood with an immediacy that makes everything seem oh-so-familiar.

He writes of coming to terms with who he was as a young white boy in South Africa: he writes of the very real distress and outrage which race brings with it in our country, of his discomfort at the use of the term “boy” for grown men, and of his unease when he passes [the housemaid] Lientjie in the passage and she has to pretend to be invisible, and he has to pretend she is not there ... he does not know how to answer her when she speaks to him in the third person as “kleinbaas”.

It was language which preoccupied him most of all. We have here a man who delights in words and has been gifted with expressive ability, and a fascination with the irresistible mystique of language.

Part of his musings on language included the problem of deciding whether he was English or Afrikaans. Born with a parent on each side of the language divide, growing up in a town with both languages, attending an Afrikaans school, but in the English-medium class, despite his Afrikaans surname, he spent hours trying to decide where he belonged, and to pin down what made Afrikaans people Afrikaans, and English people English. Here is a man who could not stop himself from becoming a writer.

His international eminence as a leading writer of the late 20th century comes both from his critical essays (especially in his book *White Writing*) and from his novels, such as *Dusklands*, *In the Heart of the Country*, and *Waiting for the Barbarians*.

He has displeased some of his critics for two reasons: firstly, because, in their view, he has not been politically relevant enough, and has refused to show them the agonised white consciousness they all seek; he has insisted on his freedom to be what he is; he does not see himself as a South African writer *per se*, but as someone writing in the world at large, his allegiance lying with the discourse of novels, rather than the discourse of South African politics.

A second reason for their displeasure has come from the fact that his writing is not always easy to understand: he challenges the orthodox definitions of the role of the writer, and, instead of making things nice and clear for his readers, he often leaves them with evocative pointers and questions, and gives them the freedom to interpret for themselves.

His work has been described as serious, sophisticated and brilliant, uniting intellectual rigour and ethical scrupulousness with the aesthetic. With unflinchingness and forgivingness, Coetzee offers his readers the cold solace of understanding.

Here is man who has shared with us the outflowings of his pen - words that mystify, delight, enthrall, confuse, and entertain.



Old Rhodians Making News

Sweet Success

Stephen Weir (1980) makes sweets and snacks especially for hawkers and spazas. His business, Afribrand, built the 37-year old Dale College boy a personal fortune of R30 million in just nine months. Many of us only talk about it, but Stephen Weir did it. He quit his rewarding merchant banking job in 1996 to start his own business. In August 1997 Afribrand listed with the Stock Exchange with the kind of fanfare not seen in many years. The public offer made by Afribrand was 75 times subscribed and its shares which were offered at 100c each, opened at 200c, doubling the company’s market capitalisation.

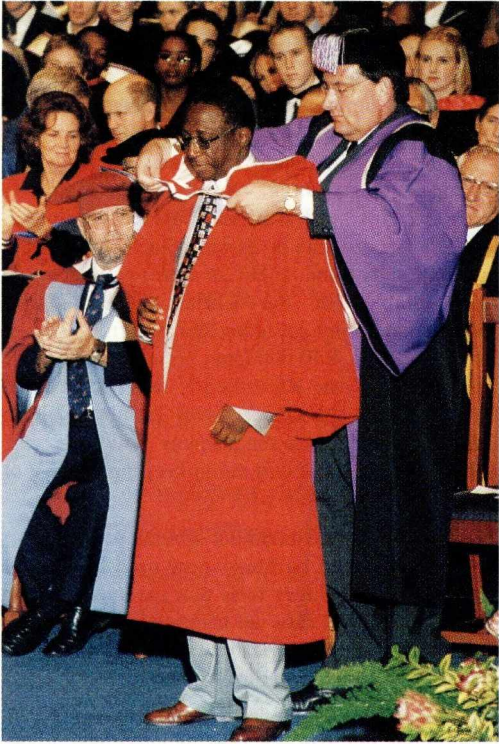
From his earliest childhood in King William’s Town, Stephen has been interested in his family’s 135-year old wholesale cash-and-carry business, which served the informal sector. Stephen did everything from packing boxes to later managing the stores during university holidays. While a student at Rhodes, Stephen wrote a thesis on the development of the informal sector in the Ciskei, with special reference to the hawkers’ trade, from which experience he later drew. He also gained

valuable experience during his ten-year stint with Investec, putting deals together, launching new products and laying the foundations for the company’s private banking operations. “Investec was the best university, particularly in those days when we were exposed to so many areas. Without that experience I could never have started Afribrand.” Stephen says that lots of energy is his secret to success.



Aggrey Klaaste

The Public Orator, Professor Vivian de Klerk, Head of the Department of English Language and Linguistics, presented Honorary Graduand Aggrey Robeson Zola Klaaste to the Chancellor.



Aggrey Klaaste was born in 1940. His father was a teacher and the family lived in a complex for lowly mine officials, in Rand Leases, near Florida. It was called Skoonplaas to distinguish it from the mine compounds, which were filthy and dilapidated, and yet held a certain appeal for the young Aggrey, who was fascinated by the vibrant, exciting goings-on there, among the miners from all over southern Africa. He admits being drawn to the activity in this forbidden area, and sneaking up on the so-called “mineboys”, listening to their songs, intoxicated by their rich vernacular, trying to pick up some of those evocative idioms and swearwords. Later, when he lived in Sophiatown, he tuned in to the tsotsi-taal of the streets.

The young Aggrey became aware early on of the conflicts in the hearts of men, starting with his own father, who would have been regarded as something of an intellectual, and who, on the one hand, looked down on the miners as rough and uneducated, yet on the other, felt deeply the injustices they bore, and entrenched in his young son a passionate desire for freedom and justice.

In the meantime young Aggrey Klaaste was getting on with the business of formal education. He matriculated from Madibane High School and in 1962 achieved a BA from Wits University by the age of 22. He joined the world of journalism the next year, and made his way by writing for a wide range of publications (such as *Bantu World*; *Drum*; *Golden City Post*, and *World*) which served an African readership: here was a young man in a hurry to go places.

But the world of black journalism became unpleasant and difficult from the early 70s: as the political temperature shot up and news really started happening in black areas, draconian controls on expression multiplied, with close to a hundred laws limiting press freedom, any black journalist was seen by the government as a “guerrilla with a pen”, legal restraints were a minefield, and Aggrey Klaaste was out there, burning with the indignities and injustice of the times.

Intimately involved with the struggle, the consequences were harsh, resulting, in 1977, in seven months of detention, because of the reportage on Steve Biko; there were no charges of course, he was simply “detained”.

Dogged, in subsequent years, by the constant threat of surveillance and the fear of further inconvenient “detention”, Aggrey Klaaste showed extreme patience. He chose the middle road of moderation and dignified caution, and rose to the position of Editor of *The Sowetan* in 1988, and ultimately Editor-in-Chief, having led the paper through extremely difficult times and worked tirelessly towards building it up into the bastion of black journalism that it is today.

The Sowetan has one of the biggest readerships of any South African newspaper. It is a vitally important resource, offering insights into the joys and the tragedies of black experience. And Aggrey

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The degree of Doctor of Literature (Honoris Causa) was conferred upon Aggrey Robeson Zola Klaaste at a Rhodes University Graduation ceremony held in Grahamstown on 10 April 1999.

Professor Klaaste opened his address by referring to the black intellectual philosopher, Franz Fanon and commented that social historians and other commentators were of the mind that the disputations on colonialism and racism which started long before Fanon, were about to be brought to an unexpected end, when the release of Nelson Mandela and others from Robben Island ushered in a new democracy in South Africa.

“There are sadly no indications - or at least, very little is indicative - of the race dilemma coming to a resolution now or in the new millenium. Five years after the 1994 elections, when black and white races reached a negotiated peace, the divide between black and white South Africans yawns deeper than ever.”

He states that after 1994, South Africans made a number of fundamental assumptions about matters that are profoundly complex and intractable. “We could not be entirely faulted, for the expectation, widely held, that South Africa would collapse into a chaotic race war, failed to happen. Instead the promise of a miracle - that seemingly wiped out centuries of race animosity and prejudice - impressed the world.”

“Later,” he said, “the miracle of democracy, it was assumed, would be consolidated and reinforced by a Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The commission was part of another remarkable assumption that a “sunset clause” to the new constitution would be the elixir of all our political problems, the all time solution to race problems. Klaaste identifies the mistake as this: “Flushed with the victory of what could have been the most terrifying race war in all annals, South Africa believed in a simplification of the complexities of human nature that had confounded others for generations.”

The TRC’s report, released in October 1998, left many “in one sense exhilarated, but just as far away from getting to the truth, and far from being reconciled,” he said.

Prof Klaaste belonged to a fellowship of black and white people who had been meeting in his office at *The Sowetan* since just before the first elections in 1994. It was then that they started their own truth and reconciliation debate and also began to pray together. He says of this group: “Being black and white South Africans, many is the time we nearly got to blows in the heat of political debates. The fellowship survives to this day. We still pray. We are still at each others’ throats. We seem to be politically as poles apart now as we were then. We often do not think we would ever be able to reach anything like truth and reconciliation. It is disconcerting, frustrating and painful. It is at times quite wonderful. And that, perhaps, is its virtue. It is nation building. It is as critical for us to continue our private search as it is for the larger South Africa to look without ceasing for truth and reconciliation.”

Tracing his own life, from his birth at the end of World War Two, his childhood on a mine on the West Rand and then the move to Sophiatown, he comments “I have, through accident and design been placed in the shadow, the chase or pursuit of freedom and truth, in their various elusive forms, all my life.”

Of his profession, he says, “Journalists, thank God, don’t always have the arrogance that what we are about is the truth. We are often accused of reporting the opposite of the truth. The public nature of the job creates tension.” We are taught to be objective and when this obviously fails, to try and write about as many differing truths as is possible. It is not easy.”

He closes with a quote in which Franz Fanon says that “the building of a nation is of necessity accompanied by the discovery and encouragement of universalising values. It is at the heart of national consciousness that international consciousness lives and grows. And this twofold emerging is ultimately the source of all culture.” (Fanon, 1959)

James Martin

The Public Orator, Professor Vivian de Klerk, Head of the Department of English Language and Linguistics, presented Honorary Graduand James Martin to the Chancellor.

James Martin has a world-wide reputation. He chairs a corporation with a revenue of about \$100 million that designs and implements IT business solutions; he has founded several other successful computer companies; he was nominated for the Pulitzer prize in 1977 for his book *The Wired Society*; he has written prolifically, and his works have changed perceptions in the industry; indeed, Computerworld recently ranked James Martin as fourth among the 25 people who have most influenced the world of computing.

James Martin has a distinguished academic career, with an MA and DLitt from Oxford University and a DSc from Salford University in England. Academic training was merely the beginning of his illustrious career. Today he is at the forefront of knowledge in his field, leading others into the uncharted territory of Information Technology.

His first job was as a rocket scientist, doing research on combustion in the rocket motor of the British Blue Streak missile. Then, until 1977 he worked for IBM; there he laid the foundation that led to an inspired career in which he more or less originated the discipline of information engineering. He moved on to establish his own company in 1982, and hasn’t looked back since.

While growing this multi-million dollar empire on the side, Martin has written 101 books on technology-related issues, many of which have been IT best-sellers - apparently more than any other person has ever written. He has also beaten the world record for making educational videotapes, and he developed the world’s first educational course on videodisk, followed by the first interactive educational laser disk. He is fondly known as the father of CASE, which was built in his home under his direction. CASE stands for “Computer Aided Systems Engineering”, a sort of set of “commandments” on how to conduct your business.

Well known on an international scale as a premier strategist on management and IT, James Martin has a remarkable track record of accurate predictions about the future. He became concerned that all his conversations with his colleagues were about engineering, and not about its consequences. So he wrote two books on the nuclear Command and Control systems, how war would start, and how to minimise the possibility of blundering into catastrophe - something that very nearly happened shortly thereafter when we narrowly escaped a Cuban missile crisis in the 1960s.

His 1977 book *The Wired Society* has proved to be a remarkably accurate prediction about future technology - today’s technology. And what about Y2K Millenium bugs? When James Martin hears about this impending crisis, he gets rather cross, because, according to him, if they’d followed his engineering and structured data model years ago, it wouldn’t have happened.

For businesses today, the ability to react and adapt quickly to market changes is crucial to success, and James Martin’s mission, about which he is passionate, is to help businesses use IT to manage themselves better: “Everywhere I go”, he says (and remember, he goes to first-world places) “I feel overwhelmed by the obsolete nature of most corporations”.

James Martin lives in the Internet age and a huge tidal wave of electronic commerce is coming. We are on a fast track into the 20th century, and thank heavens James Martin is here to guide those of us who are less able. His latest book, *Alien Intelligence*, is NOT science fiction, it’s a look at the future impact of computing, and one reviewer said it “makes Bill Gates’ book look like a school-girl essay”.

Dr Martin has no plans to retire, despite being 65; now Chairman emeritus of his company, he whiles away all his spare time knocking off a few books every week, and travelling around as one of the world’s best attended lecturers.

He acts as top level advisor to several governments, such as the United Kingdom (on restructuring telecommunications and the changing role of the Post Office) and the US Department of Defence’s Software Scientific Advisory Board.

We at Rhodes, trust science, and we trust technology; in particular, we trust James Martin, as a leading business and technology guru, who we hope will be our guide in bridging the gap between top management and IT, and in advancing the frontiers of system development.

The degree of Doctor of Laws (Honoris Causa) was conferred upon James Martin at a Rhodes University Graduation ceremony held in Grahamstown on 9 April 1999.

“This is an extraordinary time to be graduating. You began your education in the 20th century and you’ll be using it in the 21st century, (which) is going to be a very different century from the 20th century. It’s going to be the age of cyberspace,” began James Martin’s animated graduation address.

He went on to say that knowledge will be the most valuable resource in the new century, and the people who can grow, acquire and use knowledge most effectively, will be the ones who are most successful. He emphasised that it was important for students to realise that in the age of cyberspace they are “citizens of the world”.

This is an age where there are extraordinary fortunes being made and where corporate structures and behaviour are being re-invented. Electronic commerce is burgeoning. “The rules of everything are being re-written” he said, “The rug is being pulled out from under tradition everywhere, including universities. So you need to be fully aware as you graduate, that you must be part of rethinking the rules - to create what the rules are for South Africa in the age of cyberspace.”

Martin stated that activities were becoming world-wide. “The world is the melting pot and we have to think globally”. Facilitating this global trend is the staggering advance in computer power and speed, the development of alien intelligence (as opposed to artificial intelligence), the development of fibre-optics to speed telecommunications and thus enable “a billion computers around the planet (to be) wired together as though they were in the same room, sharing the same channel,” he explained. This would force corporations and even politics to be completely rethought.

Martin told of how, as a student, he had listened at the feet of Bertrand Russell, who was then in his 90s, saying “I’m 90 and I can learn faster than you people can learn”. He called on the graduands to remember this image, to realise that “real learning begins now and it’s something which must go on throughout your lifetime. Turn yourself into a learning professional because things are changing at an exponentially increasing rate.”

He projected a 10-fold increase in the percentage of the population who would be involved in highly creative work 20 years from now. This explosion of creativity and speed of change was causing worry and pessimism and Martin said that rather than be pessimistic, people should realise that “this is a time where things are going to be absolutely wild - the time you’re living in is the wildest roller-coaster ride in human history.”

He closed by urging students to “master the profession that you choose. (This means) learning and never stopping learning and if you do that, then you are living in what I think is the most exciting time that you could possibly have chosen in all of human history, to live in.”



Remember Bots?



Dear Old Rhodians

Many Old Rhodians prior to the 1980s will remember with nostalgia the Botanical Gardens or 'Bots'.

On weekends, with a blanket and transistor radio, many a pushing (courting) couple were seen to head for the lawns above Bots Kaif. It was a 'pushers' paradise before students had cars and could take off for the coast for weekends. Hill Kaif, in old Fort Selwyn, was a farther walk, but the view of the city from Gunfire Hill was an added reward.

Now all is changed. The 'Monkey Puzzle' Pub and Restaurant is where the Bots Kaif once stood, and the Settlers Monument and restored Fort Selwyn dominate Gunfire Hill. Meanwhile, the once attractive and popular gardens have fallen into disrepair and are only a shade of their former glory.

But all is not lost. The Grahamstown Trust has established the 'Friends of Bots' and we are hoping to help in revamping the Gardens so as to provide an asset to the City once again. However, we need your help. Are there any Old Rhodians who can provide the following:

- Information on the history of the Botanical Gardens (we can get the basic information, but we need other interesting historical anecdotes).
- Other stories involving Bots (for example, shortly after I returned as a lecturer to Rhodes in June 1976, following a once-in-a-life snowfall, students 'borrowed' trays from the dining halls and tobogganed down the Bots Hill - any photos of this or the snowfall event?)
- Photographs of the Gardens and Gunfire Hill. Today indigenous vegetation covers the slopes - has anyone got photos of the alien plant invaders on Gunfire Hill or on Mountain Drive? Alien trees are all being felled as 'Albany Working For Water' clears the hills of gums and acacias. We need some documentary evidence of Grahamstown's 'past vegetation'.

We have a landscape architecture student doing her internship in Grahamstown this year, and to help with planning for the future use of Bots and the design of an Arboretum at Grey Dam. Grahamstown is to be the Arbour City once we have trees from all provinces established. Are there any Old Rhodians with expertise in planning, landscape architecture and indigenous trees, who would like to contribute? Please let us have any ideas.

Finally, as is always the case, we will need money for these projects. If you can't find those old photos, and your stories of Bots are too secret, then do get out your cheque book and send us a donation - R10, R20, R100 all will help.

Any corporate donors who would like to make a substantial contribution and get some advertising mileage out of this high profile venture for our Festival-Arbour City should contact us directly. We would be glad to hear from you. Names of donors will be listed in our pamphlet planned for the new Bots, and any contributions over R200 will be presented with the marvellous book of Emily O'Meara on the city, *Grahamstown Reflected*, published in 1995 by the Albany Museum.

Stop Press:

Since compiling this letter, there has been a change in the siting of the Arboretum. It will now incorporate the old Bots, with a trail leading to Grey Dam. This is all still in the planning stage.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely, **Professor Roy Lubke (1961)** for 'Friends of Bots'

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The Prophetic Nun

"Rhodians need to be more aware than they are, of the heritage that we received when we took over the Training College, now St Peter's campus," says Professor Guy Butler, interviewed in his historical home in Grahamstown, about his soon-to-be-published book *The Prophetic Nun*.



St Mary and all the Angels, fresco in the Chapel of Rhodes University (photograph by Duncan Greaves)

Butler, famous author, well-known and loved by generations of Rhodes students who were taught by him, became enchanted by the apse painting in the Rhodes Chapel when he himself was a student. "I'd never seen anything as big and as striking," he commented.

When he moved to St John's College in Johannesburg and was taken to worship at a Sophiatown church, exquisitely decorated with murals by the same artist, the co-incidence was to lead him on a quest to discover more about its creator and uncover the mystery of these unsigned works. Upon his retirement and with the help of a grant from Rhodes University, he was able to conduct the research which has culminated in the publication of this book.

Who was The Prophetic Nun? What was the significance of her work? What was her relationship with Rhodes? Butler explains that the title, although singular, actually refers to several nuns, the central figure being Sister Margaret, a gifted artist whose works are lavishly illustrated in the book.

Sr Margaret joined the Community of the Resurrection of Our Lord, Grahamstown in 1911, having prepared herself by taking courses in fresco and mural painting, only to discover, no doubt with something of a shock, that her artistic talents were to lie dormant for 12 years while she washed nappies and did the work for which the Order was founded.



Sister Margaret Watson

When at last she was called upon to paint, she produced spectacular, luminescent works which demonstrated, in Prof Butler's words, "great joyfulness, a sense of enjoyment of life through colour, and the radiant beauty of the world". In 1940 Sr Margaret was commissioned to paint the murals in a church run by a brother of the Order, the late Trevor Huddleston's Christ the King Church in Sophiatown, Johannesburg. Sr Margaret painted the murals with complete disregard for colour conciousness. St Francis was depicted kneeling in a township street with a background of minedumps and headgear, and Heaven had a preponderance of black angels. Other works of Sr Margaret are spread as wide as KwaZulu-Natal, Zimbabwe, Peddie and Port Elizabeth as well as sculptural work done to her design as far as Zambia. In one church mural for a "coloured" community, she painted Christ on the cross with his mother and St John, who was depicted as a "coloured" man.

In a political climate of de-facto segregation, not yet enshrined in law, "she used her medium to make a universal statement about mankind: that colour demarcation is a false frontier," says Prof Butler.

Why the title 'Prophetic Nun'? Sr Margaret took pains to depict that Christianity is about the Here and Now and challenged a separatist South African society, "which is the sort of thing that prophets do - they challenge the present," Prof Butler mused.

When Sophiatown was razed during the forced removals of apartheid in 1955, the church of Christ the King was spared demolition, but the murals, tragically, were obliterated with white PVA. A feasibility study for the restoring of the artwork is currently in progress.

The book also chronicles the work of two other nuns, Sister Pauline, a woodcarver and sculptor who taught Ernest Mancoba and Job Kekana, two famous black sculptors, and Sister Dorothy Maud, who was a key figure in Sophiatown.

