

RHODES NEWSLETTER



Old Rhodian Union

December, 1985

PLATO system bought

The hardware to run one of the most sophisticated computer-based teaching systems – PLATO – was purchased by the University in July. A Computer-based Education Unit has been established, headed by Mr Graham Oberem. The system will be used by students studying a wide variety of subjects. The necessary software is leased by the Univer-

The PLATO system, supplied by Control Data South Africa, was installed at Rhodes on a trial basis in December, 1983. Mr Oberem, a lecturer in the Department of Physics and Electronics, was seconded to co-ordinate the use of the system during the trial period and formulate plans for the possible future use of the system.

Last year Mr Oberem trained and assisted staff who wished to use PLATO and supervised 36 trial projects, 43 members of the University staff and over 1 350 students using the system.

It was used for a total of more than 13 500 hours during the course of the trial year. There are about 5 000 lessons in the system and the PLATO library is updated every three months. New courseware can be installed as it becomes available and obsolete courses are removed.

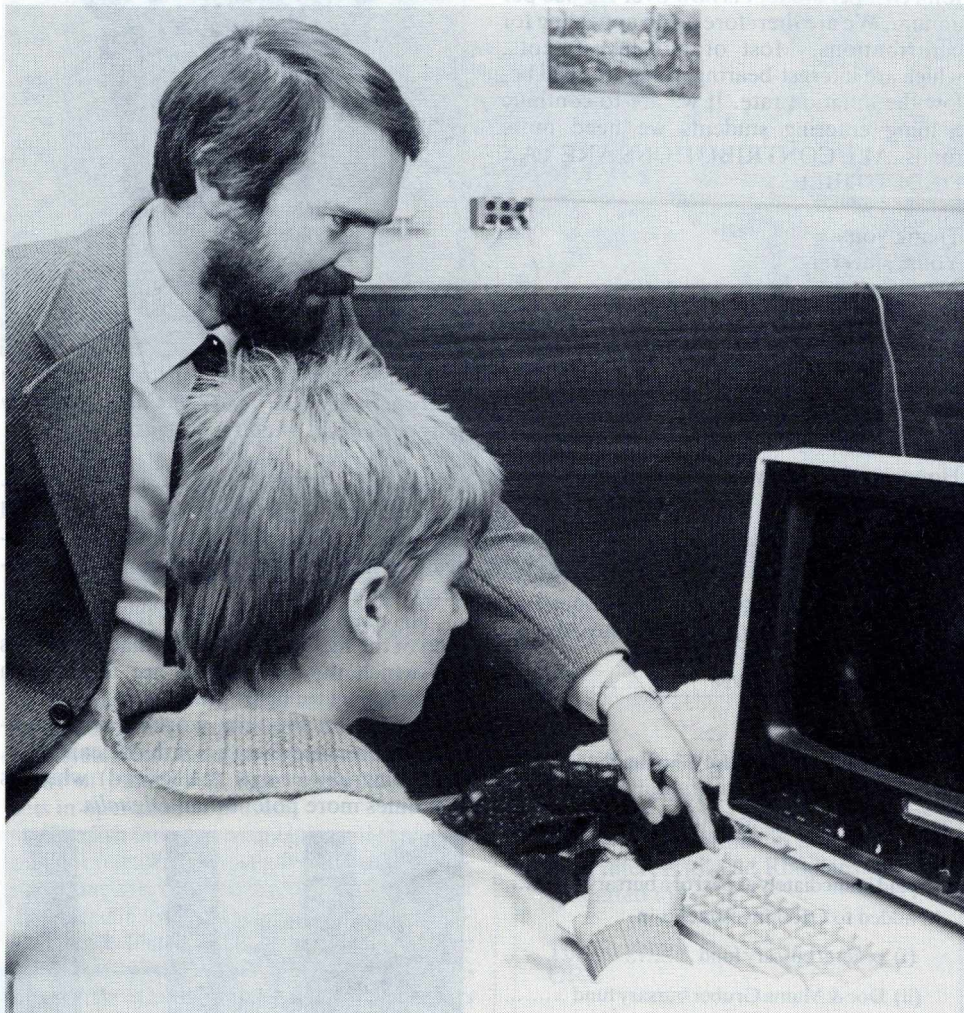
The system was used for courses in languages, journalism, music, psychology, business administration, economics, typing, theology, education, law, chemistry, computer science, physics, plant science and social work, as well as for the training of administrative staff in word-processing and other skills. The course materials can be extended to include other subjects and encompass all levels, from basic skills to postgraduate work.