Butler smiles as he explains that the book will depict the vitality of Sophiatown as a cultural heart for a generation of emergent black South Africans, "for me, a very interesting period in South African history. It's a period in which

racial segregation becomes solidified into law, and while that is going on, there are the voices of protest against it, from the nuns, from Alan Paton, from Huddleston," to name but a few.

Prof Butler acknowledges several sources of assistance, among them Prof **Robert Brooks (1961)** who verified the murals as "fine works of art" and Rev **Duncan Buchanan (1954)**, the Bishop of Johannesburg, who wrote the foreword to the book. Prof **Paul Walters (1962)** of the Rhodes English Department is assisting with the book's publication by Random House and hopes that it will be available for the Christmas trade. The sponsorship, which includes R67 000 from the late Dr Gavin Relly, R50 000 from Trevor Huddleston's Community of the Resurrection in Yorkshire and R15 000 from the Order's own Training College Fund (founded when the campus buildings were first sold to Rhodes) will aid in keeping the cost of the book down.

The Prophetic Nun contains several watercolours by Sr Margaret of buildings now used by Rhodes University. Prof Butler feels that the incorporation of these buildings into the campus is a significant aesthetic enrichment and the book will record for posterity, "a living part of Rhodian memory".

The buildings of St Peter's campus were sold to Rhodes for the princely sum of some R800 000. The Chapel alone was valued at R1 million, but the sisters made a gift of it to Rhodes, on the provision that it continued to be used as a place of worship. With the money raised from the sale of the buildings, the sisters started the Grahamstown Training College Trust Fund which supports local projects such as Umthathi, GADRA education and others.

In the late afternoon, as the winter sunlight begins to fade from his richly decorated sitting room in High Street, Grahamstown, Prof Butler tells the story of the nun who founded the Order, Mother Cecile. "She was always a source of happiness and joy," he says and her dying message to the Order is one that he wishes to re-iterate. "As she said, and this is also my wish for Rhodes and my message to Rhodians, 'Don't let the sparkle go out of the place'."

A collection of poems by Prof Butler, edited by Prof Laurence Wright (1969) will be launched during the 1999 National Arts Festival. The first poem was written while Prof Butler was a student at Rhodes. The book is published by David Phillip and promises to enthrall.



A watercolour of the Rhodes Chapel

Aggrey Klaaste

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Klaaste played his part: a black person writing for black people.

The headlines Aggrey Klaaste has had to write have not been dull, and ambiguity has been the least of his worries. The stylistic choices he had to make were always serious ones; imagine in the early 80s deciding whether to say: “40 killed in township violence” or “Police kill 40 in township violence”. Detention could well have been a consequence of not choosing the passive voice! Klaaste has written his way through South Africa’s most troubled times, and experienced their despair, anger, grief and hopelessness, writing day after bitter day about the evils of the apartheid system.

And, as we all know, things got worse. The test of journalists came in the eighties, when political divisions among black people emerged. Journalists were often attacked when covering meetings, and the first necklacings took place. It was here that Klaaste emerged as more than an editor, but as something of an elder statesman in South African journalism, through his vision of what a newspaper could do. He initiated and conducted a campaign of nation-building, based on the slogan “Sowetan: I choose peace”, and helped to play a mediator role during the torrid and violent early 90s.

Not afraid to point fingers at anyone, he recently criticised members of his own community for child abuse, saying “it is time we engaged in another struggle, perhaps more difficult, against ourselves. It is made more difficult by our complacency, by our having patted ourselves on the back for too long. The time for introspection and moral cleansing is now. It is no easy task because ... you don’t exactly toyi-toyi when you have to challenge yourself”.

Few of us rise to such a level that we begin to look beyond our own petty personal horizons to issues that are of wider human and national significance. We have before us one such man, a man able to overcome the brutal vindictiveness of South Africa’s apartheid system, who was able to rise above the inevitable bitterness and anguish of the injustices of our country, who could put behind him the numberless incidents he must have experienced as a black man trying to express his viewpoint in a white world.

We salute this leader of black South African journalism, this perceptive and honest commentator, this independent and courageous editor; we salute you, Aggrey Klaaste, for all you have done to help build peace and unity amongst our people.

Old Rhodians Making News
Diliza is Chamber of Mines CEO

In January 1998 the Chamber of Mines of South Africa announced the appointment of Mr **Mzolisi “Zoli” Diliza (1984)** as its new chief executive officer. Diliza, who was the human resource director at the Independent Development Trust before his move to the Chamber of Mines, said that the Chamber needed to become part and parcel of the new South Africa. His surname means “demolish” in Xhosa, but Diliza thinks only of rebuilding the 109-year old industry. Change and continuity would go hand in hand, as he foresaw the Chamber building on the successes of the past in going forward to meet the critical challenges of the future. As a newcomer to the mining industry last year, Diliza faced obstacles more volatile than the price of gold. He had to introduce meaningful changes to benefit all South Africans, especially blacks. If he manages to create more opportunities for mineworkers, then he will win the hearts of the unionists, who were sceptical about his appointment. Although he has no firsthand knowledge of mining, he has a sound background in labour relations, having spent a year at Oxford University studying an advanced programme on labour administration and employment creation. He is sure that the experience gained in London and the number of years spent as an industrial relations manager will be crucial to his dealings with both the unions and the mining industry. Diliza, aware of the challenges that lie ahead, is cautiously confident: “I am no magician. The issues are bigger than one individual and social partners need to work together to implement meaningful changes. I am entering this new terrain with an open mind: to learn more about the organisation and strike a balance between empowerment and control.” Mzolisi Diliza is not fazed by criticism, and aims to ensure that South Africa will remain one of the biggest mining countries in the world.

Mlungisi Tsotsi

The Public Orator, Professor Vivian de Klerk, Head of the Department of English Language and Linguistics, presented Honorary Graduand Wycliffe Mlungisi Tsotsi to the Chancellor.

Dr Tsotsi has been involved in this country’s struggle for democracy for over 50 years. Highly qualified, with an LLB, MA and PhD, he became a forthright and courageous political activist who has made a lifelong commitment to fighting for the rights of the oppressed, the exploited and the disadvantaged.

Dr Tsotsi is a son of the Eastern Cape, born in the village of Tsomo in the Transkei in 1914. Both parents were teachers, who encouraged hard work and achievement. He was sent to Lovedale College, where he showed exceptional talents, winning the medal for the best student for six years and playing in the first teams for rugby, cricket and soccer. A genuine all-rounder, his impressive sporting prowess continued later in life, and he played rugby for NW districts and cricket for the Cape provincial side. At Lovedale he won a bursary which enabled him to proceed to Fort Hare, to read for a BA in English and History.

After training, he began his career as a teacher, as the only teacher of Blytheswood Secondary School in Butterworth, teaching all the subjects to all the pupils! Ten years later he was appointed headmaster of a school in Lady Frere. However, he found himself on a collision course with the government - his politics got him into trouble. Apart from doing his bit in the history classroom, and alerting his pupils to the existence of an alternative view of history, he also began to rally teachers together and raise awareness about the plight of black education, and the dangers of the new government plans to limit curricula and prepare black children for a subordinate role.

Dr Tsotsi has an interesting surname. I’m sure he will forgive me for drawing some parallels between him and his namesakes, the flashily dressed streetgang youths, whose delightful language, known as tsotsi-taal, is a wonderful secret code to prevent law-abiding people from knowing what they are up to.

Naturally Dr Tsotsi was not a thug or a streetgang member, but we know tsotsi’s generally cause trouble - and our Dr Tsotsi was no exception: he caused trouble with the apartheid regime. Over and over again. Tsotsi’s don’t obey the law - but Dr Tsotsi dared to go one step further and actually question the law, of which he heartily disapproved. Dr Tsotsi, in his fight for freedom and human rights, was seen by the Nationalist government as behaving illegally, and they found him very troublesome.

Because of all this trouble, one day the inspector arrived for a full inspection of his school. He put

everyone through their paces and then passed on the government’s message to Dr Tsotsi: ‘you can’t bite the hand that feeds you: it’s teaching or politics, but not both’. He had a passionate yearning for freedom for his people, so he hitched his wagon to the political star and resigned, committing himself to the struggle, putting an end to a very promising career in education. With wife and children and no job, he started again - this time in the law.

During his years as a legal practitioner, Dr Tsotsi’s political involvement increased in intensity, and from 1943 he fought the cause of the downtrodden in uncompromising style, serving on the executive of the non-European Unity Movement, acting as its president for three years, and later as president of the All-African convention for ten years.

This was no ordinary lawyer, but one who took up the cause of the underdog; deeply aware of the human tragedy that passed for the administration of justice in our country, critical of how law courts were used by an oppressor society to enforce discrimination and suppress the hopes of the people for land and liberty, he was determined to expose the evils of the legal system.

Although he was a member of the black elite, a highly educated and professional man, he was never free from the degradation and humiliations heaped on black people in our country; his memoirs tell of times when, travelling to other towns for cases, he would have to queue for hours for a permit from the location officer to enable him to eat at some 3rd-rate location restaurant.

After practising law for ten years in Lady Frere and making himself a nuisance to the government, in 1960, he arrived in Aliwal North one Saturday for a tennis match, and received an urgent message that the police were on his trail. Without going home he fled to Lesotho to avoid arrest. His long and lonely years of exile, which he describes as an emotional, physical and spiritual laceration of the very soul, only ended with his return to SA in 1995. He visited South Africa secretly during his exile, and on one occasion he was arrested and detained incommunicado under Section 17 at the Cambridge police cells for 81 dark and lonely days.

After his release, he was escorted back to Lesotho, and his activities continued to make him politically undesirable; in 1964 he was deported to Zambia, where he took up an appointment on the executive of the Unity Movement of South Africa. He was admitted to the bar, and he eventually rose to the heights of Principal Crown Attorney.

More than a teacher, more than an exceptional sportsman, and more than a lawyer - he is also the author of three books. At the age of 85, he still practises as a consultant for a firm of attorneys; and since his retirement, he has served on the Amnesty Committee of the TRC.

Here is a man who is not bitter, and who has risen above the petty hatreds and racism of his times. One marvels at his resilience, and at the way he tells of his painful experiences with composure and dignity. An unheralded figure, an unsung hero with a long and proud record of anti-apartheid activism stretching over 50 exhausting years; a lawyer of repute.

The degree of Doctor of Laws (Honoris Causa) was conferred upon Wycliffe Mlungisi Tsotsi at a Rhodes University Graduation ceremony held in East London on 7 May 1999.

Dr Tstotsi spoke on a subject which is currently being widely and heatedly debated - the subject of the TRC and its Amnesty Committee. He is a member of the Amnesty Committee and admits being prejudiced in its favour. Tsotsi explained that the TRC was conceived as a bridge, the precise nature of which was aptly described in the Interim Constitution of 1993 as “A historic bridge between the past of a deeply divided society characterised by strife, conflict, untold suffering and injustice and a future founded on the recognition of human rights, democracy and peaceful co-existence”.

“The amnesty process is the bulwark of this historic bridge,” said Tsotsi. “It has been condemned by some people as an unconscionable betrayal of the feelings of victims, and accused of providing perpetrators of the most heinous crimes with an opportunity to walk the streets ... as free persons, instead of being tried, convicted and sent to jail where they belong.”

Tsotsi defended amnesty by saying “The truth of the matter is that the vast majority of the hideous crimes of the apartheid era have never been brought to light by the ordinary methods of criminal investigation.” Amnesty was necessary, because, in the words of Mr Justice I Mohamed, “... But for a mechanism providing for amnesty the historic bridge itself might never have been erected. If the Constitution kept alive the prospects of continuous retaliation and revenge, the bridge itself would have remained wobbly and insecure, threatened by fear from some and anger from others. It is for this reason that those who negotiated the Constitution made a deliberate choice, preferring understanding over vengeance, reparation over retaliation, Ubuntu over victimisation.”

Tsotsi cautioned against exaggerating the capabilities of the TRC and amnesty.

While the ANC wanted a radical social transformation of the country, Tsotsi said “in my humble opinion it cannot be through the agency of the TRC and its Amnesty Committee ... It is not simply a racial question. It is ideological and structural. The political agreement for a peaceful transition from apartheid to democracy, which was hammered out at the World Trade Centre, was neither a reform of apartheid nor its revolutionary overthrow. It was a compromise between the negotiating parties. The fundamental question that now arises is whether or not the contracting parties are still prepared to adhere to its terms.”

Tsotsi closed by saying “If we want to save South Africa from a Holocaust we must examine our consciences and determine as individuals, groups and especially as educational institutions, whether we are doing enough ... The amnesty process will no doubt help some of us to cross the historic bridge but it will never be able to solve the problems of unemployment and poverty in our country. This is a mammoth task whose achievement requires the united effort of the whole nation.”



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1920s

Oscar Gordon Tarboton (1924) writes from Howick that at 92 he is still fairly fit and that his wife has just turned 90. Congratulations to you both.

Phyllis Roderick (Barnes) (1925), who enjoys a full and active life in Port Elizabeth, noticed that there was too little news of Old Rhodians from the 1920s in the last edition of the newsletter, and contributed the following: **Lovell Carter (Graham) (1918)** turns 100 next year. She still enjoys her weekly bridge dates and is as alert as ever. She lives at Damant Lodge, Port Alfred. **Evan Workman (1925)** lives at Park Towers in Port Elizabeth, a hotel for the elderly, and in true Old Rhodian style, keeps them all on their toes! We trust that Phyllis will be pleased with the number of news items from the 1920s in this year's newsletter.

Frances Isaac (Leighton) (1927) writes from Australia that she was pleased to read in the last newsletter of the honorary degree awarded to John Kani, having often seen him in productions brought to Melbourne. She especially remembered *Sizwe Banzi is Dead*, with its reference to King Williamstown, where she was born and raised. Frances and her husband, Edwyn, who was Professor of Botany at Rhodes from 1948 until 1951, moved to Australia in 1970 to join her family. Edwyn passed away in 1995. Activities in the University of the Third Age keep Frances mentally alert, and she suggests that retiring ORs in and around Grahamstown start a branch of that admirable institution. It enables people to share interests and knowledge and to delve into fields of study for which they had no time during their working lives, with no qualifications required and no examinations expected!

Canon Richard Holderness (1929) turned 89 last year. He lives in Zimbabwe but spent Christmas with his son **Bill (1967)** and enjoyed surfing in the waves at Humewood, Port Elizabeth.

1930s

Molly Rainer Franco (Hobson) (1930) who lives in Portugal expressed continued interest in news of her *alma mater*. She studied French and Latin at Rhodes, both of which have been most useful throughout her life. Molly was especially interested to read about the honorary degree awarded to Dr Tony O'Reilly last year, as her late husband was a Portuguese diplomat and they lived in Dublin for six years, during which time she had the pleasure of attending lectures at University College. She remains very fond of Ireland and was delighted to read about the co-operation between our two countries. During the course of her life and travels, Molly has become a Roman Catholic and is now resident in the well-known sanctuary, Fátima, where she meets pilgrims from all over the world. She has always been proud of her association with Rhodes, which she says has a vision, and puts it into practice.

Betty Conden (Muggleston) (1935) writes that they have moved to a retirement village "ShadyWoods" in Randburg. She will be pleased to hear from fellow OLD Rhodians! Her address is P O Box 734, Bromhof, 2154.

Nancy Morris (1938) wishes to thank all her friends, retrospectively, for their support during her early stressful and hard-working years in Australia and her recent illness, and to wish them richest blessings.

1940s

Yvonne Logan (Mather-Pike)(1941) writes that after nearly 74 years of living in Grahamstown, she and her husband have moved to Port Alfred. They remain vitally interested in Rhodes and its fortunes.

Neil Emslie (1942) lives in Port Elizabeth and is still assisting with pastoral work in the Church of England in South Africa. He is also involved with the MOTH Ex-Servicemen's organisation and did publicity work for their 70th anniversary.

Olive Townsend (Dixie)(1943) has moved, with her sister **P M Dixie (1941)** to the Westhaven retirement village in Florida, Gauteng, to be nearer to their family.

Thomas Mullins (1944) is a Judge, residing in Port Elizabeth.

Pam Bunny McNeil (Heaton) (1946) still lives in Australia and married John Ross McNeill in 1991, having been widowed after the death of her first

husband, **Wally Schurch (1947)**. Pam was the Early Childhood Director of Children's Services at Lady Gowrie Child Centre, Sydney from the time she moved to Australia in 1978 until she retired in 1991. For 14 years before that she was a supervisor at the Nursery School Teachers' Training College in Johannesburg. She and Wally had four children, two of whom live in Sydney, one in Holland and one in the Philippines, and three grandchildren. Pam and John now attend three markets a week, selling resin jewellery designed by her son and trays Pam makes at home - so life is full!

Les McEwan (1946) retired ten years ago after a stint of 21 years as Headmaster of SACS Junior in Newlands, South Africa's oldest school. Having played first team tennis and squash at Rhodes, he continued to play for many years. Later he turned to marathon running and cycling. He has run 12 Two Oceans marathons and completed 21 Argus Cycle tours. One of his three children, Tony, recently completed his MSc at the JLB Smith Institute of Ichthyology and is now operational manager at the Two Oceans Aquarium in Cape Town.

Peter (Red Pom) Miles (1947) was fascinated to read of **Mike Barker (1952)** and **Bill Scott's (1934)** rendition of the Rhodes "war cry" in last year's newsletter. In his day they were given an extra line - after Zonke Nthombi, Zonke Nthombi came Tande Nkwenkwe - then only Kwoke Damit ... etc. He was also amused to read that the two stalwarts "sang" the war cry. He had always heard it shouted in unison, not a very musical experience. Also, when a rugby crowd or exuberant revellers were in full throat, the above lines came out phonetically as: ... Zonkin tombi, Zonkin tombi, Tandin kwen'kwé, Kwok! Damit! ... etc. Because of the change in metre during these lines, they often came out as a very non-unison jumble and he understands that, after his time, the war cry was simplified in consequence. Despite his enquiries, no one was ever able to tell him what the words were supposed to mean - and unless they mean something, spellings would seem to be somewhat academic! If more erudite alumni can throw any light on the meaning, origins, history and evolution of the war cry, Peter - and the rest of us - would be delighted to be enlightened.

John Carver (1947) retired from MAST in Johannesburg at the end of 1996 and he and his wife Veda have moved to Cape Town, where they have a house in Constantia. John is in touch with **Colin Bickle (1947)** who now lives at Britannia Bay on the west coast, **Celia Godden (Ingham)(1949)** and other Old Rhodians of his era.

Michael Anthony Klugman (1947) still lives in Canada and he and his wife have moved closer to their grandchildren in Ontario. He retired in 1993 and now does limited training programmes on Environmental Management and Rehabilitation in Africa and South America.

Cecilia Godden (Ingham)(1949) has returned to live in Cape Town after 32 years in Port Elizabeth.

Robin McGregor (1949) has been appointed a member of the Competition Board.

John Martens (1949) was one of those who did the engineering "half degree" in the days when Rhodes had such a thing. He completed a BSc in Maths and Physics, together with some engineering subjects, in 1951, after which he went to UCT to complete a degree in electrical engineering. In Cape Town John met his wife Margie, whom he sadly lost to cancer in 1996. From 1954 to 1956 he worked as a graduate apprentice for one of the largest UK electrical manufacturing companies in Manchester. In mid 1956 he joined the Anglo/De Beers group as a pupil engineer in Kimberley. He went on to serve on various mines in various regional offices in South Africa, Namibia, Zambia, Botswana and Brazil. In 1985 he was appointed Deputy Technical Director (Engineering) in Anglo American head office, from where he retired in 1993. Upon retirement John and Margie moved to Sabie, where he still lives. He leads a busy "country gentleman" type of existence, coupled with a fair amount of travel abroad. The latter includes visits to his sons **Patrick (1979)** and **Andrew (1980)** and their families.

1950s

Antony Smith (1950) writes that he is finally retiring to a security complex in Knysna.

Clive Desmond Quickelberge (1950) has retired from Durban Natural Science Museum where he was an entomologist for the last 18 years.

Neil Ward-Able (1951) has recently moved to Cape Town where two of his married daughters live with their families.

Leslie Taylor (1951) and his wife **Anita (Kruger)(1950)** are living in Hermanus.

Rowland Thompson (1952) and his wife **Jeanne (Hobson)(1955)** live in Johannesburg. Rowland is running his own portfolio management business and Jean has taught at Pridwin for 18 years. They hope to return to Kenton in a few years time.

Prof Peter Glavovic (1952) wrote that after leaving Rhodes in 1956, having completed his BA LLB, he practised for 10 years in Zimbabwe before coming to Durban. He obtained his PhD and after 24 years of full-time practice as an attorney, notary and conveyances, he joined the University of Natal Law School. He has held the Chair of Environmental Law and been Director of the Institute of Environmental Law at UND and a senior partner of the environmental law firm of Ridl-Glavovic. He has five children and despite his illustrious career has maintained his sporting interests which have included running 13 consecutive Comrades Marathons, playing League squash, the Midmar Mile swim and the Dusi Canoe Marathon. He is now semi-retired at Mbona Mountain Estate, Karkloof and Umdloti Beach, Natal.

Rev George Martin (1952) is Headmaster of Lendy Park (Primary) School. He has nearly given up running but is currently Mashonaland East's Bowling Singles Champion. He will probably retire this year.

Arthur Townshend (1953) and **Nanette (Metcalfe)(1958)** have moved back to Grahamstown and their four children are all graduates of Rhodes: **Michael (1982)**, **Gillian (1984)**, **Anne (1987)** and **Peter (1989)**.

Grahame Michael Todd (1953) and his wife have left Swaziland following the sale of the irrigated sugar and cattle ranch pioneering and development company, The Ren Syndicate Limited, which he managed from 1960 to 1992. They now travel between London and Knysna.

Ian Graeme Cormack (1954) moved to the Eastern Highlands of Zimbabwe when he retired from Zimbank in October 1995.

Marjorie Noelle Martin (Hallier)(1955) wrote from Pretoria to tell us of her life since her Rhodes days. She married Kenneth Edwin Martin from Natal University in 1963 in Pretoria where they have spent most of their married life. Ken worked for Telkom until his retirement in 1993 and was awarded a gold medal and elected an Honorary Life Member by the Society of Telkom Engineers for his long service to the Society. Before she married, Marjorie worked for the Government department of Health and after her marriage for the Simon Van der Stel Foundation. Their activities have centred around Wesley Methodist Church where Ken is an organist. Marjorie keeps in touch with **Valerie Davis (van Niekerk)(1955)** in Johannesburg, and **Dorothy Helm (1951)** who were fellow students in Beit House during the 1950s.

Ed Jordan (1955) is retiring to Cape Town with his wife after more than 40 years in the brewing industry, a hobby at Rhodes, which turned into a serious and enjoyable career!

John Goldsmid (1955) and **Hilary (Terry)(1960)** are still in Tasmania, Australia, where they have lived since leaving Zimbabwe in 1977. Hilary is a free-lance artist, specialising in cartoons, while John is Professor of Medical Microbiology in the Discipline of Pathology at the Medical School of the University of Tasmania. John was recently elected President of the Australasian College of Tropical Medicine.

Glenys Sefton (Jones)(1956) has retired from her position with the State Government and is now doing consulting work in industrial relations.

Michael Holmes (1956) retired in 1985 after 29 years with the Nedcor Group. He is now working from home and is able to play more golf, run and watch cricket.

Duncan Baker (1956) who many Old Rhodians may remember as the first ionosphericist and Old Rhodian selected for a South African National Antarctic Expedition in 1962, was elected a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers in 1998. The IEEE is the world's largest professional organization and he is only the fifth South African to be so honoured. Less than one in a thousand IEEE members are accorded this honour annually.

Andrew Bennett (1956) writes from Bronkhorstspuit that he hopes this is his last move.

He is a vegetable farmer which, he says, will amuse some of his old "scholastic" friends!

Ann Mary Cooper (Alison)(1957) has bought a farm.

Helen Granville (Honey)(1957) lives in Zimbabwe. Her first husband died 10 years ago and she re-married in 1990. After 39 years of working as an accountant she has retired and now runs a business making patchwork quilts and wall hangings.

Margaret Klauser (Scott)(1959) lives in Hong Kong where her husband, Theo is C.E.O. of Nestlé in China, opening up the Chinese market for Nestlé's products. They have three children: Sarah, a graduate of Lancaster University, Peter who holds an MSc in Computer Science from Bristol University, and Alice who is still at Senior School in Willshire.

Lambe Parolis (1959) and his wife **Lesley (Salter)(1977)** are leaving Rhodes as Lambe has taken early retirement, and moving to Cape Town.

1960s

Peter Barrowman (1960) took early retirement from teaching at the end of 1991 after 15 years as Headmaster of Komga Secondary School, due to re-organising of the school to primary status. He bought a franchise in Master Maths for teaching/tutoring extra Maths lessons and has been doing this ever since in Port Elizabeth. He admits that his family has not been very loyal to Rhodes, since his daughter qualified at Stellenbosch and his son at UPE!

Hugo Snyckers (1960) writes from Pretoria that he sold Martinique Beauty Products to AMKA Products in 1998. While he still serves as non-executive Director of the merged operations, he has moved his office to his other business, and home, Riverwood Conference Lodge in Pretoria. He and his wife **Nita (Rousseau)(1960)** invite anyone who is planning a conference or staff function to email them at hugosnyc@mweb.co.za

Gill Over (Dwyer)(1960) got back in touch with us via **Lil Haigh (Rademeyer) (1963)** after having been "lost" for many years. She has fond memories of her friends from Jameson House: **Barbara Archer (McCune)(1960)**, **Nita Snyckers (Rousseau)(1960)** with whom she was at school, **Jan Fisher (MacNicol)(1959)**, **Jean Horner (Varrie)(1960)**, **Maureen Kirkman (Holahan)(1959)**, **Pam Edgar (Brunette)(1960)** and many others. After graduating in 1962, she spent 1963 doing a post-graduate certificate in education. In 1964 she moved to Zambia where she taught for a couple of years before having her two children, Kathryn and Michael. At the end of 1972 they left Zambia to settle in the UK. She resumed her teaching career at a local Church of England Secondary School in 1974 - a temporary "maternity leave" position, and has been there ever since! Her sister **Maeve Race (Dwyer)(1962)** lives in Scotland. Gill also writes that **Barbara Archer (McCune)(1960)** has recently come to live in England and that she and Graham have bought a house near Hereford. Gill met Barbara on the train from Salisbury to Grahamstown and their friendship was cemented on that interminable journey. Gill is keen to re-forge links with old friends and catch up a little on the past 30+ years. Her email is gillover@btinternet.com

Graham Miller (1960) and his wife **Elizabeth (Dummett)(1965)** sent a very interesting account of his life since he picked up a 1994 edition of the Alumni Newsletter to see a picture of himself at a reunion in Brisbane. He became Country Director for CARE International in 1994, overseeing the operations (development and emergency) in Cambodia and Myanmar (Burma). He has had interesting and challenging times through the political turmoil and civil disturbance. The Cambodia programme focused on the rural poor, especially women and involved an annual budget of seven million US dollars per year for projects in Primary Health, HIV/AIDS, micro-credit, non-formal education, water and sanitation. They had a staff of 220 nationals and 14 expatriates. The Myanmar programme was smaller since donors resist the current regime, but they targeted key issues such as HIV/AIDS, forestry conservation and the plight of street children.

After five years in Cambodia and Myanmar, and having travelled extensively, he was transferred to Switzerland as CARE International's UN representative in Geneva and Rome. He says this has led to a mild dose of reverse cultural shock, but he is enjoying the position. He and Elizabeth

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maintain their macadamia farm in Queensland, Australia, where they intend returning in the next two or three years. Their eldest daughter, Peta, is employed in the book publishing industry and Alexandra is working in remote nursing in isolated aboriginal communities in Northern Australia.

Mrs Jean Chapman, widow of **Hugh Chapman (1929)** received a letter from **Rodney Wasserman (1961)** in London saying that he had recently been made a Freeman of the City of London for his services to the magistracy. He was invested in the Chamberlain's Court.

Louise Bands (Boardman)(1978) writes from St Michaels School, Bloemfontein with news of her brothers: **Dr David Boardman (1961)** is in New Zealand where he is a lecturer in the Sociology Department at Victoria University in Wellington. **Rev Leslie Boardman (1965)** is ordained and currently teaching English in Wellington.

Elizabeth Ros Green (Sitwell)(1962) and **Adrian (1961)** have moved to George, where Adrian will be Dean at the Cathedral and Ros will teach maths.



A group of Rhodes Chamber Choir friends from the 1950s and 1960s gathered at the home of Dave and Jenny Henderson in Summerstrand, Port Elizabeth, in August last year for an "old times" get together. In the photograph are, back row from left to right, Jill Voster (Froneman) (1954), Leon Davies (1960), Margaret Harradine (Armer) (1961), Margaret Lee (1966); front row from left to right, Jenny Henderson (Dugmore) (1960), Inge Gruber (1957), Lorna Rendall-Green (Symington) (1960), Betty Lynch (Van Reenen) (1962). Jill Vorster and Lorna Rendall-Green are married to Old Rhodians Noel Vorster and Colin Rendall-Green. (Photo by Michael Jones)

Daphne ffolliott (1961) has been the Principal of Pearson High School in Port Elizabeth since 1992 and was the recipient of the PE Rotary Club "For the Sake of Honour" Award for dedication to the teaching profession.

Siegfried Drewes (1961) is Emeritus Professor at Natal University where he was Head of the Department of Chemistry from 1992 to 1995.

Leo Benning (1961) writes from Cape Town that since the beginning of 1996 he has been a member of the stadia committee of WAVA (World Association of Veteran Athletes) which supervised the 12th World Championships of veteran athletes which took place in Durban in 1997. These championships cater for athletes in 5-year age groups from 35+ for women and 40+ for men, right into the 90s! Over 6000 athletes competed in all the usual athletic events. Leo is the SA Veteran Athletics (SAVA) statistician and also the Executive Chairman of Western Province Veterans. At the recent SAVA championships, he won the high jump, 300m hurdles and 2000m steeplechase in the age group Men 60-64. He also assists with sport on a part-time basis at Tafelberg School in Sea Point.

Arthur Anthony Roberts (1961) took early retirement from IBM in 1994 and is now a property management consultant. He is married to Ann and they have two daughters.

Marilyn Young (McLavery, 1961) and her husband Brian have returned from Brussels after an 8-year absence from South Africa and have settled into the beautiful environment of Knysna. They would very much like to re-establish contact with old friends from Rhodes who may be passing through the area. Their phone number is 0445 - 387 1070.

Alan Penny (1961) left Rhodes as a staff member in 1987 having been a full-time student from 1961 to 1964, a part-time research student during the late 1960s and 1970s, and then in the 1980s, senior lecturer, Associate Professor and finally Professor of Education. He writes that one of the greatest pleasures of his time at Rhodes was as Master of the

Founders Hall from 1980 to 1987 and says "It would be good to have contact with some of the 'gentlemen' of the period!" For the past ten years he has been Professor of Education at King Alfred's University College in Winchester, UK. During this time his links with Rhodes have continued, primarily through a British Council funded link which he and Professor David McKellar established with Rhodes Department of Primary Education in East London. This has facilitated collaborative research and academic exchanges between the two institutions. In 1999 he took up an appointment as Senior Education Adviser in the Department for International Development at the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Initially he will have responsibility for UK supported education development in East Africa (Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania). His experience of consultancy work in West Africa and various parts of Asia over the past ten years suggests that the East African posting will be very interesting. His email address is A-Penny@gtnet.gov.uk

and found that when he made his students quote properly from sources (the way that the late Prof. Winnie Maxwell taught him) they thought that he was being a hard taskmaster. He is still in touch with several friends from Rhodes from the same period, including **Rev Philip Lund (1965)** who runs a book-selling business in Cambridge and is married to Rosalind, a freelance editor. They have three children. Another friend from those years is **Michael Gardner (1965)** who lives in Oxfordshire and is company secretary to a large research institute. Mike is married to Sally, a university administrator and they have two children. During a visit to SA in 1997, Terry stayed with **Geoff Verschoor (1965)** and his wife Silia in Johannesburg, where Geoff is Head of Human Resources at Rand Water and Silia is a pharmacist. They have two children, the elder studying medicine at Wits and the younger about to go to university. Geoff waits with bated breath to see which one she chooses!

Annekie Brink (Olivier, 1965) is a senior lecturer in the Department of Business Management at Unisa, Pretoria. She was awarded a D.Com degree in April 1998, the title of her thesis being *The marketing perception of grocery store retailers belonging to black business associations in Gauteng*. Annekie recently delivered a paper at a Small Business Conference at Sun City, where she received the Best Paper Award. She was co-author of a paper delivered in May 1998 in Singapore and in June 1998 she attended the 10th Nordic Conference on Small Business Research in Vaxjo, Sweden, where she delivered a paper titled *Key success factors for small retailers in southern Africa*. Annekie is married to **Roland Brink (1960)**, a senior partner in a leading firm of attorneys in Pretoria.

Moirra Nell Abbott (1966) wrote to say that she has had some hard years of illness and is now in a wheelchair. She lives in a home in Pietermaritzburg.

Bill Gordon (1966) and **Sue (Goddard)(1966)** have moved to Pinetown after Bill's promotion to the Spar Head Office there, after 23 years in Cape Town. Their daughters have remained in Cape Town.

Anne Haarhoff (Reynolds)(1966) and her husband **Dorian (1962)** have moved to George to start second careers. They both run workshops and Anne has started Southcape Autumn School, continuing education through various workshops. They are extremely happy in George.

Denise Robinson (Wade)(1966) and **Stewart (1966)** live in Durbanville in the Cape. Denise has recently been elected DP councillor for Tygerberg City and has given up teaching and her work at Sanlam as a Language Advisor, so that she can devote her efforts to community affairs. Stewart has for the last 15 years been running a successful computer service company, Safcover (Pty) Ltd, previously part of the Safmarine group. For the last four years he was Managing Director after the company was sold to IBM South Africa. Both of their children are at UCT and living in Rondebosch. Andrew (24) has a BSc (MechEng) and is completing a BA this year while Louise (22) qualified as a ballet teacher and is now completing a BSocSci (Social Work) degree. Stewart travels to Johannesburg almost weekly and Denise hardly notices the empty nest syndrome as she's so busy with local politics!

Albert Honey (1967) sends best wishes from the Fairest Cape where he and his wife Jean are keeping well. He is still active, teaching, training bands and arranging and composing for choral and instrumental ensembles.

Bill Holderness (1967) regretted missing last year's OR reunion in Port Elizabeth, due to another commitment. He and his wife Ros enjoyed having his father **Canon Richard Holderness (1929)** visit last Christmas and surfing in the waves at Humewood. Bill and Ros can be contacted at ttawlh@upe.ac.za.

Nev Monks (1968) was at Rhodes from 1968 to 1972 and after many years of struggling with Accounts 1 under Prof Roberts, graduated with a BCom. Needless to say, this is as far as he went but now he is heading up the Open Learning Institute of Tafe in Brisbane, Australia and still plays in a band with Eddie A'Bear.

Eddie A'Bear (1968) also lives in Brisbane and still plays the keyboard. Alumni from 1968 to 1972 will remember them playing at the various Balls. Hit tunes of the day included *Simple Simon Hendrix Doors* and their band names were the *Trade Union* and *Smudges Lunch*. He and his friends now have a famous Australian Jazz trio called the *3 Up Jazz*

Trio and are fully booked on weekends for years to come. Eddie has his own Marketing and Sales consultancy, having retired from the real estate industry after 15 years. Both he and Nev Monks (see above news item) are divorced - Eddie thinks it must have been something in the food at Rhodes at the time. Nev has two grown up children and, according to Eddie, would like to hear from any single women who went to Rhodes. Unfortunately Eddie himself is taken.

Jenny Kirkland (Hill-Lewis)(1968) is still farming in Zululand where she is involved in what she describes as a wonderful project in which hundreds of housewives all over KwaZulu-Natal collect plastic packets and she trains up to 15 rural communities a month to weave and crochet doormats, beachmats, sunhats and bags. Her husband donates all the costs of the project, enabling them to make up to R600 per person. Her eldest daughter has a tour company on the Great Barrier Reef, her two sons are studying in Durban and her youngest child is at school in Pietermaritzburg.

Robin Heard (1968) and **Caroline (Eva)(1971)** have moved to Pretoria. Rob is still a scientist at the Atomic Energy Corporation, while Caroline has started her own advertising and PR business.

Kingsley Dale (1968) and **Jessie (Cook)(1976)** have moved to Bryanston where Kingsley is minister at St Mungo's United Church. Jessie is painting again and their children Heather, Jonathan and Bethany are at school.

Peter Charles Stewart (1968) taught at Prince Edward, Chaplin and Sinola high schools in the then Rhodesia for seven years after graduating from Rhodes. In 1980 he moved into commerce, working with the Astra Corporation. He married Alison Young in the same year and their daughters Jenni and Sarah were born in 1985 and 1987 respectively. In 1989 the family moved to Durban, where Peter became a partner in The Label Man, a printing company. He sold out of this company in 1996, when they moved to Johannesburg to join his brother at Steelco, a steel merchanting, fabrication and service centre. This year Peter formed the company Cutting Edge Steel, to merchant various steel products. He plays golf (handicap 6) and frequents the annual Golden Oldie cricket tournaments.

Peter Southey (1968) has been made Managing Director of Nedbank, Swaziland and loves the country, the people and the challenge.

Martin Barker (1968) was appointed Head of Rondebosch Boys' High School in April 1998, after four years as Headmaster of George Randell High and three years as Headmaster of Cambridge High School, both in East London. His schoolteacher wife, Jeanet and their two sons have adapted well to their new surroundings.

Ronald Steel (1968) and **Elsie (Dunstan)(1968)** moved to Noordhoek, Cape Town in 1996 and are really enjoying the Cape. Ron is the minister at Bergvliet Congregational Church and Elsie is teaching at Wynberg Boys High.

Rev Dr Louis Bosch (1968) has, since December 1992, withdrawn from "Full Connection" with the Methodist Church of SA, in order to devote the time to research. This includes work in the related areas of Theological Ethics, looking at Feminist Theology, Political Theology, Economic Theology and especially Black Theology. The common problem in all this has been the question of Oppressor / Oppression / Oppressed. The aim of this work is an attempt to understand the role of the Church, the Methodist Church in particular, with regard to the New South Africa, and how the Church will be affected by the challenge this presents. His research continues.

Demetris Palos (1968) is serving in the World Church in Britain partnership in Birmingham and teaching part-time at Queen's College. He has completed eight years as General Secretary of the Christian Citizen Department of the Methodist Church.

Rod Baumeister (1969) read for a Diploma in Theology at Rhodes from 1969 until 1971, while a minister-in-training, and has been serving in the Methodist ministry for almost 33 years. Married in 1973, he and his wife, Rinette and their three adult children moved to Beaufort West, in the heart of the Karoo, in January 1998. Rod refers to the three R's in his life - being a Rhodian, a Rotarian and a Runner. In recent years he has completed ten half-marathons.

Bruce Niland (1969) and his wife **Carol-Ann (Sparg)(1968)** are both at Rhenish Primary School,

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Bruce as Headmaster and Carol-Ann as Librarian in their Media Centre.

Kathleen Satchwell (1969) was appointed Judge of the High Court, Provincial Division, Gauteng in 1996.

Julie Streicher (1969) is the editor of the external and internal publications of WPK Agriculture in Malmesbury. Her two children are studying and living in Stellenbosch.

Fran Lawrence (Hayward)(1969) lives in Simonstown where she represents a documentation specialist company. Her husband **Andy (1969)** is regional manager for a multi-media development company. Their son Mark is reading for a Masters in electrical engineering at UCT and their daughter Kirby is in her final year of physiotherapy at UCT - all happy to be living in the “most beautiful city in the world!”

Chris Lund (1969) left South Africa with his family in August 1992 to take up a position at his company’s head office in Copenhagen. In 1995 they moved to Oakville which is just outside Toronto, Canada. He and his wife Rozanne have three sons, identical twins, Craig and Anthony (18) and Mark (10). He and Rozanne, who is a former Zimbabwean, miss home terribly, but their sons, when asked if they miss home, reply, “we are home!” Chris would love to hear from his Old Rhodian friends particularly his fellow Phys Ed classmates. His email address is lundrd@netcom.ca

1970s

Priscilla Finch (Candy)(1970) is married with three children and lives in Australia.

David Bekker (1970) and **Jessica (Mackintosh-Hay)(1972)** are married with three children, Danielle (22), Rozlyn (20) and David (17), and are living in Bedfordview. David is Group Personnel Manager at Marley and Jess spent some time involved in Aviation medicine, doing medical evacuations of the sick and injured to and from all over the world through Europ Assistance. She is now the Duty Manager at Virgin Atlantic. David and Jess can be contacted at bekker@netactive.co.za

Patricia Brink (Beney) (1970) has been appointed Headmistress of Kingsmead College in Johannesburg. She has been Deputy Headmistress of Roedean for 10 years. She majored in English and History at Rhodes, followed by a UED and BA Hons in History.

Julia Walker (Evans) (1970) lives in the UK, working for the Prudential Assurance company as management development consultant. Her twin daughters have just finished secondary school and she wishes there were a Rhodes University around the corner to entice them beyond that. Whilst in Cape Town for her mother’s funeral last year, Julia touched base with **Lindi Clarke (Bower) (1969)**, head of English at Muizenberg; **Liz Rogers (1969)**, head of English at a boys school in Pretoria; **Kathryn McCullum (1971)**, Managing Director of OUP; and **Sue Harsant (1970)**, head of History at Bergvliet. Julia has also been in contact with **Jonathan Stead (1970)** and **Cheryl Wetmore (Olds)(1970)**, who lives in Brisbane, Australia.

Peter Ward (1970) is married and has two daughters, Michelle (12) and Karen (10) who are both at Roedean. He has been a partner at Deloitte and Touche for over 15 years. He still keeps in contact with fellow Old Rhodians **Mike Tanner (1970)**, **Keith Willows (1970)**, **Rob Jones (1970)** and “**Monkey**” **Edwards (1970)**.

Lorna Bateman (Ryan)(1971) has two sons in high school and the youngest in Grade 4. She teaches creative needlework full-time from a studio at home and from their local quilt shop. She would love to hear from old varsity friends on email ambleside@webmail.co.za

Christian Van Wyk (1971) is the owner of Citichem Pharmacy in Durban and is married with two children. He would love to hear from Graham House Old Boys of 1971/72 on tel number 031 - 301 6816.

Stephen Buckland (1971) completed a PhD in the Divinity Faculty, Cambridge in 1997 and is now teaching Philosophy in Arrupe College, a Jesuit College in Harare, Zimbabwe.