Rhodes has ten PLATO terminals at present and microcomputers can be linked to the system. The University hopes to sell PLATO services to organizations in the Eastern Cape wishing to use computer-based education for staff training.

Staff at Rhodes have produced several new courses in the fields of Roman Law, physics and computer science.

DEGREE DATES

Owing to a new computer program, dates given with degrees have changed. In future, dates after 1984 will refer to the year in which the course studied finished, e.g. A N Other (BSc 1985) will mean that A N Other completed her final year in 1985 and graduated in 1986.



Mr Graham Oberem, Head of the Computer-based Education Unit, introduces a student to the PLATO system

South African Universities Club

The Club, which has been in existence in Britain for several years, provides an opportunity for graduates and friends of South African universities permanently or temporarily resident in the country, to meet at a variety of functions during the year.

In the course of 1985 a cocktail party was held at the South African Embassy at which Eddie Barlow spoke. In August a braai was held at the home of a member of the committee.

The club operates as a non-profit organization, but through the generosity of its members is able to make donations to worthwhile causes in the field of education.

Old Rhodians in Britain interested in the club and its activities are invited to make contact with the Secretary, G J Henning at 3 Fitzhardinge Street, London W1.

Annual meeting of Convocation: 1986

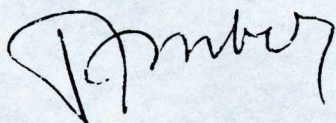
In terms of the Rhodes University Statute, notice of any motion or matter for discussion at the above-mentioned meeting must be given by a member of Convocation to the Secretary of Convocation i.e. the Registrar, in writing, by February 15, 1986.

Bursary Appeal 1985

The response to our 1983 and 1984 appeals has allowed us to increase our total payments from R1 600 in 1983 to R2 200 in 1984 and R5 400 in 1985. Major bursaries have increased from R350 in 1983 to R1 000 this year.

Rhodes fees for 1986 have, however, been increased in line with inflation so the total cost per student is now over R5 000 per annum. We are therefore again appealing for contributions. Most of our investments, which are interest-bearing, have dropped below the inflation rate. If we are to continue helping entering students we need more funds. ALL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

Thank you
Yours sincerely



G M Gruber
Honorary Secretary



Professor Tom Watson (left) and Mr Hugh Kelly at the Port Alfred Golf Club where they played a round of golf in August.

While at Rhodes Professor Watson lectured in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry and the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences as well as continuing with his research work.

His main area of research is an investigation of the means by which cardiac glycosides (of which the commonest are those from *Digitalis*) act on heart muscle.

Professor Watson worked with substances obtained from a South African plant, *Asclepias physocarpa* (Milkweed) which is ten times more potent than *Digitalis*.

"Although these substances are too potent to be used on humans, their chemical structure makes them good compounds for studying the way they act on the heart muscle and this may open the way for the synthesis of a drug that is safer than *Digitalis*", he said.

Researchers know that the compounds act on an enzyme in the heart muscle, but they need to know which part of the compound is responsible and how it does its work.

Before leaving Australia Professor Watson was involved in another research project which aims at developing a saliva test for the presence of drugs in motor car drivers. The test would enable researchers to discover which of up to 200 drugs are present in the bloodstream of a driver.

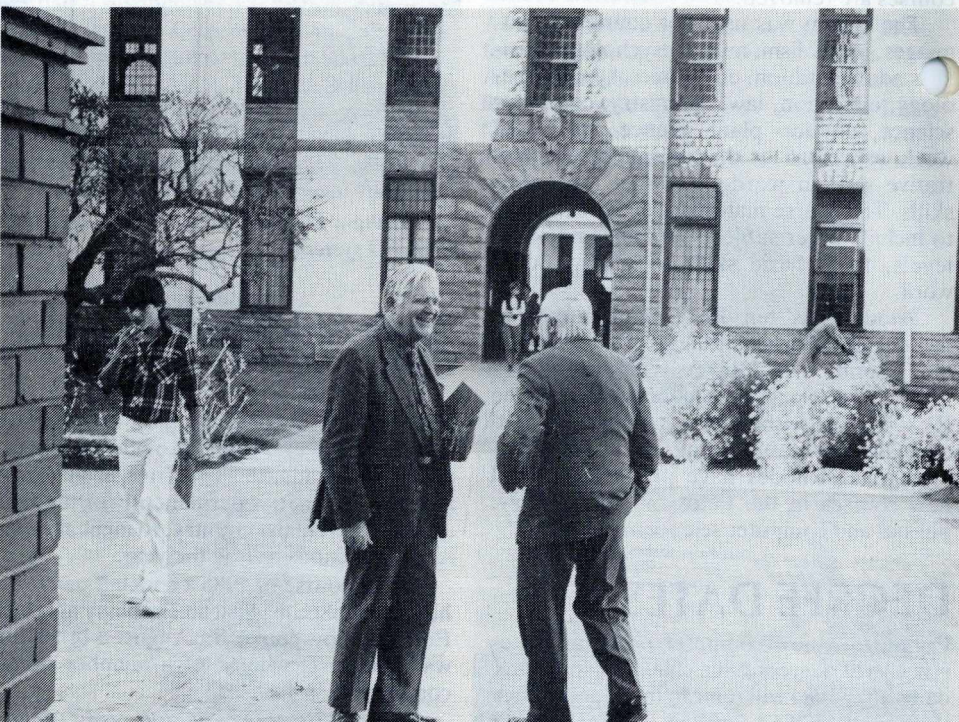
This has grown out of a project undertaken five years ago in which the blood of 500 people killed in motor accidents was tested for drug and alcohol levels.

Of the sample, 51 percent had more than the legal limit of alcohol in their blood and 10 percent of the sample also had tranquillizers, anti-depressants, antihistamines and other drugs in the blood. Six percent of the sample had drugs but not alcohol present. These figures are similar to the results of research in Britain and America, Professor Watson said.

"A lot of people are legitimately chronic drug users and just don't think of the effect that many drugs have on their fitness to drive a car. Tranquillizers, for example, may alter a driver's awareness of danger", he added.

Professor Watson is also involved in a search for a drug for hydatid disease, which is an increasing problem in many parts of the world.

One form of the disease is caused by a parasitic worm which forms a cyst in body tissues. If these cysts are formed in a vital organ, such as the brain, the disease is usually fatal. Surgery is the only treatment at present, but can be used only if the cyst is easily removed without damaging the organ in which it has developed.



We cannot agree that Old Rhodians would see only unfamiliar faces if they visited Rhodes. Hundreds would recognize Professor Guy Butler (left) and Professor Michael Roberts, caught chatting by a passing photographer

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Hugh Kelly Fellow

Professor Tom Watson, Professor of Pharmaceutical Chemistry at the University of Sydney, Australia, recently spent six months at Rhodes as a Hugh Kelly Fellow.

SPORTS INQUIRY

An inquiry into the role and purpose of sport and recreation at Rhodes was completed in August. An *ad hoc* committee under the chairmanship of the Vice-Principal, Professor J W Brommert, was established in 1983 and a survey was mounted by the Sports Union using the services of the Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER).

All aspects of physical activity, from competitive sport at the highest level, to the casual squash player or jogger, were investigated. Facilities; equipment; sponsorship; sports scholarships; coaching; and long-term development were considered. The Committee's report and recommendations were presented to the University Council, who agreed that the Sports Union should deal with several matters as soon as possible, and tackle others on a long-term basis.

Funds have been made available to offer sports bursaries for the first time in 1986. The bursaries will be awarded on merit for prowess at sport, to any student who meets the academic requirements of the University. Applicants will need to supply details of their sports history and documentary proof of their achievements from headmasters or headmistresses or Provincial Associations.

The value of bursaries may vary from R500 to R1 000 and will be tenable for one year. Students may, however, reapply in subsequent years.

Students who hold sports bursaries will be expected to participate actively in sport at Rhodes.

A heating system will be installed in the University swimming pool at a cost of R28 000. This will extend the swimming period into March/April and September/October. It will help swimmers preparing for the SA Universities championships in December, and assist the Department of Human Movement Studies and Physical Education in completing coursework in March.