Susan Marian Wright (Hartley)(1971) is living in England. She has two children, Ian (15) and Jemma (12) and works as a clinical pharmacist in a maximum security psychiatric hospital. She says the work is specialised and very enjoyable.

Patti Avery (Middlebrook) (1971) is enjoying her

teaching at St John’s DSG in Pietermaritzburg. She has two high school age children and would love to hear from Old Rhodian friends who visit Natal. Her e-mail address is avery@col.org.za

Dacre “Jake” Alletson (1972) formed Alletson Ecologicals, an environmental consultancy in 1997.

Ilse Demasius (Petzel)(1972) writes that she has emigrated to Germany with her family. They are living on the western side of the Rhine River, 13km from Dusseldorf.

Jann Hattle (Logan)(1972) moved with Bob and their three children, Ryan (12), Rusty (10) and Amy (7) to New Zealand in 1998 after living in Namibia for 15 years. Jann is the Teaching Principal of a small private Christian School. She writes that New Zealand life is great but they miss Africa. Their email is jannbob@xtra.com.nz

Barbara Curtis (1972) is back in Windhoek, doing environmental consultancy work.

Gordon Bonellie (1973) wrote from Cape Town to tell us that he qualified in 1979 with an MbChB from UCT and in 1988 with a FCOG. He married Moira Nelson in 1981 and is in private practice in Cape Town as an obstetrician and gynaecologist. They have two teenage children, Kate-Lyn and David.

Susan Fuss (Pittman) (1973) is married to David, an Aussie whom she met while working in London in 1986. They live in Queensland, where she teaches at a private boys school in Toowoomba, their home town, and David lectures at the local university. They have two children.

Peter Dalbock (1973) writes that after 17 years with the Cape Education Department, he has moved to the gospel ministry and is pastoring the Plumstead SDA Church in the Cape.

Matthew Guiney (1973) and **Nicolette (Maynier)(1975)** live in Newlands and have two teenage girls. Matthew is the Deputy Head of South African College High School and Nicolette is the Sales MD for Plexicorsa.

David Lindhiem (1973) and **Gillian (Dicks)(1973)** are transferring to the USA after 15 years of missionary work in Japan, to work amongst Japanese students there while their two sons are in college.

Rob MacLean (1973) has continued his canoeing with gusto and won gold in the 1998 World Canoe Marathon Championships in the 45 - 49 year age category in the K2 event (7th in the K1 event). He was awarded SA Canoe Federation Colours for this and also won SA canoe titles for flat water Marathon and Long Distance (on the Fish River Canoe Marathon) and now holds full Western Province colours. Rob is the Managing Director of Felix Unite River Adventures and can be contacted on email rob@felix.co.za

Rob has also made contact with several Old Rhodians:

Dave Shaw (1972) has been appointed Headmaster of Muizenberg High School - he replaces **Don Gibbon (1963)**, also an OR who has taken retirement.

Lesley Olivier (Dobbs)(1977) was transferred to London by the advertising agency Ogilvy Mather. She loves living in London, goes to all the great shows they have but misses the sun. She visited SA and Zimbabwe in November 1998.

Rob bumped into **Brian Brett (1972)** at Harare Airport in 1998 - he lives in Sydney, Australia where he is the General Manager of Beacon Information Technology. His e-mail address is brianb@beaconit.com.au. He was showing his ‘Australian children’ his roots back here in Africa and Zimbabwe in particular.

Richard MacLean (1975) has had an interesting career since leaving Rhodes. He taught at Milton School (Bulawayo), St Andrew’s College (Grahamstown), Hilton College (Natal), St Andrew’s School (Blantyre, Malawi), Bishop MacKenzie (Malawi) and C.B.C. (Bulawayo). He was also General Manager of “The Lodge of the Ancient City” - an upmarket safari lodge near Zimbabwe Ruins, Masvingo before returning to Bulawayo and C.B.C. as second master there. He has three children, Graham (recently accepted into the Royal Marines in the UK after completing A levels in 1998), Richard Jnr who starts A levels this year and Claire who goes into Standard 3 this year. His email address is duart@byo.zol.co.zw

Rob’s wife, **Sandra MacLean (Krige)(1974)** is the owner of Rustenburg-Capricorn Pharmacy, Muizenberg, Cape Town. She and Rob have two children, Shannon in grade 6 and Iain in grade 1.

Sue Wardrop (1974) is engaged to a Natalian, Kim Parkes and moved to Durban last year. She is working for Professional Career Services as a marketing representative and consultant, and is hoping to see old friends at the Durban Reunion this year!

Zita Nawn (Allers)(1974) has two children Natalie (21) and Ryan (22) and teaches Std 10s at Hoërskool Swartkop in Pretoria. Zita wrote to say that her Rhodes years were the best years of her life and that Rhodes students were and remain a special breed. She was one of our “lost” ORs but thanks to **Bert Stakenborg (1971)** who “found” her again and the 8th wonder of the world, the Internet, she is now back in touch with Rhodes!

Belinda Gough (Murray)(1974) wrote to say that her husband, **Dr Kevin Gough (1972)** is Director of Student Health Services at UCT. Belinda is teaching Xhosa and her textbooks are being used in the Eastern and Western Cape primary schools. They are happily living “on the beach” at Kommetjie in Cape Town. Their eldest daughter is 18 and working her way around Europe before deciding what to study. Their other two daughters are 16 and 10.

Thomas van der Nest (1974) is a pensioner and lives in Kwelera.

Michael Williams (1974) moved to Atlanta, Georgia in 1977 and is now the Manager of VIP Travel in Los Angeles.

John Robertson (1974) was appointed Principal of Tamboerskloof Primary School in 1997.

Jane Bradshaw (Mullins)(1974) says that it is wonderful to be back in Grahamstown after the sadness of her divorce. She has two children, Peter who is in his third year BA Law at Rhodes and Jenny who is at Stellenbosch in her second year BSc. Jane is still involved with Special Education and is working with former street children.

Debby McGarin (Watermeyer)(1974) lives in Constantia Hills, Cape Town and has four daughters ranging from 7 to 13 years.

Michael Howarth (1975) is living and working in Johannesburg as a stockbroker for Edey Rogers and Co, a division of Absa Bank.

Jeff Peires (1975) is the Director of Economic Affairs/Environment and Tourism for the Northern Region, in Queenstown. His wife, Mary-Louise, has resigned from Unitra to join Jeff in Queenstown.

Michael Atcheson (1975) is a Technical Brewer at S A Breweries in Newlands. He has been with SAB since he graduated at the end of 1979, having spent four years in the Port Elizabeth brewery, six years in the Butterworth brewery and nearly ten years in Cape Town. He has been an Associate Member of the Institute of Brewing (UK) since 1983, and is in the second year of his Diploma Master Brewer with the Institute of Brewing. He is married to Barbara Ann, a teacher who qualified at the Grahamstown Teacher’s College in 1978 and they have three sons, Bradley (15), Kyle (13) and Ross (10). Michael tells us that **Trevor Knight (1978)** also works for SAB.

John Kingsley-Jones (1975) would love to hear from ex-Rhodents wherever they may be, especially those of his vintage, particularly those who studied Journalism or Politics. His e-mail address is jkingsley@shandwick.com. He is based in the Sydney office of one of Australia’s largest PR/marketing consultancies where he is head of the Corporate division of IPR-Shandwick (IPR being International Public Relations). John keeps in touch with a few other ORs, all of whom were at summer school with him in 1976. They include **Liz van den Niewenhof (1975)**, one of Sydney’s top journalists, **Jill Rennie (nee Rottanburg)(1975)** who has her own catering business and **Eric Meyer (1975)** who, until migrating to Oz a few years ago, was lecturing in Pharmacy at Rhodes.

George Parish (1975) was ordained a priest in the CPSA a few years ago and is now known as Reverend G.L.D. Parish. He lives with his wife in Pietermaritzburg and visited Britain last year.

Barry Lotz (1976) resides in Devon, England.

Mariss Stevens (1976) says it’s good to be back in Grahamstown!

Noel Smith (1976) has been appointed a director to the Board of Acacia Holdings. He is currently the Managing Director of Agriquip and Flowrite. After leaving Rhodes, Noel obtained an MSc from the University of Zimbabwe.

Nicole Crisp (Murray)(1977) is married to Nicholas and they have three daughters aged 12, 11 and 8. Nicholas is a consultant in Health Care Management and they moved to Fish Hoek at the

beginning of 1999.

Lesley Anne Parolis (Salter)(1977) and her husband **Lambe Parolis (1959)** are leaving Rhodes as Lambe has taken early retirement, and are moving to Cape Town.

William Rae (1977) has moved with his wife Kerry and children, Stephen and Heather, to Durban where he works in the Department of Medical Physics at Addington Hospital.

Robyn Raw (1977) has been married for more than 13 years to Walter who is with Old Mutual. She is kept very busy doing locums which gives her time to spend with her two sons, Philip (10) and Charles (7).

Alastair Ridgway (1977) is married to Julia and living in Somerset West. They have three children, Taryn (7), Stuart (5) and Dean (2). Alastair has been appointed the Financial Director of a subsidiary in the Polifin group of companies and still avidly supports Manchester United!

Jeremy Aldworth (1978) completed his PhD in statistics at Iowa State University and works as a medical statistician in Indianapolis, U.S.A. His email address is aldworth@lilly.com.

Etienne Mouton (1978) has been involved with the exploration and mining geology of the newly established Tarkna surface mine in Ghana. Tarkna is situated south of the famous Ashanti region and receives over two metres of rain each year. During leave breaks, Etienne tries to get down to the east Cape coast with his wife Cecile and sons, Adrian and Grant.

Barry West (1978) is happily married to Jenni, has beautiful twin daughters and is still enjoying teaching at Cambridge Junior School in East London, where he has been for more than seventeen years.

Grace Welsh (Aling)(1978) writes from Mpumalanga. She is married to David and they have two sons. After leaving Rhodes, she gained her MA in restoration of oils in Newcastle.

Alan Carter (1978) emailed us in January to say that he had just started work with Arthur Andersen’s Environmental Services in Chicago, two days after the worst snow storm to hit Chicago in 30 years. His wife, **Karen (Beaumont)(1980)** and their children had come up for four days to get their bearings. The children loved the snow - on the first night of their stay, they were in the hotel parking lot at 9pm in bitterly cold conditions while the children frolicked in the snow! Their email address is alan.r.carter@us.arthurandersen.com.

Janette Strachan (1978), who was House Warden of Phelps in 1978 and of Dingemans in 1982, is now Principal of Parkhurst Primary School in Johannesburg.

Amanda Carver (Sherman)(1978) has moved back to Grahamstown with her husband **Christian (1981)**, who is to manage the African Musical Instruments factory.

Julia Denny-Dimitriou (1978) is still working as a journalist and is also ordained as a self-supporting deacon in the Anglican church. She writes that she cannot believe it has been 20 years since her first year at Rhodes!

Lindy Henry (Cooke)(1978) is married to **Malcolm (1978)**. They have two small daughters and are living in Cape Town, where Malcolm is a medical doctor, practising in Fish Hoek.

Alan Welman (1978) is married to **Lorraine (Latre)(1985)**.

Danny Andropolous (1978) joined **Allan Lowndes (1974)** in 1985 as a partner in his legal practice, Smit and Lowndes in Johannesburg. They were joined in 1990 by **Simon Pratt (1977)** and in 1996 by **Phillip Jones (1974)**. Along the way they have had working with them other Rhodes graduates such as **Michael Tilney (1985)**, **Kevin Jones (1990)** and **Jacky Pirc (1991)**.

Morag Brigg (MacLean)(1979) has married Kevin Stanley, a well known SA landscape artist. They farm near VanWyksdorp in the Karoo, near Ladismith, where she was a pharmacy owner but now is concentrating on farming. They are the biggest rose growers in the area. She is also back to studying, this time homeopathy. They have three children - Siobhan (9), Neil (6) and Blythe (3).

Janet Thorpe (1979) is a development manager in the IT Division at Syfrets. She is married to Brendan Manca and they have a son, Declan (3).

Terry Anne Bosman (Springer)(1979) is working for Regulatory Affairs at Pharmacia & Upjohn, and has two children aged 9 and 7.

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Charles Dixon (1979) has retired after 3 and a half years of teaching Science and English at Butterworth High School. He and his wife Ann have returned to their old home in Graaff-Reinet.

Margaret Beaumont (Sugden)(1979) is married to Guy and living in East London with their two small children, Amy and Josh.

Kevin Sprong (1979) has joined the Retail Apparel Group as Communications Officer.

Paul Sulter (1979) has been a freelance copywriter since 1996. He married **Nicola (de Kock)(1978)** in 1984 and they have two children, Philip, born in 1990, and James, born in 1994. Nicola obtained her H.E.D. from Unisa in 1996 and is a teacher-librarian at St John's Prep School.

Brian Harvey (1979) e-mailed us with the news that since 1993 he has completed a PhD in neuroscience at Stellenbosch University, followed by a post-doctoral stint in immunology focusing on tuberculosis research at the Medical Research Council. He then spent three years with Eli Lilly (SA) in their CNS marketing division, before taking up an associate professorship appointment in the department of Pharmacology, University of Potchefstroom at the beginning of 1998.

Anne Hutchings (Buchanan) (1979) has been teaching at a private school, Khanyisa Education Centre, in Giyani, where her husband, Jonathan had been headmaster for the past eight years. They gave up their jobs at the end of 1998 and were planning to sail for an extended period on their yacht "Jacana".

Peter Macadam (1979) and **Elise (Thorvaldsen)(1980)** have moved to Christchurch, New Zealand. They have two children, Stuart (7) and Simonne (5) and at the time of writing were expecting their third child, the first New Zealand citizen in the family.

1980s

Alasdair Musselwhite (1980) is the Regional Manager for East Africa with Guinness Ltd. He married Emer in October 1997 and their first child was born in November 1998.

Stephen Olivier (1981) and **Amanda (Shaw)(1984)** moved to the UK early last year, with their son Alastair, where Stephen worked as Senior Lecturer in Sport, Health and Exercise at Staffordshire University in Stoke on Trent. Extramurally he was involved in coaching the Stoke Rugby Club 1st XV, and worked with Leicester Tigers as a coaching consultant. He is in touch with Old Rhodians **Marty Williams (1982)**, **Mark Jackson (1973)** and **Steve de Wijze (1979)**.

Steve Davies (1980) and **Jill (Rigby) (1981)** are living in England where Steve is an NHS Consultant Psychologist and Honorary Lecturer in Psychology at University College, London. He is completing a PhD at the University of Wales, Bangor. Jill obtained an MA degree at Bilkbeck College, London and works with people with literacy problems. They have two children, Laura and Owen.

Russell Jones (1980) worked for Sappi for many years, in South Africa for seven and a half years in various positions and then in Europe for five years as Group Information Technology Manager. He left Sappi in 1996 and took three months off to travel. He then joined Carter Holt Harvey, a large NZ Forest Products company, in 1996 and has now settled with his wife in Auckland, New Zealand.

Leone Marais (1980) has been working at MTN Cellular network for a number of years. Her email address is Marais-L@mta.co.za

Alice Callinicos (1980) is married with four children and has her own film company in Zimbabwe.

Nicola Moore (Forster)(1980) lives in Pretoria and is married to Ian. They have two children, Lisa and Robert. Nicola freelances as a translatory editor.

Mark Munday (1980) and **Kathy (Laing)(1984)** have a son, Gregory Richard, born in July 1998.

Caryn Ebstein (Danielsen)(1981) married Mel in April 1997 in Pinelands, Cape Town.

Fiona Kemball (Thurston)(1981) is married to **Dr Athol Kemball (1979)** and they have two children, Jeremy and Steven.

Andre Illeman (1981) is a business and financial consultant in New Zealand. He is married to Robyn Anne and they have two children, Miles (10) and Scott (7).

Michelle DeFoiard Brown (Sabbagh)(1981) has

two daughters aged nine and seven years. She is working as a pharmacist at a Community Health Centre in Uitenhage.

Hilary Blackbeard (Pickard-Cambridge)(1981) and her husband moved to Canada in 1997 with their two small children and found it unexpectedly warm and beautiful. She misses her sister, **Claire Pickard-Cambridge (1980)** who is now Chief of Africa Correspondence at *Business Day*, Johannesburg.

Niki Nicolaides (1982) from Cape Town will be moving to the UK in August. Anyone interested in a four-month house swap, please email her at niki-nicolaides@hotmail.com

Sharon Gail Whelan (Butt)(1982) is married to Andrew. They live in East London and have a daughter, Alana-Lee, born on 9 July 1997.

Michelle Curry (Enslin)(1982) is married and has a 3-year old daughter.

Barbara Hollands (Lipowska) (1982) writes for the features department of the *Daily Dispatch* in East London. She is married to Glenn and has a 6-year old daughter, Anya. She sends greetings to all Adamson friends.

Colin Hobson (1982) and **Janet (Ledingham)(1982)** are living in California where Colin was transferred to continue working in GIS at Autodesk Inc. They have three children, twins Bryn and Jared (7) and Erin (3). Their email is colin.hobson@autodesk.com.

Deanne Fetting (Watson)(1982) has two lovely daughters, Melanie (4) and Toni (2).

Beryl Ensor-Smith (Andrews)(1982) obtained her Doctorate in Music at the end of 1995 and has relocated to Simonstown.

Diane Austin (1982) is teaching at Sacred Heart Boys College in Auckland, New Zealand.

Andrea Radomsky (1983) graduated in 1986, with B Journ and English Honours, and then did a Library Science Degree through Unisa. This was followed by an eight-year stint at the Johannesburg Public Library, and at Anglo American Group Information Centre from 1994 to 1996. In 1997 she joined the Institute of People Management of SA as Information Manager. Andrea set up their library and then left to take up the position of Information Manager for The British Council in Johannesburg, where she is now.

Mendel Grobler (1983) works for Pharmacia and Upjohn in Sydney, as their Health Economics and Projects Manager. His e-mail address is: Mendel.P.Grobler@am.pnu.com.

Gail Mosdell (Thomas)(1983) is married to **Graham (1984)**. Gail is a part-time housewife and does computer consulting from home. Graham is the marketing manager of Informix in Johannesburg. They have two children, Tyler (6) and Erin (4).

Anne Pohl (Donaldson)(1983) has remarried and writes, "The Rhodes connection does not die out!" Her husband is the son of an Old Rhodian, the late **Mary Louise Pohl (Currie)(1932)**.

Cynthia Turner (Barr)(1983) is living on Vancouver Island in British Columbia, Canada and enjoying the skiing, cycling and windsurfing that it offers. She has two sons, Kai aged three, and one year old Kenton - she writes "guess where that name came from!"

Gary Walker (1983) lives in New Zealand and would be grateful to hear from other Old Rhodians in New Zealand. His email address is Gazza@unforgetable.com and his home address is 1036 Scenic Drive, Swanson, Auckland.

Deborah Martindale (1984) is still working at the Rhodes Library and is studying BBibl through Unisa. She is married and has a four year old son. She keeps in regular contact with **Sheurle Screen (Robinson)(1984)** and **Nicky Wilson-Harris (Cowley)(1983)**, who is working in the UCT Adult Education Department.

Cameron Searle (1984) is a marketing manager at Lever Ponds in Durban.

Caroline Elliott (Handler)(1984) married Clive in April 1997, in Grande Roche Chapel in Paarl.

Robert Driman (1984) obtained an LLB from Wits in 1989 after graduating from Rhodes with a BJourn. He married Claire Hollands, a psychiatrist, in Durban in 1995. He is a partner at Deney's Reitz, a large national law firm, where he specialises in commercial litigation from its Johannesburg office.

Mary-Jane Rose (Hillier)(1984) is married to John and they have a son, Richard (3).

Bryn Lewis (1984) married **Karen (Edwards)(1986)** in 1992 and they have one son. Bryn worked for Whitesides Attorneys in Grahamstown for five years and has now opened a financial consultancy in "the thriving town of Port Alfred".

Helen Ilsley (Achterberg)(1985) married Rob in 1993 and they have two children. She established her own management consultancy firm and is now joint MD.

Sandy (Alexandra) Keth (Kent)(1985) and **Greg (1981)** moved to New Zealand in 1997. Greg is working as a commercial credit manager for one of the main banks and Sandy works part-time for a contracting company. They can be contacted on email sandy.greg@clear.net.nz

Jane Swain (Moore)(1985) married Brad in 1995. She is the features editor on *Film and Broadcast* magazine and during 1996 was at the Everest base camp as part of the Everest Expedition Support Group. She gave birth to a son Jonathan in 1997.

Robyn Giesecke (Richardson)(1985) lives in Malibu Lake, about an hour from Los Angeles. She married an American, John, whom she met in London. They have two babies, Zachary (3) and Michaela, 6 months. Robyn is very happy there and loves her American family. She has been a stay at home mom since Zach was born.

Wendy Anne Wilson (1985) has returned from working in Northern Botswana and is now a quality assurance pharmacist at PBM in Cape Town.

Douglas Bramsen (1985) returned from England in 1994 and joined the Medical Aid Society of Central Africa as Deputy Chief Executive.

Nigel Frost (1985) married Emma Lock (ex UCT) and they have a daughter, Jessica Anne, born in 1997. Nigel was recently made a partner at Deloitte and Touche in Harare.

Patrick Bolttler (1985) is living in Cape Town. He is the director/owner of the Language Teaching Centre, which is a private school teaching English to foreigners.

Monica Clark (Williamson)(1985) has emigrated to New Zealand with her husband and daughters, Phillipa and Tarryn.

Jan Abraham Meyer (1985) writes "getting married - finally somebody agreed!" His wife is Jacqui Roberts.

Lara van Rooyen (1985) studied BA Phys Ed and was in Atherstone House for two of her three years at Rhodes. She is presently living in Stockholm, Sweden. Her email address is Laravanrooyen@hotmail.com

Brian Lewis Ahern (1985) moved to London in 1996 where he lives and works as a freelance IT contractor, specialising in developing and enhancing banking software. He looks forward to hearing from any Old Rhodians who remember him and can be contacted at brian.ah@usa.net

Stuart Graham Rodney (1985) lives in the United States and is working as a trade manager on the USA/European route for NYK, a major Japanese container shipping company.

Diane Morris (Surmon)(1985) has relocated to Melbourne with her husband and their small son, David. When she wrote they were still busy moving and settling in, so life was hectic! She was due to take up a position in auditing from July 1998.

Dolrite Lekgale Manyaka (1985) completed her BCom in 1993 at the University of the North, majoring in Mathematical Statistics and Economics. She is now working for the SARS as a taxation officer.

Akiva Quinn (1985) is living in Melbourne with his wife Nikki and their son Samual.

Peter Driessel (1985) married Janine in 1991. They are both involved in the diving business, Peter being the first South African Diving Course Director. He and Janine worked in the Seychelles for three years and Peter then qualified in America before opening his own business in South Africa. He is now the regional manager for Africa and the Middle East for PADI International, while Janine, also a qualified Course Director, runs their business in Johannesburg.

Simon Crane (1986) has been teaching at Milton Abbey School, in the very quiet county of Dorset in England, since August 1996. It is a boarding school for approximately 200 boys. He is very involved in sport at the school, especially in coaching cricket, hockey and rugby. He married Marianne Jonckheere in March. His e-mail address is simoncrane@hotmail.com and he would be very happy to hear from anyone who remembers him.

Leigh-Ann Vetch (1986) travelled overseas for 18 months after leaving Rhodes and then began working in Johannesburg as a travel consultant. She moved to Cape Town in 1997 and is very happy there, still working in the travel industry.

Caryn French (Knott)(1986) married Glen French in 1996 and they live in Zimbabwe. He is an ex-jockey, now race-horse trainer, so they spend Saturday afternoons at Borrowdale Race Course. Caryn is a manager in a retail group of pharmacies, a position she has held for five years.

Russell Nelson (1986) and **Karin (Wagner)(1986)** were married in 1995. Russell is a management accountant at Kromberg and Schubert in East London.

Claire Knollys (1986) completed an HDE (Pre-Primary) in Cape Town and is now teaching in Fish Hoek.

Douglas Fairall (1986) spent the first three years after graduating working and travelling in the UK and North America. He then settled in Harare, married Chantelle in 1995, and is currently working at a Merchant Bank. His email address is dougfa@mbca.gaia.co.zw

Angelique Sweetman (1986) married Hugh McInnes of New Zealand in 1996. She is studying for her MCom and teaching at Lincoln University.

Lisa Orffer (Adcock)(1986) is happily married to Andre and they have a daughter, Taryn-Lee. Lisa works as a human resources manager.

David (1986) and **Phillipa Knight (Martin)(1986)** and their baby son Andrew, are currently living in Sofia, Bulgaria, where David works as a tax consultant for KPMG Bulgaria. Philippa is a consultant to various mental health organisations and also does relief teaching at the Anglo American school. As far as they know, they constitute (outside of the SA Embassy staff) 75% of the South Africans living in Bulgaria and are the only Old Rhodians in the country. E-mail: david.knight@kpmg.bg

Lumkile Ndevu (1986) studies part-time at UCT and is a consultant for Old Mutual in Cape Town.

John (Yannis) Pitsiladis (1986) is lecturing at the Centre for Exercise Science and Medicine at the University of Glasgow. He received his MMedSci at Sheffield University and his PhD in Exercise Physiology/Biochemistry at Aberdeen University in 1996. He has been the recipient of several grants, has published widely and presented papers in Denmark, Australia, Ireland and the UK. He has also served as a consultant for the preparation of athletes for various national and international events such as the Comrades Marathon, the Commonwealth Games and the World Triathlon Championships.

Winsome De Wet (Jackson)(1987) has a daughter, Robyn who is three years old.

Craig Hale (1987) and **Samantha (Erasmus)(1988)** got married in Umbogintwini on 10 October 1998. They have been living in London for the past few years and regularly socialise with Old Rhodians **Liam Coakley-Eager(1989)**(married **Susan (Carter)(1989)** in September 1997); **Stuart Johnson (1987)**, **Alastair Johnson (1991)**, **Denny McLachlan (1990)**, **Don Emslie (1989)**, **Barry Ashman (1984)**, **Hilton Brown(1991)** (married to **Ilse (van Wyk)(1989)**). Craig works for Tabs Creative Services printing brokers and Samantha works for TCA Synergo Ltd as a management accountant. Their e-mail addresses are: Craig: tabs@bizonline.co.uk, Samantha: shale@synergo.tca.co.uk

Warren Turner (1987) is a community pharmacist in Sydney, Australia. He worked in the UK for four and a half years and holds membership with the Royal Pharmaceutical Society. He moved to Australia eighteen months ago with his wife Fiona and their son Matthew (2).

Michael Tribelhorn (1987) and **Sarah (Weldrick)(1989)** moved from Durban to Port Elizabeth. They have a daughter, Caitlin Emma who was born in August 1998.

Michael Holm (1987) has been teaching English in Japan and Korea for the past four years and is at present lecturing at a Catholic University in Seoul. He comes home for Christmas each year.

Jacqueline Joss (Pilzer)(1987) and Randy are living in the USA and had a beautiful baby girl, Sydney Claire, in 1997.

Vanessa Long (Lowe)(1987) and **Royce Trevor (1986)** are living in Johannesburg and have a son, Murray Trevor.

Dioné Johnson (1987) has been lecturing at Technikon Natal for over six years but has now

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“ventured forth into the great unknown” via London! She says she still can’t stop the partying that started at Rhodes and would love to hear from any of her old HMS buddies via her old address: 7 Jabula Hill, Umhlanga, 4320.

Ant Hudson (1987) is the regional manager of Foschini stores in KwaZulu-Natal. He is doing his MBA part-time. He has still not mastered golf, but is trying!

Julia Seal-Swanepoel (Seal)(1987) and **Pete Swanepoel (1986)** have gone to explore America followed by Europe and Australia.

Graham Tasker (1987) spent four years at Da Gama Textiles and then moved to De Beers as a production accountant at the diamond mine in Oranjemund. He has been happily married to Tracey Johnson since 1996.

Diana Du Preez (Crouch)(1987) married Paul in 1997. They are living and working in Sydney.

Andrew Seirlis (1988) and **Wendy (Venter)(1989)** were married in 1993 and have a daughter, Hannah (3). Andrew is working at PG Industries, Zimbabwe, where he is part of a team looking to improve the performance of the business.

Susan Hughes (1988) wrote while on a working holiday overseas, having been based in London for a year. She is engaged to a Zimbabwean.

Jackie Palframan (Halse)(1988) married Mike in 1993 and they have been working in Port Elizabeth ever since, Jackie at Alexander Forbes. Mike’s brother, **Steve Palframan (1989)** is married to **Sandy (Dwenger)(1988)**.

Shaun Hamilton (1988) sends greetings from Harare to all his social work colleagues from the Class of ’92 and regards to all Rhodian friends.

Resabel Geelan (Riego De Dios)(1988) married Daniel in 1995.

Janine Hoek (1988) went to Fort Hare to lecture in Psychology after leaving Rhodes. She lived in Hogsback until 1996 when she moved back to East London with her husband and their son, Ulrich (3).

Alice Aubrey (Hulley)(1988) married Garth in 1997. They are living in Honeydew and Alice works at the Witwatersrand National Botanical Gardens.

Celia Fleming (John)(1988) is working in Corporate Communications and Marketing for the Metropolitan Life insurance company, in Cape Town.

Rebecca Pointer (1988) has bought a house and is married to Peter van Heusden. She works as the publishing co-ordinator at an Adult Basic Education NGO, in Cape Town.

Nichola Erasmus (Lourens)(1988) is married to **Christian (1988)**. Nichola is a social worker at St Michael’s Childrens Home in Cape Town.

Gregory Hooper (1988) completed a post-doctoral fellowship in the USA in 1997. He is back in South Africa working for Pharmacia & Upjohn, co-ordinating clinical trials in HIV and oncology. He married Sonja Weber in May 1999. He can be contacted at email address greg.hooper@eu.pnu.com

Janine Hoare (Victor)(1988) and **David (1985)** are living in Pretoria where Janine is a Scientific Research Officer (Taxonomist) at the National Botanical Institute.

Greg Hill (1988) wrote to give us a quick summary of his life in the past two years. He taught primary school in New Zealand and then studied at Faith Bible College, Tauranga, NZ. His plans are to continue teaching this year and get permanent residence. He says there are amazing mountains and hiking in New Zealand especially up volcanos! Any past students can reach him at Hillwatch@hotmail.com

Gary Baker (1988) married Lorri from UPE and they are living in Port Elizabeth. He is in contact with **Andrew McLean (1987)** and **Cheryl Wright (1988)**.

Ruth (Whittaker) (1989) and **Philip Deane (1989)** were married on 4 October 1997 in Johannesburg, where they now live. Ruth works as a research and development chemist at a large cosmetics company and Philip is involved in clinical research.

Tanya Whitehead-Watkins (Whitehead)(1989) was married in April 1998 to **Kyle Watkins (1989)**, whom she met on Orientation Day in 1989!

Jacques Nel (1989) and **Kim (Southgate)(1991)** are living in Grahamstown and are proud parents of Kelsey who was born in 1997.

Terry Rudston (Papenfus)(1989) and **Nicholas (1988)** have a son Matthew, born in 1997.

Karen Budow (1989) taught for a year after completing her Psychology Honours and then obtained her Masters degree at Tavistock Institute, London. She is now working as an Educational Psychologist for Tower Hamlet Burrough in London.

Eiona Morton (1989) and **Wayne Rathbone (1991)** are in Pretoria and missing Rhodes and Grahamstown greatly. They have recently become engaged.

Wendi Kruger (Griffin)(1989) married Francois Kruger in 1997 and they have one child. They run Beaverlac Campsite in the Olifants River Mountains.

Cindy Moritz (Kesler)(1989) is a feature writer on the *SA Home Owner* magazine. Her email address is moritz@global.co.za

Toby David Shapshak (1989) is the technology and sports editor at the *Mail & Guardian* newspaper. He has worked as a journalist since leaving Rhodes (except for a few years overseas with a backpack) and, amongst other things, covered the Truth and Reconciliation Commission for the South African Press Association (Sapa). He is doing a MPhil in journalism through Stellenbosch University and is based in Johannesburg.

Clare Ritchie (Quinn) (1989) runs her own small public relations consultancy, Corporate Communications, in Harare. She married Stewart, a pilot, in 1993 and they have two children, Lauren (4) and Matthew (3 months). She would like to hear from her fellow BJourn classmates. Her e-mail address is corpcomm@africaonline.co.zw

Darren Lochhead (1989) graduated in 1992 and moved to the UK in 1994. In 1998 he moved again, this time to the Netherlands where he now works as a product manager in Corporate Cash Management for ABN AMRO Bank. He married Helen Aucott in March 1999. His email address is darren.lochhead@nl.abnamro.com

Peter Townshend (1989) is working for Anglo American Prospecting Services in Mali as a geologist.

Janet Couryer (1989) has worked for the Automobile Association in Johannesburg for the last three years. She does editorial and proof-reading work for several of the company’s divisions and helps produce the staff magazine. The company’s Rhodent clique includes **Adri Albertyn (1986)** who assists the Company Secretary in the Finance Division and **Mandy de Goede (1988)** who is the GM of Human Resources. Janet also writes for her church’s magazine, the editor of which is **Shane Marais (1988)**. In April 1998 Janet attended the Cape Town wedding of **Belinda (Zwicker) (1989)** and **Etienne Virét (1986)**. They were married by **Donald Thomson (1990)** and lots of Old Rhodians were there!

Michelle Sayers-Evans (1989) is Head of Languages at Petra High School, a private co-ed Senior school in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe.

Andrew Loveridge (1989) is writing up his DPhil thesis in Zoology at Oxford University and rowing for the Magdalen College 1st VIII. He was Boat Club Captain for 1997/98.

1990s

Angelique Adcock (Bloem)(1990) had a fairytale wedding in Kenton-On-Sea in 1995, to Scott from Port Elizabeth. They are farming and hope to establish a game farm.

James Semata (1990) served as Chairman on the Governing Council of the then Setlogelo Technikon (now Technikon Northwest) from 1994 to 1996. He assisted in its transformation stages.

Tanya Accone (1990) returned from the United States with a Masters degree in communications, a year’s experience with *The Washington Post* and a wonderful husband in the form of American athlete, Daniel Pszeniczny. They are now settled in Johannesburg, where Tanya holds the position of Internet Editor for the *Sunday Times* and Daniel runs and studies full-time.

Martin Victor (1990) is doing commercial diving and is single and mobile - saving his BA (HMS) degree and teaching for later, maybe!

Robyn Savage (1990) has qualified as a CA SA and is living permanently in London, working for ITW as International Auditor. She audits company branches in Europe, Australia, Pacific Rim and the United States.

Margaret Curry (Baigrie)(1990) married **Dave**

(1991) in August 1998. They plan to spend about three years in London and return to South Africa when the exchange rate is R40 - £1!

Deepesh Dulabh (1990) has returned from the UK, Canada and the USA and is now the financial accountant at Douglas Green Bellingham (Pty) Ltd. His email address is ddulabh@hotmail.com

Bill Robertson (1990) is married to **Katy (Brownlee Sykes)(1991)**. Having graduated, Katy travelled overseas for 2 and a half years, basing herself in London and touring UK, Europe, Australia and the USA. She’d often come home to Zimbabwe in between, whereupon Bill decided he’d had enough of all this, and by the grace of God they were married in December 1996. Bill qualified as a certified information systems auditor at Deloitte and Touche. They are presently living in Harare where Katy is employed by the competition, Coopers and Lybrand! Bill has some future international secondment prospects himself and together they should be doing a bit more globetrotting yet.

The **Revd. David Rhys Owen (1990)** has recently moved from Oswestry in Shropshire, where he was Lay Chaplain and Head of History and Theology at Oswestry School, to take up the position of Ordained Chaplain and Head of Religious Education at the Dragon School in Oxford. He was ordained by the Methodist Conference at York Minster in 1997.

Dawn Newton (Davies)(1990) is teaching Grade 1 at Victoria Primary School in Grahamstown and is wardening in Prince Alfred House at Rhodes. Her husband is doing an MSc in Computer Science at Rhodes.

Shereen Essof (1990) is a research and advocacy officer with the Zimbabwe Women’s Resource Centre and Network.

Cindy Sheasby (1990) joined Youth With A Mission (YWAM), a missions organization in 1994. She spent three years in Texas, USA, studying Christian Education and teaching at a private Christian school. She returned to South Africa in 1997 and is now training teachers in Windhoek, Namibia. Her email address is csheasby@iafrica.com.na

Wendy Stelzmann (Johnson)(1991) married Peter in November 1998. She is still working at *Drum* magazine as their special features editor.

Kobus Du Plooy (1991) is a lecturer in the Department of Music at the University of Durban-Westville.

Nomalanga Elaine Skenjana (1991) is working for VAT Refund Administrators (Pty) Ltd and studying at UNISA for an MBL. She says she is earning too little after all the studying!

Mike Stonier (1991) and **Carol (Hall)(1988)** are living in Bournemouth, England.

Pamela Morice (1991) has been working as a social worker for the Department of Welfare in Spring for five years and lives in Benoni. She waitresses part-time at the “Turn ’n Tender” in Boksburg on the weekends.

Bhavika Gopal (Nagar)(1991) married Jainet in March 1998 and moved to Durban. She is working at Strand Pharmacy on the beachfront and would like to get into contact with fellow classmates.

Sian Elizabeth Reeks (1991) is working for a pharmaceutical packaging company in Durban. She is engaged to Ken Davidson, due to marry in May this year.

Victoria Penfold (Ledingham, 1991) and **Gregory (1992)** are married. They live and work in Harare, Zimbabwe, where Victoria is senior editor for three publications covering Investment, Mining and Business, and Eco-tourism respectively. Greg is doing volunteer teaching until he can get a work permit.

Arne Bier (1991) recently left IBM SA to work in the UK. He emailed us in June 1998 to say that he was working for CISCO Systems (computer networks) near Heathrow and had no plans to come back in the near future. However it had only been two weeks and he was going to be as optimistic and positive as possible! Email: abier@cisco.com

Jenny Rose (Everett) (1991) qualified as a chartered accountant in June 1998, and is a manager with Ernst & Young. She still lives happily in Bulawayo with her husband Blair.

Colin Alexander (1991) graduated from Rhodes with a BEcon degree and worked for Investec and then Millenium in Johannesburg. In July 1997 he was offered a contract to play rugby for the Rugby Lions in Rugby, Warwickshire. He spent one season

there, and was part of the team that saw the club promoted from the 3rd division to the 2nd division. He is now based in London, playing for the London Welsh, a 2nd division side. He has had a great deal of success on the rugby front, and is working for Salomon Brothers, a large Finance House. He is enjoying the experience very much and has met up with many Old Rhodians in London.

Nick Olivari (1991) has been transferred from Canada to the New York bureau of *Bloomberg News* in an effort to save the world from recession. He and Susan are debating the merits of selling their cottage by the lake or keeping it as a holiday home.

Avron Welgemoed (1991) enjoys reading the OR news immensely, especially seeing where ORs are today and where their careers are taking them. He is married and still lives in Johannesburg. He runs a small IT consultancy business together with his wife, but they are investigating emigrating. He’d love to hear from old friends on email avron@eag.co.za

He also sent the following news of other ORs: **Stuart van Onselen (1991)** is living and working in Johannesburg, currently for SPL as an Intersolv Consultant. His email address is: Stuart.vanOnselen@spl.co.za. **Carel te Water Naude (1991)** is based in Gauteng, as a production pharmacist. **Nkululeko Madonko (1991)** is a human resources officer for Unifoods in Boksburg. His email address is: nkululeko.madonko@unilever.com

Christopher Kabelo Seupe (1991) has been transferred to the Parish of the Transfiguration in Setlagole near Mafikeng, where he has been since the beginning of the year.

Cathlin Rumboll (1991) went to Wits Business School in 1994 where she completed a postgraduate diploma in Management (Human Resources). At the end of 1994 she went to work for Anglo American as a management trainee and stayed there for three years until the end of 1997, having been promoted to senior HR officer. During this time she completed her Honours in HRD through RAU. In February 1998 she emigrated to Ireland with her fiancé, Anthony, where she is now working for Coca Cola as an HR specialist and loving it. Her email address at Coke is crumboll@eur.ko.com

Laura-Jane Nel (Fisher)(1991) and **Darryl (1991)** have moved to Argentina for three years to teach at St George’s College. Darryl will be teaching Drama and Laura-Jane IS and Economics.

David Horan (1991) and **Nicky (Bielich)(1992)** were married in May 1999.

Kirsten Sjostedt (Naylor) (1992) has been living and working in Stockholm for the last two years. She and her husband celebrated their third wedding anniversary in June. She would love varsity friends to e-mail her at ulsj@cntw.com.

Adam Sebastian Welz (1992) is working as a freelance magazine photographer and planning a move into film.

Kathryn Keating (1992) is in her fifth year of studying Medicine at Wits.

Diane Webber (1993) is still teaching and moved from Port Elizabeth to Johannesburg in June last year.

Ashley Jones (1993) and **Barrie Knox-Davies (1992)** captained the SA Student Triathlon team to the World Student Games. They were both sports bursary holders at Rhodes.

Katy Percival (Marcussen) (1993) married Don in 1997. She is an extension officer for Protea Marketing company, in Zimbabwe.

Claire Broderick (1994) is working in London as an assistant psychologist in an NHS Trust.

Brigid Martin (1994) is working for an Internet Service Provider in Harare (Samara Services) as their public relations officer.

Michelle Schubert (1994) is reading for an MSc degree at Oxford, in the Dept of Experimental Psychology. While at Rhodes she completed her BSc Hons in the Dept of Biochemistry and Microbiology under the supervision of Prof Santy Daya, doing research on the effects of melatonin on the brain. She graduated with distinction and was awarded the Canon-Collins/Chevening Scholarship for study at Oxford. Her MSc is being completed by coursework, with a number of modules being taught by leading neurobiologists. She has been invited to continue her work at PhD level.

Allen Lister (1995) writes from the Cape that he is still trying to get a BCom degree!