Steps are being taken to meet the pressing need for more playing fields, particularly soccer and rugby fields. A new field is being prepared next to Stockenström Place, between the Prospect Field and Gold Fields House. The Cape Provincial Administration has also given Rhodes permission to use the old Graeme College junior field next to the Botanical Gardens.

Fish farm opening

The new experimental fish farm at Rhodes University was opened on Thursday September 26, 1985 during a national workshop on water quality maintenance hosted by the Department of Ichthyology and Fisheries Science at Rhodes, the J L B Smith Institute and the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research.

Research into aquaculture at Rhodes and the J L B Smith Institute of Ichthyology is aimed at providing a sound scientific basis for the development of an aquaculture industry in southern Africa.

The new fish farm consists of a number of tanks which will house the fish being raised, three reconditioning reservoirs, sludge activator and sludge settling tanks, biological filters, and a pump house to recirculate water in the system.



Dr D S Henderson, Vice-Chancellor, with some assistance from Dr Tom Hecht, deposits the first fish in a rearing tank at the opening of the new experimental fish farm

The design of the fish farm allows for a further system of tanks and another purification system to come into operation. A third array of pumps will then augment the two sets in operation at present.

The fish farm has many innovations which make it one of the most advanced recirculating aquaculture systems in the world, says Dr Tom Hecht, of the Department of Ichthyology and Fisheries Science. Because the water is used again and again after purification, little water is wasted and researchers are able to control the environment in which the fish live. This means that experiments can be replicated accurately without the intervention of outside diseases or food sources. The system will also provide strict quarantine conditions in which exotic fish species can be studied.

A recirculating system is an intensive form of aquaculture which has great commercial potential in both rural and urban areas, and could make it possible to develop aquaculture in arid areas, says Dr Hecht.

Fish farming is one of the fastest-growing industries in the world. It is particularly attractive to third world situations because it is profitable and labour intensive and can therefore play an important part in reducing the problems of unemployment and malnutrition.

The system occupies very little land and could therefore be sited near potential markets. When it is in operation, each unit can be operated separately or in any combination of inlet or delivery flow.

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Margaret Smith Bursary

The Registrar, Mr J O M Wilkinson, announced in July that the University and the J L B Smith Institute of Ichthyology will make a joint award of the Margaret Smith Bursary from 1986. The bursary will be worth R1 000 a year.

The bursary fund was started when Professor Smith retired as Director of the Institute in 1982. It will be awarded annually to a student registered at the University for an Honours, Master's or PhD degree in Ichthyology or Fisheries Science.

Entomological Conference

Just over 150 delegates attended the Fifth National Congress of the Entomological Society of southern Africa, held in the Department of Zoology and Entomology, from July 2-4, 1985.

The organizers tried to create an informal atmosphere by dispensing with the traditional opening session and by incorporating an informal "sundowner" discussion session at the end of each day's proceedings. This approach, together with the relaxing, small-town atmosphere provided by Grahamstown, had the desired effect of allowing delegates to mix on a social level continually, making maximum contact with their colleagues of different disciplines and from other centres.

In all, 68 papers were presented during two parallel sessions on the first two days of the Congress. These covered a large range of entomological topics, of both fundamental and economic importance. The papers were grouped under the following headings: Taxonomy - 4 papers; Social insects - 9 papers; Behaviour and Physiology - 7 papers; Agricultural Entomology - 9 papers; Ecology and Evolutionary Biology - 12 papers; Biological Control - 10 papers and Medical and Veterinary Entomology - 17 papers.

The third and final day of the Congress was devoted to less formal discussions, covering mainly applied aspects of entomology. The five discussion groups covered biological control of insect pests, biological control of weeds, ecology and control of ticks, mosquito control and entomological problems in forestry. These sessions allowed delegates from both the private and public sectors to discuss ways of tackling mutual problems.

The multidisciplinary nature of this and previous Entomological Society Congresses makes it difficult to isolate highlights in terms of entomological advances. There is no doubt, however, that the interchange of ideas, and the stimulation produced by direct conversation with colleagues, contributed to the continued advance of entomology in southern Africa. As a result, this biennial gathering remains both worthwhile and necessary.