Notification of death

- Dorothy May Digby (Welsh)(1921)*
Lilian Nelly Basson (Miles)(1921)
Sr Gwendolen Truda Brock (CR)(1921)
Mr G Rosin (1923)
Robert Edward Daniel D’Arcy (1926)
Mrs B K Petty (Nixon)(1927)
Margaret Elinor Stanford Fitzsimons (Driver)(1927)
Miss E T C Mitchell (1930)
Doris Stirk (Aubrey)(1931)
Mrs B S Light (Parry)(1931)
Rachel Leah Caplan (Adler)(1932)
Sheila A Watt (1932)
Iona Jasmine Rose-Innes (Gordon-Forbes)(1933)
Marie Louise Williams (Mullins) (1934)
Sir Peter Carteret Fletcher (1935)
Noreen Northwood (Purdon)(1936)
Frederick Wallis Pettit (1937)
Ernest Alfred Meyer (1937)
Dr Kathleen Barbara Norton (Judson) (1937)
Dr Norman Bob P Nupen (1941)
Elizabeth Johanna Theron (van der Merwe)(1942)
Peter F D Wallis (1942)
Jacqueline Mitchell (Campbell) (1942)
E Margorie Short (Swallow)(1943)
Rollo D Scott (1943)
John A Clarkson (1944)
Joan Millar Urie (1944)
Eudore Sassen (Breakspear)(1945)
Ann Christine Thompson (Myburgh)(1946)
J Warwick L Frost (1946)
Peter Strachan (1946)
Barbara Evans (Almon) (1948)
Prof John David Omer Cooper (1948)
Johanna Catherina Minnaar (Keevy)(1948)
Edward Noel Giddy (1948)
Mrs J P Robinson (Ross)(1949)
Prof Christopher Frederick Cresswell (1951)
Cynthia Giddy (Theron) (1952)
Denise Margaret Lilian Johnstone-Butcher (Downing)(1953)
Mr K H Crohn (1959)
Dr Stephen K-M Tim (1961)
Peter Andrew Christian Galloway (1961)
Mr W A Woxholt (1962)
Brenda Nicholls (1963)
Rev Canon Francis C D Cull (1966)
Mr G J Levinson (1968)
Dr N W Visser (1969)
Gwen Gordon Jones (1970)
Mr MD Kelly (1971)
Sheldine Cecile Mason (Briggs)(1974)
Tommy Toft (1974)
Prof K D White (1976)
Agnes Barbara Bosch (1978)
John Kenneth Goschen (1986)
Carol Tebogo Fihla (1987)
Theresa Wilhelmina Kluivers (1991)
Gavin Walter Hamilton Relly (Chancellor, Hon Grad, 1991)
Grant Gordon Barnett (1991)
Michael Pugh (1993)
Mtobi Bennett Nkomonde (1994)

Lilian Nelly Basson (Miles)(1921)

(From the funeral letter prepared by her children)

Lil had an interesting and fulfilling life, starting in the Cape’s Colonial days, with her life being chiefly spent in the Eastern Cape. With enthusiasm she pursued interests in beautiful things: flowers, shells, pictures, books, culture, historical issues and traditions, people and her wide circle of friends and family. She named her daughter Oriel, after the residence in which she lived, while at Rhodes. She could relate all events in her life, and the many people in it in detail. Though her hearing and balance had been accidentally damaged many years before and declined steadily, she maintained a sound mind. At Leisure Gardens, during the last nine years she continued to write letters, ordering her life around Knysna people (she had deep roots there too) and the many things she valued. She left a legacy of papers, collectables, anecdotes, photos, letters and quotes, including beautiful pictures, ornaments and furniture. Sadly in 1996 her health declined suddenly when she suffered brain damage. At her funeral, her children gave thanks and praise to God for their mother who was a pillar of strength and loyalty to her husband and their father. She imparted to them the virtues of duty, sincerity, morality, compassion, understanding and trust. She was a devoted Christian, a most loving unselfish mother who will be remembered with deepest affection.

Sr Gwendolen Truda Brock (CR) (1921)

Oxford hockey Blue, scientist, educator and member of a vibrant religious community, Sister Truda, of the Community of the Resurrection of Our Lord, died on 3 October 1998 after a long, varied and rich life. Sister Truda spent her childhood and school days in Port Elizabeth. She attended The Collegiate School (where her sister, Madge, was later to become principal). She had a happy career there, but admitted to failing music and cricket! After matriculating, she came to the then Rhodes University College, where she read for a BSc degree in Chemistry and Zoology, and later an MSc degree. She received a University of South Africa scholarship which enabled her to go to Somerville College, Oxford, where she completed a DPhil degree in Comparative Anatomy. She played hockey as an Oxford Blue and was always delighted that they had beaten Cambridge. She returned to Grahamstown as a lecturer in the department of Zoology at Rhodes and from 1932 was acting head of the department of five years. During this period she suggested the development of a sub-department of Entomology. She stretched her wings with a further period of study overseas. This time she took off to Radcliffe-Harvard in Cambridge, Massachusetts for a year. This was followed by two years as Zoology Tutor to the Women’s Colleges at Oxford. She returned to South Africa just before the outbreak of World War II and spent a year in Stellenbosch. From 1927 she had been closely associated with the Oxford Group, which later became the Moral Rearmament Movement. She accepted an offer from Sister Frances Mary at the Grahamstown Training College (GTC) to take a teachers certificate course, thereby qualifying for an appointment to the college staff. While at the college, much to her surprise, she received a strong call to test her vocation to the religious life and, while teaching at St Peter’s Practising School, she entered the novitiate of the Community of the Resurrection and joined the staff of the Grahamstown Training College. She succeeded Sister Frances Mary as Principal of the college in 1946, a position which she held until 1962, with a break of one year, 1957, which she spent in the CR Branch House at Mapanza Mission in Zambia. She completely immersed herself in the training of primary and secondary teachers, in the spirit established by the founder of the order, Mother Cecile. During her principalship the GTC grew from about 170 to 260 students. On her retirement from the GTC she returned to Mapanza Mission for four years. She was then transferred to St Andrew’s House in Bulawayo, where she succeeded Mother Dorothea as Deputy Superior of the Northern Branch Houses, which included Salisbury and Nyamandhlovu in the then Rhodesia and Mapanza in Zambia. In 1975, Sister Truda returned to Grahamstown to “retire” once again. From 1976 to 1982 she assisted Sister Mariya with the establishment of a new branch house in

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Salsonesville, Port Elizabeth and then moved to St Peter’s Lodge in Kenilworth, Cape Town. She finally returned to Grahamstown in 1987. In 1990, Rhodes University conferred the degree of Doctor of Laws (LLD) honoris causa on Sister Truda in recognition of her contribution to education throughout the sub-continent. In the magazine of the Grahamstown Training College, Sister Truda wrote on one occasion, summing up her philosophy: “Freedom is a fruit, the fruit of a process of training and pruning whereby the individual personality is prepared for its part in the corporate life of the community. We must seek to give a sure foundation to the ideal of a South African nationhood which is Christian and which is inclusive of the various elements of our heterogenous people.”

Doris Stirk (Aubrey)(1931)

(Obituary from Talk of the Town)

Doris was born in Mombassa in 1931. She first went to school in Cape Town and then in Grahamstown. From there she went to Rhodes College Art School for two years. She met Neville, was married in 1933 and they went to live at “Goodwoods” at Southwell. She took an active part and interest in the Southwell farming community, in the church, WAA, sporting activities, and later in her life she became a keen bowls player at Kenton-on-Sea. She loved painting (an active member of Port Alfred Art Club) and historical research (which resulted in the writing of *Southwell Settlers* and *Kasouga Sands*). She was also very fond of gardening and after Neville’s death spent many happy hours tending the grounds at St James church. Doris moved to Damant Lodge in 1987 where she was well looked after. She was very happy and loved by all until her passing on 13 February 1999. She was a wonderful mother to Dennis, Tony and Margie who owe her a depth of gratitude for her Christina example, love and caring. She will also be sadly missed by Moira, Edna, Wally, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Iona Jasmine Rose-Innes (Gordon-Forbes)(1933)

(Obituary from The Independent)

Jasmine Rose-Innes, designer, painter, photographer, writer and teacher spent her girlhood in Africa, was to achieve personal and professional independence and success in wartime Britain, and then return to Africa to marry and have children, but to continue thinking, talking, working, developing her various talents and always deepening her involvement with her family, “one to one” as she put it. Finally it was England again, writing, drawing, painting and in her last few years, etching. No one who reads her book *Writing in the Dust*, published in 1968, can fail to note the writer’s youthful capacity for intense compassion and indignation or the vividness of her experience of beauty and disgust, of anxiety and serenity. As a grown woman, Jasmine spent her life not just responding to life but distributing the riches she had received to those around her. She was born Gordon-Forbes in Somerset 1915 and brought up in the then Rhodesia where her father, who had been a tea planter in Sumatra, had bought a farm on his retirement. After attending Rhodes University College where she read Fine Arts, Jasmine went to England in 1938 where she worked as an art editor and typographical designer at the Geographic Magazine and for the Ministry of Information. In 1947 she returned to South Africa and married **Reg Rose-Innes (1933)** who had also studied at Rhodes. Jasmine was involved with the Black Sash movement - the women’s Anti-Apartheid group. When her son, Crispin was born, their great friend Bishop Trevor Huddlestone christened him in a black township, as an act of defiance. In 1953 she was arrested as a member of the Black Sash movement and she and Reg decided to move to Ghana, feeling that a multi-racial society would be a healthier place in which to live. The family spent nine years in Ghana, returning to England in 1962. Jasmine went on to teach art, typography (she was very skilled at lettering and had a beautifully sure and fine Italian handwriting) and photography, and began to write about her childhood. Her book *Writing in the Dust* was awarded the Heinemann Prize in 1968; the following year she was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature. She held numerous exhibitions of paintings and later prints

in Sussex and London, accepting commissions right up to the end. In the 90s she took up etching. Jasmine was extremely generous, swift, impatient and brilliant, but most of all she was a positive and loving person. The phrase most closely associated with her is one she uttered often - whether about the sky or the slope of a down, a leaf or a tree, the behaviour of a child or a bird or the feel on ink on a brush: “I love it, I love it, I love it!”

Sir Peter Carteret Fletcher (1935)

(Obituary from The Daily Telegraph)

Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Fletcher died in January 1999 aged 82. He led a Hurricane Squadron against overwhelming Japanese air attacks in the desperate and costly defence of Ceylon in 1942 for which he was awarded the DFC. Peter Carteret Fletcher was born on 7 October 1916 in Durban, South Africa and brought up in the then Southern Rhodesia, where his father built up a large tobacco farm. He was educated at St George’s College in Rhodesia and at Rhodes University. When war broke out in 1939, he joined the Southern Rhodesia Air Force and qualified as a pilot. In 1941 he was transferred to the RAF. Following his exploit in Ceylon and on account of his wounds, Fletcher returned to Rhodesia where he served as a flying instructor. At the age of 27 he was promoted to wing commander and after he received a permanent commission in the RAF in 1946, his instinctive grasp of strategy was to see him receive numerous promotions within the RAF and the Ministry of Defence. He retired in 1974, only to be welcomed onto the board at Hawker Siddeley Aviation and then later appointed director responsible for Corporate Strategy and Planning of British Aerospace. He retired again in 1982 whereafter he worked as a consultant to several aviation companies. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society in 1986. His awards included the AFC in 1951, the OBE in 1945, the CB in 1965 and the KCB in 1968. He married Marjorie Kotze in 1940 and they had two daughters.

Frederick Wallis Pettit (1937)

(Obituary from The Representative)

In February 1999 Fred Petitt died, at the hands of thugs, at his home on the farm Landskrona in the Queenstown district just after his 79th birthday. He was born on the farm Hillmoor in the Steynsberg district on 25 January 1920. He went to school at Queen’s College where he won the Bailey Bursary in 1936, the highest award for scholarship in the Queenstown school. In the same year he won colours and the Guard Cup for musketry. He proceeded to Rhodes University where he graduated BCom with distinction. In 1941, after serving articles with a Port Elizabeth firm of accountants, he qualified as a chartered accountant. He worked at his profession in Kimberley for 18 months and later spent seven years in Cape Town before starting a practice on his own account in Queenstown in 1953. He sold the business in 1959 to go into full-time farming on Landskrona, a farm acquired in 1953. He served as President of the former East Cape Agricultural Union and was also a director and chairman of the Melton Dairy Co-op. He married Rena Moolman on 26 March 1946 and they had a daughter, Terry, who now lives in Cape Town. His friends will miss his genial smile, his dry humour and his highly intelligent opinions. He was always a man whose word was his bond.

Ernest Alfred Meyer (1937)

(Obituary from the Knysna-Plett Herald)

Ernest Alfred Meyer was born on 7 June 1919 and passed away at Durbanville on 3 December 1998 after a long illness. He grew up in Humansdorp where his father practised as an attorney and he was educated at Rhodes University where he played on the wing for the first Rugby Team and obtained his BA LLB (cum laude). After serving as a navigator in the SAAF in North Africa and Italy during the Second World War, he came to Knysna where he practised law for 50 years until his retirement in 1997. Ernest Meyer was above all things a complete human being, a loving husband to Dorothea, a supportive and caring father to Louis, Marius, Arno and Riaan, a lawyer who regarded the law as a noble profession, acting towards clients and colleagues as a gentleman and a scholar, a man of integrity to be looked up to and be emulated. He was for years the Chairman of the Knysna, Plettenberg Bay and

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Sedgefield Attorney’s Association. He was a man who played his part in the service of his community, having been a Municipal Councillor and Mayor of Knysna for 12 years and having been a founder member of the local Rotary Club. He was a man of strong religious principles and a staunch member of the NG Kerk, Knysna. Among the many tributes received was the following from Mr Daryl Burman, a past-president of the Law Society: “We are saddened by the news of Ernest’s sudden passing. He has always been the ultimate scholar and gentleman, a kind, gentle, fun-loving and caring friend. His fine sense of humour and fund of knowledge has always made for most pleasant conversations and quality time. You should all be most proud of what he stands for. We shall miss him although we are pleased that he no longer suffers.”

Dr Norman Bob P Nupen (1941)

(Obituary from Pretoria News)

One of Pretoria’s best known general practitioners, Dr Bob Nupen died in June 1998. Dr Nupen was educated at King Edward VII School in Johannesburg, Rhodes and Wits University, where he graduated as a medical doctor. A prominent sportsman at school, he was captain of the Transvaal Schools Nuffield Side and captain of the first-ever SA Schools cricket team, which set the stage for an illustrious cricketing career. However, he had to choose between cricket and his studies and would probably have gone further than playing for the Transvaal senior side, to represent his country, if he had paid less attention to his medical studies. In 1946 Dr Nupen married Ethel, a scientist who became a world authority on water purification, and they set up home in Pretoria in 1953. Many a Pretoria family can boast of the fact that Dr Nupen was their family doctor. Dr Nupen also played a prominent role in the foundation of St Alban’s College and his two sons were educated there. Grant, the elder, is the college’s current headmaster. He is survived by three children and 10 grandchildren. Paying tribute, Peter Eedes, senior master at St Alban’s said: “We mourn the passing of a highly respected, much admired and loved gentleman. We remember Dr Bob Nupen as a kind, considerate friend, and a truly great all-rounder”.

J Warwick L Frost (1946)

(Obituary from the Barkly East Reporter)

Widely known and respected Wartrail farmer Warwick Frost died suddenly on Friday 26 February 1999. Warwick started farming at Balloch just 50 years ago, taking over from his parents. Born in 1928, he started his schooling at what was named the Padda College at Balloch before going to Dale where he matriculated. He excelled at tennis at Dale and obtained his colours while also playing cricket and rugby. He was at Rhodes from 1946 to 1948 doing a BSc and playing tennis for the University. In 1953 he married Elsbeth Henry and they had three daughters and three sons. Warwick developed a great reputation for his knowledge of the area with its flora and fauna. Together with his wife Elsbeth, they made Balloch a popular retreat for busy people and those in need of revitalising. He has left behind a legacy of environmental wisdom and awareness in people who have known him.

Peter Strachan (1946)

(Obituary from the Mercury)

Peter Strachan, doyen of the South African property industry, died in June 1998 at his home in Durban, aged 70. Mr Strachan, a former MD and chairman of RMS Syfrets (now Colliers RMS), was regarded as an authority on property legislation, particularly with respect to laws on shareblock and sectional title. During the 1980s, he fought the government over the controversial Lease of Dwellings Bill, which was eventually scrapped. He was President of the Institute of Estate Agents of South Africa in 1981 and a member of the Institute of SA Property Owners’ Association’s advisory committee to the government on the Share Blocks Control Act. He served on many other industry bodies. Educated at Michaelhouse, Rhodes University and the University of Natal, he was admitted as an attorney in 1952. He was president of the Natal Squash Racquets Association, former chairman of the Port of Natal Round Table, former president of the Association for the Aged and of the Silverton Bowling Club. He leaves his wife, Shirley and children Jane and Nicholas.

Professor Emeritus John Omer Cooper (1948)

John Omer Cooper (66) died after a short illness at his retirement home in New Zealand on 31 July 1998. The following appreciation of his life has been compiled from the recollections of Associate Professor Dorothy Page, head of the department of History at the University of Otago, New Zealand, Dr Julia Wells, acting head of the department of History at Rhodes University and his sister, Phoebe Carnegie.

When someone asked John Omer Cooper why he had become an academic, he said it was because his handwriting was so awful: in South Africa, where he grew up, applicants for jobs were required to apply in their own handwriting. It is a story that John’s colleagues, and now more than two decades of his students who have struggled to decipher his particular style of hieroglyphics, will relate to. But the stories people tell about themselves are always revealing and the self-deprecating, whimsical touch of this one is entirely typical of an appealingly modest man. It was not from John we learned that during a lecture tour of southern African universities in 1991 he was greeted by students, brought up on his work at secondary as well as tertiary level, as a ‘living legend’.

John Omer Cooper put down deep roots in two countries, his country of upbringing and his country of adoption. Born in Newcastle-on-Tyne in 1931, he went as a small child to Grahamstown, South Africa, when his father became Professor of Zoology at Rhodes University. He matriculated top of the class at St Andrew’s College, Grahamstown in 1948 and read for a first degree at Rhodes, majoring in History and Philosophy, followed by an Honours degree in Philosophy. He was one of many students to benefit from the teaching of Professor Winnie Maxwell. John went on to Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, where he took a BA (subsequently MA) in History in 1955. Three years later he gained an MA, with Distinction in Philosophy, from Rhodes for a thesis on ‘Freedom in the Political Thought of John Locke and John Stuart Mill’. The years 1955 to 1965 were spent in the History Department at University College, Ibadan, Nigeria, where he taught courses in the History of Political Thought to students taking the General and Honours degrees of the University of London, and subsequently degrees of the University of Ibadan. He played a major part in devising the degree structure of the Arts Faculty when the University College became a full University. He was the first editor of the journal of the Historical Society of Nigeria, and also founded a more popular journal of African history for teachers and the general public. As a member of the History panel of the West African Examinations Council he wrote one of the new syllabuses for African history ‘O’ level and for two years was Chief Examiner. In 1966 John became foundation professor at the newly-established University of Zambia, in Lusaka, the year the first students were admitted. John built up the History department from a one-person operation to a complement of eleven staff. He was the first president of the Historical Association of Zambia, in which capacity he produced visual and documentary material on Africa for schools. During his years at Lusaka, until 1973, John was the first Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, served as a member of the University Council and the Senate Steering Committee and a number of planning committees. From 1971 to 1973 he was Pro-Vice-Chancellor and on several occasions, some extensive, acting Vice-Chancellor. John’s opposition to apartheid kept him out of South Africa, but at the same time it was not easy for a white academic in the emergent states of black Africa. John had worked in Nigeria over the distressing period of the civil war there, and in Lusaka there was a near miss with a letter bomb. The time came to move to a more liberal and less volatile society. In 1974 John took up a chair in the History Department at Otago University, New Zealand and set about developing the African history courses which gained a large and enthusiastic following among students and which are unique in New Zealand. Generously giving his energies to teaching in other areas as well, John also served as Head of Department for three terms, for five years from 1977, for eighteen months in 1986-7 and from 1993 to 1995. John’s list of publications is distinguished. In addition to a number of chapters in books, including *The Cambridge History of Africa*, he has produced two major works that are

used wherever African history is taught. *The Zulu Aftermath* (1966), the only comprehensive book on the Southern African Mfecane, has classic status. *The History of Southern Africa* (1987), which appeared in a completely revised edition, to critical acclaim, in 1994, is used as a text in major universities in the United States, as well as in South Africa. John’s commitment to his country of adoption was strengthened by his marriage in 1982 to Shirley, a New Zealander. They shared a love for Central Otago and enjoyed cross-country skiing, tramping or canoeing, according to season - but especially fly fishing, a skill John developed to a very high degree. He spoke Xhosa fluently and when he came home to South Africa after many years absence he could immediately converse with African people in their own language. His sister remembers him as a man of substance with many interests - trout fishing, scuba diving and archery. “He was a wonderful counsellor and was much loved by his students. He was a very active man and spent his last few weeks dictating the last few chapters of a book he wanted to complete”. Dr Julia Wells remembers: “He once spoke to my students at the University of Zimbabwe and nearly moved them to tears with his account of how he came to dedicate his life to the study of African history. He described his early childhood in Kenya and then the shock of moving to South Africa where racial attitudes were so much more firmly ingrained. It was his own sense of pain and injustice that prompted him to do all he could to promote a positive image of the African past.”

Cynthia Giddy (Theron) (1952)

South Africa’s world authority on indigenous cycads died in July 1998 after a six-week battle in intensive care following a car accident. Cynthia’s husband, **Ted (1948)** was killed instantly in the accident. The daughter of a schoolteacher and journalist, Cynthia Theron was born in Cradock on 20 September 1934. She graduated from Rhodes in 1955 with an honours degree in psychology and social anthropology (cum laude) and married fellow teacher Ted shortly after graduation. Much of her married life was spent on a farm in the Manderton area of KwaZulu-Natal midlands, which the couple bought in 1963 and used as a holiday farm to teach Afrikaans to high school children. It was here that Cynthia established a huge garden, first with roses and annuals, then later with indigenous flora that she started to propagate for sale in the small nursery on the farm. Her interest in cycads grew during the 1960s, and her first book on cycads appeared in 1974 to critical world acclaim. It remains a landmark work. For the past 27 years of her life, Cynthia was a passionate protector of cycads. She worked closely with the endangered special protection unit, and in her tireless Joan of Arc crusade she fought for better legislation in all the provinces and for an end to political favours that allowed people to export illegal cycads. She was also involved in various projects in rural KwaZulu-Natal that aimed to make cycads a sustainable resource for local people. Regarded as the doyenne of cycads by her peers, Cynthia ran courses on cycad identification for officers of the KwaZulu-Natal Parks Board, sat on numerous boards, regularly attended cycad-related conservation meetings across the world and was honoured both locally and internationally for her work. Cynthia had a formidable intellect and was an author, lecturer, horticulturist, nurserywoman, botanical photographer, miniaturist, philatelist, gourmet cook, genealogist, globetrotter, social anthropologist and historian. Ted and Cynthia are survived by their four daughters.

Dr Stephen K-M Tim (1961)

(Obituary from The New York Times)

Stephen Tim, a botanist and illustrator who was a guiding force for many of the exhibits and publications of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, died on 21 November 1998 at New York University Medical Centre in Manhattan of a cardiac arrest. He was 61. Born and reared in South Africa, Dr Tim got his start in the garden through a coincidence. Elizabeth Scholtz, who as Director of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden hired him 27 years ago, said that at the time, garden officials were looking for an assistant horticultural taxonomist, someone who was supposed to know everything about everything. Stephen Tim was a mycologist, a specialist in mushrooms, and did not seem to fit the bill. But Ms Scholtz was a fellow South African and looked

more closely at his resumé. “I noticed that he came from Rhodes University which had a fine reputation for general botany,” said Ms Scholtz, now the Garden’s director emeritus. South African botanists, she added, “learned our taxonomy before we learned anything else.” Dr Tim got the job. After two years he was named curator of the herbarium, and a year later created the first of many exhibits, on insect-eating plants. Later he was involved in creating a garden for the disabled, and in renovating the Shakespeare garden. His most significant achievement was the conception of exhibits at the Steinhardt Conservatory in the mid-1980s including a “Trail of Evolution” that traces plants through the ages. Dr Tim was also a skilled illustrator whose work appeared in *The New York Times* and in many of the Garden’s books and newsletters, which are among the most popular botanical publications in the world. Dr Tim was an expert on poisonous plants and served as an emergency contact for poison control centres and hospitals around the country. He also served as a member of the Rhodes Charitable Trust in the United States. Dr Tim is survived by his wife, Nancy Shopis Tim, a sister, Phonyim Tim, of British Columbia, a brother, Peter, of Johannesburg and three nephews.

Brenda Nicholls (1963)

(Obituary by Professor Paul Maylam)

Brenda Nicholls, who died in Durban on 29 November 1998 after a long illness, rendered 36 years of continuous, dedicated service to the Rhodes History Department from 1962 to 1997. A compassionate person, a committed scholar, and a caring teacher, Brenda died within a year of her retirement from Rhodes, sadly unable to carry through her plans for a full, active retirement. Brenda was very much a person of two provinces. She had strong roots in KwaZulu-Natal. She went to school in Durban and to university in Pietermaritzburg. Her main research field was in late nineteenth century Natal. At the same time she belonged to the Eastern Cape where she spent most of her working life. Here she developed a deep interest in Eastern Cape history. She was active in the Grahamstown Historical Society for many years, and for long involved in the production of the Grahamstown Series publications. During her last years in the History Department Brenda offered a specialised course in Eastern Cape history. After serving as a temporary lecturer at both campuses of the University of Natal, Brenda was appointed in 1962 as lecturer at Rhodes’ Port Elizabeth division where she initiated the teaching of history, working single-handedly for the first two years. When the PE Division closed she was transferred to the History Department in Grahamstown where she would serve for another 32 years. As a teacher Brenda was particularly concerned about the welfare of students who struggled to make the grade academically. She devoted time and energy to developing the skills of such students. When an academic development programme was established at Rhodes in the 1980s she became closely involved in it, helping to draw up a module for the teaching of underprepared students in the History I course. This same concern for students was shown during a 13-year stint as warden of Jameson House from 1968 to 1981. Brenda’s historical interests were wide-ranging. During her time at Rhodes she taught in almost all the undergraduate fields offered by the History Department. For many years she taught European history, and she later developed a special interest in the First World War. She published an article on the 1916 Irish rebellion, as well as a piece on New Zealand. In the past few years Brenda had, together with Nancy Charton, been engaged in editing the diary of Robert Mullins, the Anglican missionary who was active in the Eastern Cape from the 1850s. The preparation of this text has been completed and is ready for publication. But Brenda’s main research interest - in some respects her life’s work - was the career of Harriette Colenso. Harriette, like her father, Bishop Colenso, became an ardent campaigner and spokesperson for the Zulu royal family during the late nineteenth and early twentieth century, at a time when the Zulu royal house had been drastically weakened under the impact of British imperialism. There was something of Harriette in Brenda - in particular a combative spirit. In the mid-1950s Brenda became a vice-president of NUSAS, which at the time spearheaded student opposition to apartheid. When a student at Cambridge in the late

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1950s, she took time off to join placard demonstrations outside South Africa House in Trafalgar Square. In her time at Rhodes’ PE campus she became secretary of the division’s lecturers’ association and was directly involved in the struggle to prevent the Broederbond-inspired government takeover of the division. Brenda’s special qualities included her resilience and determination. Most people tend to slow down when they approach retirement. Not so Brenda. Indeed her last year at Rhodes - 1997 - may well have been her finest. She successfully completed her PhD through the University of Natal. She gained academic promotion. On top of this she completed the English III course at Rhodes, passing with distinction. Brenda also had plans for her retirement. She had intended to register for a postgraduate degree in English language teaching. Her illness prevented this. But her determination was evident throughout her last weeks as she completed her editorial work on the Mullins diary, and maintained communication with friends and former colleagues. Brenda had given much, and still had more to give. This her premature death did not permit.

Rev Canon Francis C D Cull (1966)

(Obituary supplied by Hampton Community College)

Rev Canon Francis Cull died in Cape Town in February 1998 at the age of 83. Dr Cull conducted the retreat for Truth Commission members before its first hearings began, an inter-faith exercise which he described as one of the most extraordinary experiences of his life. He lectured at the University of the Witwatersrand, completed his MPhil at York University and later gained a DLitt on Henry James. He was fondly remembered as College House warden at Rhodes University during the late 1960s, during which time he got married. His son **Patrick (1967)** was also at Rhodes.

Sheldine Cecile Mason (Briggs)(1974)

Mrs Mason died in Cape Town, aged 46, after a brave nine-month battle against leukaemia. After graduating from Rhodes with a BSc and UED, she settled in Cape Town and embarked on a teaching career of more than twenty years, in the course of which she taught Biology, General Science and Mathematics at various schools. She is survived by her husband Mike, and four children, ranging in age from 10 to 19.

Tommy Toft (1974)

(Obituary from the EP Herald)

One of Port Elizabeth’s most famous sons and a tireless worker for charity, former Eastern Province Newspapers chairman and Standard Bank board member Tommy Toft, died in February 1999 at the age of 87. Admitted as an attorney in 1934 and thereafter joining a Port Elizabeth law firm, Mr Toft went on to enjoy a colourful career as naval officer (serving in England, Iceland and the Persian Gulf), advocate, diplomat and one of the City’s highly-regarded and distinguished business leaders, while also devoting many years to his favorite charitable organisations. Born in 1912 to a Norwegian father and Irish mother who settled in Redhouse, Mr Toft attended Grey Junior and High Schools and matriculated in 1930. He was honorary vice-consul for Norway for 11 years until 1960, and awarded the Knight of St Olav. He was later made a director of Maybaker South Africa and took over as chairman of the company in 1965. He retired in 1987 but remained on the board. In 1988 he was awarded honorary citizenship of Port Elizabeth, marking his official retirement from the board of Maybaker. He served on numerous other boards, among them the Board of Governors and Council of Rhodes University. He leaves his wife Ruth and three daughters, Anne, Felicity and Penny and nine grandchildren. His daughter Anne Hurr said, “he was a wonderful husband and father to his wife, children and grandchildren. He took a special interest in every member of the family and guided each one of us on our course”.

Prof K D White (1976)

(Obituary from The Independent)

Kenneth Douglas White, scholarly classicist, died in London on 10 June 1998, aged 90. He was born in Liverpool in 1908 and achieved a double first at Liverpool, a scholarship to Peterhouse, a double first at Cambridge and lectureships at Edinburgh and Leeds. This would seem to have prepared him for an orthodox career in language, literature or history, but his practical temperament drew him to South Africa, where he achieved his first Chair at Rhodes University at the age of 29, and where he was to remain Professor and Head of Department for 20 years. Prof White was fascinated by the agriculture in South Africa, where the conditions of Ancient Italy seemed replicated, with advanced agribusiness technology co-existing alongside traditional subsistence farming. He studied different systems of farming and this was to become his major academic focus within Classics. He published numerous papers and books with such titles as *Agricultural Implements of the Roman World*, *Roman Farming*, *Country Life in Classical Times*, and *Greek and Roman Technology*. He married Isobel McKay in 1936 and they had one son and two daughters. His pupils, first at Rhodes, then at Natal and Ibadan universities, at Reading and then back in Nigeria at Jos, loved him for the clarity of his teaching and for the warmth of his character. He was willing to lecture on anything, he took his share of the chores, and was cherished by his colleagues for his acuity and quirkiness, even when his irrepressible enthusiasms left them with the feeling that they were only half alive. There was much more to “KD” - family, friends and church, poetry, music and art, good food and wine, the whole farrago of successive environments.

Agnes Barbara Bosch (1978)

Professor Barbara Bosch (47), former head of the department of Afrikaans & Netherlandic Studies at Rhodes University, Grahamstown, died at her home on 15 October 1998, after a long and courageous struggle with cancer. She leaves her husband, Tommy, and sons Christoff (19) and Matthys (13). Professor Bosch was born in Cape Town and grew up in Robertson. She matriculated from Jan van Riebeeck High in Cape Town and went on to complete BA and Honours degrees at Stellenbosch University, both in the first class. She joined the staff of the department of Afrikaans & Nederlands at Rhodes in 1974 as a Junior Lecturer and was promoted to lecturer in 1977. She completed an MA with distinction at Rhodes in 1980 and followed this with a PhD in 1985. She was promoted to Senior Lecturer in 1985 and Associate Professor in 1991, when she also became head of the department of Afrikaans & Netherlandic Studies. Professor Bosch was promoted to full Professor in 1995. At the end of 1997, she became a Professor in the department of Linguistics and English Language as a result of restructuring in the Faculty of Arts. Professor Bosch was awarded the prestigious Association of Commonwealth Universities Fellowship and had planned to use this to spend eight weeks at the University of Southern Queensland researching distance education at tertiary level. Unfortunately, her illness made this trip impossible. She was a member of a number of associations of language professionals, both South African and international. Within the University, Professor Bosch served on a large number of Senate committees and was also a Fellow of both the Founders’ and St Mary Halls. Within the Grahamstown community, she served on various committees of Kleuterland Pre-primary School, P J Olivier High School and St Andrew’s Preparatory School. She was also a member of Rotary. Professor Bosch was a much sought after public speaker and addressed numerous cultural organisations, schools, women’s associations and service organisations. She was regularly interviewed for the SABC programme “Die tale wat ons praat”. She also lectured at the Winter School of the Standard Bank National Festival of the Arts and the National Schools’ Festival of English. She presented the results of her research at numerous conferences in South Africa and abroad and her work was published in learned journals in the fields of language and linguistics. Professor Vivian de Klerk, head of the department of Linguistics and English Language at Rhodes, delivered a moving tribute at the memorial service for Barbara Bosch held in the Rhodes Chapel, during which she outlined the qualities which made her an outstanding academic, home-maker, wife and

mother. “There are few academics at Rhodes who could match the rate of output which she set over the past ten years”, Professor De Klerk said. “In that short period she obtained the recognition of all her peers in South Africa, and her loss will leave a gaping hole. Sadly, Barbara was not able to enjoy the fruits of her labours, just when she was coming into that rewarding phase of life when others were starting to recognise her worth and opportunities for travel were opening up it wasn’t easy at all for her to accept that [due to her illness] she simply could not go. We recognise that worth today, and honour her deeply for the contribution she has made to scholarship, especially Afrikaans scholarship, in the last ten years”, she said.

“She touched our lives at Rhodes and we are all the better for having known her and enjoyed the pleasure of her caring company, her teaching and research, her cooking and her cheery greetings. We will all miss this wonderful woman”, Professor De Klerk concluded.

John Kenneth Goschen (1986)

(Obituary from Wine, March 1999)

John Kenneth Goschen, Haute Provence winemaker, died tragically in a freak electrocution accident in his cellar. In a short but brilliant career he had become one of the dynamic personalities to have elevated the Franschhoek Valley to one of South Africa’s best wine regions. He became a director of Haute Provence Vineyards as well as its cellarmaster at the age of 26. John Goschen was born in Zimbabwe in 1967 and educated at Michaelhouse. He then went on to Rhodes University where he graduated with a BCom and where his interest in wine began. The determination to make wine brought him to Stellenbosch during one varsity vacation and after his graduation he gave up his intentions of a business career to become a winemaker, training himself by working as a cellar assistant at carefully chosen top estates. Besides a bevy of Veritas and SA Young Wine Show awards for his wines, John also managed to win silver medals for his Chardonnay in 1995 and his Cabernet Sauvignon in 1996 at International Wine Shows. “John was a very special kind of winemaker,” says Peter Youngusband, former managing director of Haute Provence/Augusta wines. “He could not only produce fine, high quality wine - sometimes out of indifferent grapes - but was remarkably articulate and had the ability to impart to his listeners a passion for his work”. John Goschen is survived by his wife Estelle, two children Abigail (7) and Jonathan (3), and his parents Donald and Linda Goschen of Johannesburg. Paying tribute to her husband during the memorial service, his wife Estelle described him as a loving, passionate, caring and devoted husband and father to their children.

Grant Gordon Barnett (1991)

(Obituary by his parents, Don and Penny Barnett)

Grant Barnett died in February 1997 of a burst heart ventricle. Having completed one year of a Human Movement Studies degree at Rhodes, he realised that he felt called more to the medical side and decided to take an honours degree in Physiotherapy at the University of Zimbabwe. He did exceptionally well and took all the prizes in his final year. He graduated posthumously in July 1997, having written his finals the previous November. We are grateful for the year Grant had at Rhodes and are obviously proud of his achievements. Perhaps even more than his academic success, we are particularly grateful for the impact he had as a young Christian man of principle and great love for people - the wonderful tributes which came at the time of his death bear testimony to that.

Mtobi Bennett Nkomonde (1994)

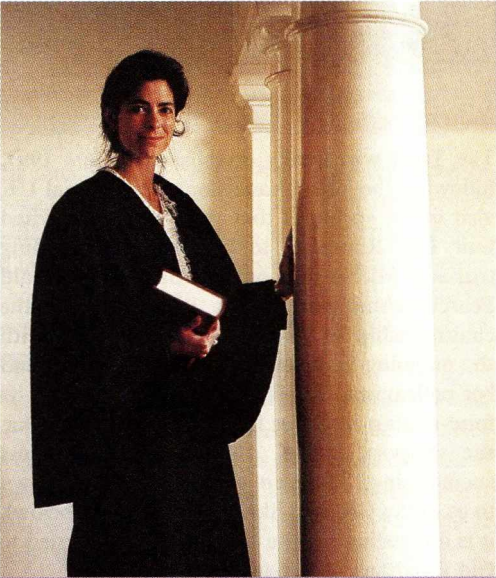
(Obituary from Grocott’s Mail)

Mthobi Nkomonde, who was admitted as an attorney of the High Court in April 1998, died at Livingstone Hospital on 13 December 1998, after a short illness. Born on 12 October 1970 in Peddie, Mthobi was schooled at the local Ayliff primary and Knight Marambana commercial secondary schools. He studied at East London Technical College in 1989 and 1990, then registered for a B Juris at the University of Fort Hare followed by an LLB degree from Rhodes University in 1995. He served his articles of clerkship in Mathie, Meyer and Gravet in East London and, after his admission as an attorney, he joined Bowes and McDougall, a firm of attorneys in Queenstown. His death is a sad loss for his family.

Old Rhodians Making News

Nicky Turner says it’s about justice

Nicky Turner (Buckland) (1984), who successfully prosecuted high-profile South African cricket star Makhaya Ntini, is described by her peers as being tough, talented and thoroughly professional. Already a senior state advocate at 32, Nicky says her area of expertise was not about winning or losing - “it’s about justice”. One of sixteen dedicated state advocates in Grahamstown, six of whom are women, Nicky believes that rape is a crime of arrogance. She blames this attitude partly on an old judicial system which applied a “hue-and-cry” cautionary rule to the evidence of rape victims, making it difficult to convict rapists. There was also the perception that women were not going to report it, and that rapists would get away with it. This protection has been ripped away by the new dispensation, which places far greater emphasis on women’s rights.



Nicky Turner (Buckland)(1984)
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Speaking frankly about her difficult job after the Ntini trial, Nicky said that she was not a strident feminist and made a conscious effort to distance herself from the trauma of rape survivors. She says the Ntini case was different because her previous rape cases involved victims “who were usually dead, often children”. Confronted by appalling cases on a daily basis, she unwinds at home by working in her English rose garden and spending time with her 18-month old toddler, Michael, and her advocate husband, Glenn. Glenn has been a prosecutor since 1981 and has successfully prosecuted high profile murder trials. Nicky’s interest in rape and sexual abuse crimes was sparked by another woman lawyer, state advocate Antoinette de Jager. “In 1989 I arranged a law week focus on violence in families and one of the guest speakers was Advocate de Jager, then a senior public prosecutor in Port Elizabeth. I was so interested in the talk she gave on the prosecution of rape cases that I spoke to her afterwards and she suggested I become a prosecutor.” Nicky joined the Department of Justice in Port Elizabeth in 1991 and was promoted to regional court prosecutor in 1992, where she worked for her future husband. Romance blossomed and Glenn and Nicky were married in 1993. In the interim both had been transferred to what was then called the Attorney General’s office in Grahamstown. Glenn became a senior state advocate shortly after they arrived in Grahamstown and Nicky was promoted to the same rank in 1998. She has lost only one high court case out of 29.

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

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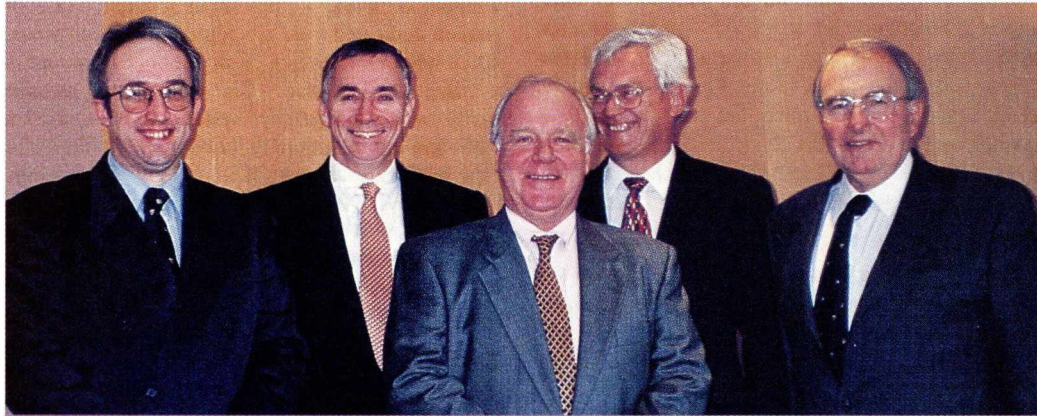
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UK CHARITABLE TRUST

The idea of establishing a charitable trust in the UK was first mooted in the mid-1990s by the treasurer of the UK Old Rhodian committee, Donald Pearce-Crump. With donations to the UK Old Rhodian Bursary fund increasing, he advised that this would be a more tax-efficient way for UK Old Rhodians to donate to their 'alma mater' - and the University would benefit as the Trust could reclaim tax, thereby increasing the amount eventually received by Rhodes.



From left to right: Donald Pearce-Crump (secretary/treasurer), Ewan Copeland, Michael Chapman (chairman), Pieter Prinsloo, Pearce Rood.

The Trust was finally established in late 1997, following the Vice-Chancellor's first official UK visit in the spring of that year, when he invited four Old Rhodians to become the founding trustees - Michael Chapman, Allan Gray, Donald Pearce-Crump and Pearce Rood. Under the chairmanship of Michael Chapman, and with the on-going involvement of Jane Dickson and her colleagues, the Trust is now broadening its fund-raising activities in the UK. In particular, the support of UK alumni has been most encouraging. There are some 760 alumni known to us in the UK, and like the trustees (see below), it is interesting to note how many are married to Old Rhodians. The trustees currently are:

Michael Chapman (Chairman) is a contemporary of the Vice-Chancellor, Dr David Woods, both at Rhodes (1959-62) and Oxford. Mike chaired the SRC whilst at Rhodes and graduated with a BA. At University College, Oxford (Dr Woods' college too) he obtained an MA in law. He entered the business financial world in London and soon after went to North America. He was President, then Vice Chairman of Wood Gundy in New York and finally, Chairman and Managing Director of BMO Nesbitt Burns International, the Bank of Montreal's international investment banking arm, based in London. He is married to **Jenny Sandcroft Baker (Rhodes 1961-2)**.

Ewan Copeland was sub-warden at College House whilst at Rhodes (1963-66), graduating with a BA Econ (Hons). Ewan completed an MBA at UCT in 1968 and worked for UAL Merchant Bank before he joined Citibank, Johannesburg in 1974. He moved to the USA in 1978, where he and his wife, Evelyn (née Barbour, TC & Fort Beaufort) settled permanently. He is currently Global Head of Citibank's Consumer Goods Industry Group, based in London.

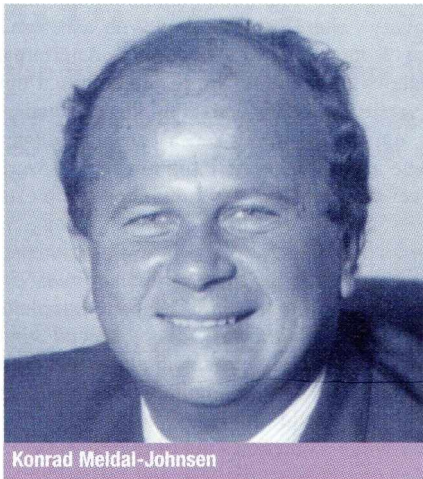
Donald Pearce-Crump (Secretary/Treasurer) is an Honorary Fellow of The Founders' Hall, and was warden of Matthews House whilst at Rhodes (1979-86), where he graduated with a BA(Hons) and an LLB. He lectured in the Law department before moving to the UK in 1987, and married **Amanda Batchelor (Rhodes 1979-82)** in 1989. As a Chartered Tax Advisor and Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Taxation, he works for BDO Stoy Hayward and advises companies, trusts and individuals on their tax affairs. Donald also lectures and publishes widely on tax law.

Pieter Prinsloo was at Rhodes 1963-65, where he graduated with a BCom. After doing his articles with Alex Aiken & Carter (now KPMG), he joined Standard Bank. He and his wife, **Yvonne (née Westmacott, Rhodes 1964-66)** came to the UK in 1991. Pieter is now Executive Vice-Chairman & Chief Executive of Standard Bank London, which offers a range of specialist banking services and promotes trade investment and business flows world-wide, with an emerging market focus.

Pearce Rood was at Rhodes 1950-54, where he obtained his BA and LLB degrees. After qualifying as an attorney, he joined a leading mining house in Johannesburg before moving to the UK in 1960 and qualifying as a solicitor. From 1968 until his retirement in 1990, Pearce was a partner in the international law firm, Baker & McKenzie. Since retirement, he has been a trustee of several charitable trusts.

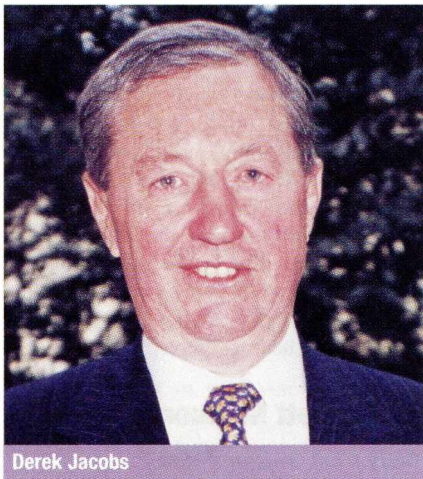
Konrad Meldal-Johnsen graduated from Rhodes with a BCom in 1964. After training as a chartered

accountant at Alex Aiken & Carter in Johannesburg and Thomson McLintock in London (both now part of KPMG), he joined the Howden Group SA. He and his wife **Dot (Rhodes 1962-64)** moved to the UK in 1983 when he was appointed Chief Executive of the Scottish-based international engineering group, Howden Group plc. He is currently non-executive director of Firth Rixson plc and Dresdner RCM Smaller Companies Investment Trust plc.



Konrad Meldal-Johnsen

Derek Jacobs was at Rhodes 1963-65, graduating with a BA Econ/Econ History cum laude; elected a Rhodes Scholar, he went up to Corpus Christi, Oxford University, graduating with a MA(Hons) in 1969. He then joined Metal Box SA and in 1974, at the age of 34, became the company's youngest managing director, finally implementing the merger of Metal Box with Nampak in 1983. He and his wife **Mauray (Rhodes 1964)** moved to the UK in 1985, when he became Vice Chairman of Encase Holdings. Since the early 90s, he has combined hands-on management roles with management consultancy. He is non-executive Chairman of Union Transport Inc.



Derek Jacobs

The UK Old Rhodian Bursary Fund was instituted in 1990 at the suggestion of Tim Newsome, a member of the UK Old Rhodian committee. By the late 1980s, reunions (which usually took the form of a braai/veis at a venue in the country, and sometimes also a gathering in a London pub) generated sufficient profits to provide a surplus. So from small beginnings - £350 in 1990 - donations and profits from reunions have enabled bursaries to be awarded on an annual basis since 1992. So far this year the Trust has donated R12 000 (approximately £1200) towards bursaries for children of Old Rhodians, with more contributions to follow.

PRIZE GIVING CEREMONIES

Dr David Woods was invited to speak at the annual prize givings of both Westering High School in Port Elizabeth and St Alban's College in Pretoria in October last year.

WESTERING HIGH SCHOOL, Port Elizabeth

David and Charlotte Woods attended the prize giving at the school on Tuesday 13 October 1998.

It was very much an "in house" Rhodes occasion, as **Ken Ball (1971)**, Headmaster; **Tim Douglas-Jones (1966)**, Chairman of the Board; their respective spouses, and Dave and Charlotte Woods are all Old Rhodians! Mr Ball was, in fact, a student in Botha House when the Woods' were resident there. Despite this familial atmosphere, the Woods' were very proud to be associated with such a successful, happy event and to witness the pride that everyone - parents, staff and students alike - seem to have in their school and their achievements. Westering numbers nearly 900 students between grades 8 and 12.

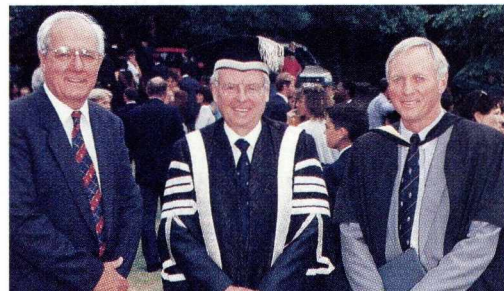
Dr Woods spoke about the need for students to regard themselves as South Africa's most valuable resource and therefore to equip themselves with all the necessary qualifications and skills required to play an important role in the future of the country. It was obvious that everyone felt that Ken Ball and Tim Douglas-Jones had worked near miracles in their first year in office, and the sense of achievement and dedication was a credit to all, considering the difficult conditions under which such schools are now operating. After the prize giving, Dave and Charlotte were very well entertained at a local restaurant and much Rhodes news, old and new, changed hands.

ST. ALBAN'S COLLEGE, Pretoria

The prize giving for St Alban's College on 24 October 1998 was preceded by an informal get-together held at the home of the Headmaster, **Grant Nupen (1968)** the previous evening. As both Mr Nupen and his wife **Rosemary (Selfe) (1968)** are Old Rhodians, this was very much a gathering of the Rhodes Clan (with a few honorary "visitors" allowed). Old Rhodians present were: **Judge Frank Kirk-Cohen (1946)**, who was our most "senior" OR and a fund of stories to prove that things do not change much - really!; **Trevor Anderson (1960)**; **Tony Reichbeiter (1972)**; **Dave Musto (1975)**; **Bob Cloete (1972)**; **Tim Gordon (1975)** - now Headmaster of DSG, Pretoria; **Carol (Hoggan) (1968)** and **Peter Ashton (1966)**; **Gordon Allison (1973)**; and **Ron Beyers (1983)**.

The following day was a beautiful early summer day and the marquee on one of the fields was a perfect setting for the prize giving. The atmosphere was one of pride and excitement and the Headmaster's report showed clearly that a great deal had been accomplished in his short time of office. There is little doubt that this is one of the country's premier schools and it can be proud of what it is doing, both internally and for the wider community through its bursary and scholarship programmes and its outreach and community-based projects. Mr Nupen, himself an old-boy of the school, paid credit to long-standing members of the staff (some of whom had taught him!), who showed the intense loyalty and dedication of the "family" of such an institution. He also stressed the need for parents, students and staff to work together to ensure the smooth running of the school.

Dr Woods outlined the need for students, particularly the school-leavers, to make full use of the magnificent opportunities they had, to become qualified and fully equipped to take on the essential roles they would have to play in making South Africa a worthy member of the "Global Village" in the new millennium. He also pointed out that school-leavers with matric exemptions were a rare commodity in South Africa at present and that this situation had to be improved for us to survive. The prize giving was followed by a valedictory service for the parents and school-leavers, in the school Chapel.



David Butcher, Chairman of the Board of Governors, Dr David Woods (1959) and Grant Nupen (1968), Headmaster of St Alban's College

1999 Reunion Dates

East London

LIZ HADWEN

Tel: 043 - 726 2835

Reunion Date: Wednesday 11 August

Perth

DIANE MCGIVERN (1983)

Tel: (09) 409 8972

Fax: (09) 409 8972

Reunion Date: Wednesday 11 August

Sydney

DOUG STRUGNELL (1976)

Tel: 294 172 839 (h)

294 384 844 (w)

Reunion Date: Thursday 12 August

Durban

BERTIE WICKS (1966)

Tel: 031- 307 1884 (w)

Fax: 031- 307 1927

Reunion Date: Wednesday 8 September

Grahamstown

LISL GRIFFIOEN (1988)

Tel: 046-603 8569

Fax: 046-636 1902

Reunion Weekend:

Founders' Day and Convocation & ORU AGMs
Saturday 11 September

Johannesburg

ROSE RIDGEWELL

(RU Johannesburg office)

Tel: 011-788 5543 (w)

Fax: 011-788 1098

Reunion Date: Wednesday 15 September

Cape Town

ROB MACLEAN (1973)

Tel: 021-683 6433 (w)

Fax: 021-683 6488

Email: rob@felix.co.za

Reunion Date: Friday 17 September

Harare

HANS CHRISTEN (1981)

Tel: 092634-744 338 (h)

Reunion Date: October

Bulawayo

RICHARD YOUNG (1982)

Tel: 092639-41313 (w)

Reunion Date: October

Mutare

RICHARD HANLY (1981)

Tel: 0926320-67363 (h)

Reunion Date: October

Queenstown

ADRIE STOCKDALE (1970)

Tel: 045-839 4160

Fax: 045-839 3596

Reunion Date: April 2000

George / Knysna Region

BILL ASHMOLE (1958)

Tel: 044-874 7592 (h)

Reunion Date: to be advised

Bloemfontein

ROY GORDON (1960)

Tel: 051-447 7831 (w)

Fax: 051-447 6951

Reunion Date: to be advised

Kimberley

MIKE ROSSOUW (1983)

Tel: 082 804 3299

REV PRESSLY (1944)

Tel: 053-832 5462 (h)

Reunion Date: to be advised

Namibia

JOHN MANHEIMER (1966)

Tel: 0926461-237 103 (w)

Fax: 0926461-234 2106

Reunion Date: to be advised

REPORT ON REUNIONS IN 1998

New York

David and Charlotte Woods attended a small reunion in New York on 26 May last year, while in the USA on a fundraising trip.



Pam Carruthers (Cory) (1952), Charlotte Woods (Abbott) (1961), David Woods (1959), Donovan Neale-May (1971)



William Pietersen (1956), Laura Pietersen, Maurice Seaton (1990), Gregory Brooks



Bobbie Robertson (Eddy) (1945)

Bloemfontein

The President of the Old Rhodian Union, **Lil Haigh (Rademeyer) (1963)**, accompanied by **Yvonne Surtees (Bolitho) (1965)** gave an encouraging and enthusiastic talk about Rhodes University in general, making the ORs present long for their own varsity days! The reunion was once again arranged by **Roy Gordon (1960)**, Headmaster of St Andrew's School.

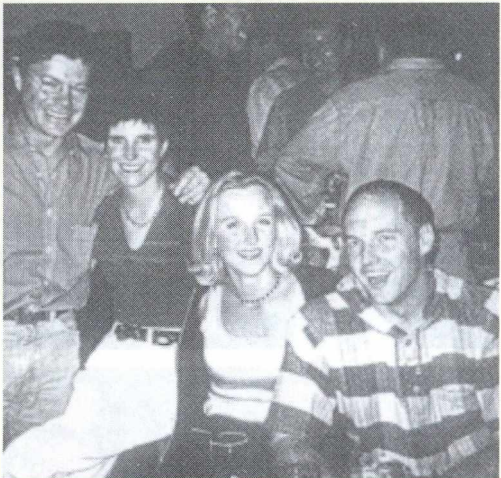


Although we have no idea how he manages to find the time to help us, considering the full life he leads, we are extremely grateful to Roy for all he does on our behalf in Bloemfontein. Pictured below are the Bloem stalwarts.

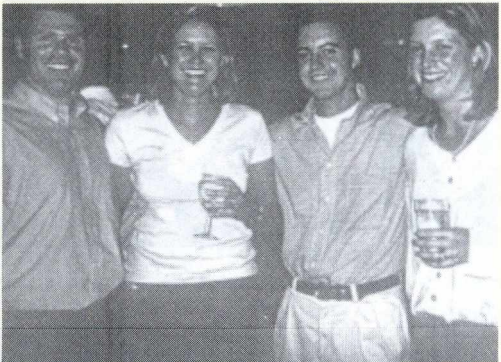


Johannesburg

The annual Kaif Krawl took place at the Hard Rock Café in Illovo on Wednesday 16 September and was - as usual - very well attended. Hundreds of Old Rhodians crowded the bar area, and had spilled into the courtyard by the time supper (burgers & chips!) was served. **Lil Haigh** and her husband, **Professor John Haigh (1960)** of the School of Pharmacy attended the reunion and Lil gave an exciting and informative address. Our thanks to the Old Rhodian Golf Club who once again went all out to ensure a successful and fun reunion.



Greg Ferrans (1991), Janine Bissell (1990), Claire Howse (1990) and Dale Carolin (1989)



Steve Perry (1991), Julia March, Matt Arnott (1990), Nicky Horan (Bielich) (1990)



Kevin Featherstone (1990), Lesley Hill (1990), Nicole Nottage (1990), Karin de Souza (1990), and Greg Osborn (1987)



REPORT ON REUNIONS IN 1998

George

Bill Ashmole (1958) (pictured with his wife, Marion, and Dave and Charlotte Woods in the first photo below) arranged a cocktail party for Old Rhodians in the George / Knysna region in October last year. As is evident in the photographs below, a great time was had by all!

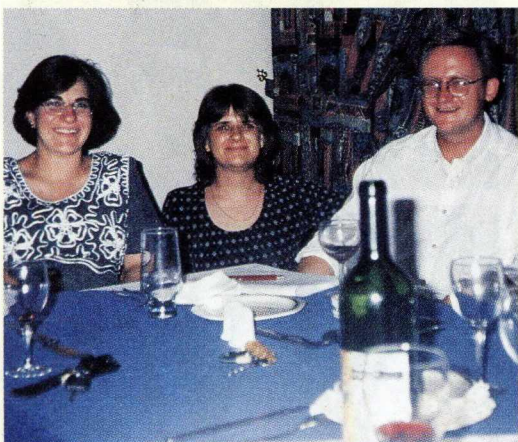


Namibia

On Saturday 14 November last year, the Namibians once again got together for a small reunion. Due to the size of Namibia and the fact that the local Rhodians are spread far and wide, reunions have not always been a regular occurrence. The reunion took place in the function room of a local hotel, with ORs first meeting for drinks and some informal socialising. A number of people, who could not attend the whole evening, made the effort to pop in and say hello for half an hour. Later on everyone sat down to a lovely dinner and continued swapping old Rhodes memories - which was really interesting, as most of them had been there at different times. The Namibian ORs were lucky enough to have Professor Julian "Goonie" Marsh, on sabbatical from the Geology Department, with them and asked him to say a few words about current events at Rhodes. He filled them in on the administrative changes taking place, as well as various academic changes, and the ORs were left with the impression that Rhodes is really striving to keep up with the changing socio-economic, political and academic needs of South Africa. Our thanks to **Alex (1992)** and **Karen (1991) MacKay**, who organised this successful event. The MacKays have now moved to Oranjemund, and have handed the reunion reins back to **John Mannheimer (1966)**.



Alex MacKay (1992), Goonie Marsh, Colleen Mannheimer, John Mannheimer (1966)



Maria Costa-Tre (Mavrandonis)(1991), Karen MacKay (1991), Alex MacKay (1992)

Harare

Alumni Relations Manager, **Lisl Griffioen (1988)** and her husband **Dr Angus Paterson (1987)** travelled to Zimbabwe in October last year to attend the '98 reunions. In Harare Old Rhodians gathered for drinks and snacks at the Wingate Park Club - not surprisingly, the "early evening party" turned out to be everything but early! Old Rhodians, young and not-so-young-anymore, filled the large room and listened with interest to Lisl's report on current events at Rhodes, asking many questions and telling their own "Rhodes stories". It was a most enjoyable evening, thanks to the efforts of **Hans Christen (1981)** and his wife Jenny. Good news for Old Rhodians living in Mutare is that **Richard Hanly (1980)** has offered to organise an annual reunion there as of this year.

Bulawayo

Lisl and Angus moved on to Bulawayo, where a small but friendly gathering of Old Rhodians met at the New Orleans Restaurant. Lisl outlined current events at Rhodes, largely following up on the Vice-Chancellor, Dr Woods' report to ORs in Zimbabwe the previous year. We enjoyed good food and wine, and chatted until late. Many thanks to **Richard Young (1982)** for making all the arrangements.

Cape Town

Old Rhodians in Cape Town joined the parents of newly recruited students in November last year to hear news of Rhodes from Vice-Principal, Dr Mike Smout. Although the new parents enjoyed meeting Old Rhodians, we have decided not to combine the two functions in future as ORs preferred their own company! Our thanks go to Judy Hilton-Green for arranging the venue at Bishops, and to **Dr David Hart (1974)** who pulled out all the stops, as always! Sadly, David has now moved to Canada - we will miss him very much. This year's reunion will be organised by **Rob Maclean (1973)**, and **Dave (1964)** and **Jen Lewis (Forbes)(1961)**.

Golden Oldies



The above photograph which is believed to be of the Rhodes University tennis team of 1913 was received from Mr C von Seidel, Fish Hoek, Cape Town, whose mother Aileen Mary (Mahony) is seated in the middle row, second from the left. Can anybody identify the others in the photograph?

Old Rhodians Making News

Women with the write stuff

South African journalism has finally recognised that women have a right to make it to the top in what has up to now been a man's world. Earlier this year **Paula Fray (1984)** and **Lakela Kaunda (1983)** were appointed to head their own publications, and this news was so remarkable that the gender equity commission applauded the

know this. Kaunda joined the *Evening Post* in November 1998 after she was headhunted to be its deputy, and was made the paper's third editor in April 1999. "The *Post* is near the bottom of the barrel of South Africa's daily newspapers and after many years of neglect, Times Media is taking the Eastern Cape papers seriously. There's a black readership in Port Elizabeth that we're busy exploring further."



Lakela Kaunda (1983)

appointments.

Lakela Kaunda, editor of the *Evening Post* has two children, Nonthokozi and Fekeza, and is remembered by fellow Rhodes students as "extremely quiet, perhaps shy. She was always one of those women who disappeared in a crowd". But there is an innate openness that shines through her demeanour and her staff in Port Elizabeth seem to

Paula Fray, now editor of the *Saturday Star*, has spent her entire journalism career at the Independent group, starting in 1986 as a cadet and working her way through various beats at *The Star*, including consumer affairs and crime. The *Saturday Star* is the biggest Saturday paper in South Africa, with a circulation of more than 135 000. According to Paula, "the real challenge is not just to appoint women in senior editorial and management positions, but to ensure that these appointments are reflected in the newspaper content, which is obviously more difficult. That's what's daunting." To Paula motherhood and careerism are not mutually exclusive. She has three children and says, "you can describe me in the context of a woman who is an editor, because that is who I am. Having children defined me as both a woman and a journalist. Having my first child was the turning point in my life. I became a mother and then needed to know what legacy I could leave my daughter. After I had her, I became more of a career woman." Paula is aware of the frustrations many women journalists have experienced and is critical of the role they play in defining their own fate. "Women often think they have to work harder than their male colleagues to be recognised; stay later, produce more. But they don't demand what they want the way men do. I've watched men market themselves, especially white men, and it just comes naturally."



Paula Fray (1984)