The Vice-Chancellor, Dr D S Henderson opening the Entomological Society Congress

JOHANNESBURG SCHOOLS OFFICER

Miss Margaret Rogers has been appointed Schools Liaison Officer in the Rhodes University Johannesburg Office. Miss Rogers completed her schooling in Durban and graduated with a BA degree and UED from the University of Natal. After teaching at Port Shepstone High School for three years, she spent some time as a newsreader/announcer with Capital Radio before moving to Johannesburg.

Fulbright Scholarship for Lecturer

Mr Gary Barkhuizen (BA 1980), a Lecturer in the Department of Linguistics and English Language left at the end of August for America, where he is studying on a Fulbright Scholarship at Columbia University, New York.

Mr Barkhuizen completed his schooling at Selborne College, East London before coming to Rhodes. He followed his BA with an Honours degree in English Language and lectured in the Department of Linguistics and English Language for a time before going to England on a British Council Scholarship to read for an MA degree in applied linguistics at the University of Essex.

On his return to Rhodes, Mr Barkhuizen completed a teacher's diploma and returned to the Department of Linguistics and English Language as a Lecturer.

He plans to read for a PhD in language in education, concentrating on the teaching of English as a second language, and as a first language, as well as studying bilingual and bicultural education.

Mr Barkhuizen is well known in the hockey world, having played in the Border Schools team, the Rhodes University First team, the Eastern Province team and the Eastern Province Country Districts team. He was recently selected for the South African Country Districts team.



Miss Margaret Rogers, Schools Liaison Officer in Johannesburg

Chamber Choir Tour

The members of the Rhodes University Chamber Choir seem to have unlimited energy - having completed a gruelling six-day, 15-concert tour of the Western Cape, they then presented their "end-of-the-academic-year" concert on Thursday, October 3, 1985.

The concert was presented in the foyer of the 1820 Settlers National Monument. The first half of the programme was devoted to sacred music, including motets by Victoria and works by Schütz, Haydn and Distler. The second half of the programme included a selection of Renaissance madrigals, Seyber's Nonsense Songs, and a variety of traditional folk songs.

"The tour to the Western Cape was exciting for many reasons", said Professor Rupert Mayr, Head of the Department of Music and Musicology at Rhodes, on his return to Grahamstown.

"We met Old Rhodians wherever we went - at school and public concerts. It is a tradition that we call former members of the choir to join us to sing what has become our signature tune, *Sweet Nightingale*. On one occasion the choir was increased by one-third at that point in the programme", he said.

The choir presented its programme at a number of schools and at public concerts, including the Roman Catholic Church and the Anglican Cathedral at George; St George's Cathedral, Cape Town; Camphill Village; and Worcester.

Helm returns from States

Professor Hugh Helm, Professor of Physics Education in the Department of Physics and Electronics at Rhodes, returned recently from a year spent as Visiting Professor at Cornell University in the United States of America.

He taught a number of Physics courses during his stay at Cornell, including a Summer Session course. These courses "squeeze the content of a full semester into a six week period, presenting both instructor and students with a formidable challenge", said Professor Helm.

The student group for this course was interestingly mixed, with bright high school students hoping to gain a university-level credit; Cornell students who had not previously attempted the course; and "repeaters" hoping to improve their marks, he said.

He also taught an introductory level physics course, aimed mainly at non-scientists and organized around the concept of energy. After completing the course students are expected to have acquired some facility in carrying out energy-related calculations.

Further introductory courses were designed for students needing to take physics as an ancillary and whose mathematical knowledge does not go beyond high school. In this course students work through the material at their own pace, taking tests on each of the units into which the course is divided. Instead of formal lectures, all the teaching is on a one-to-one basis, said Professor Helm.

While at Cornell, Professor Helm was invited to join the "Misconception Study Group", based in the Department of Education, where he had previously spent a sabbatical year.

"This is a group of researchers concerned with studying the origins of students' difficulties with scientific and mathematical concepts and with finding ways of dealing with them. One result of my association with this group was an invitation to present a review paper at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, held in Chicago in April this year", he said.

Professor Helm was also the principal worker in a pilot project on the development of microcomputer-based exercises in introductory mechanics, and attended two meetings of the American Association of Physics Teachers in connection with this work.

"From my experiences at these meetings and my consultations with various interested persons, I formed the impression that no significant advances in the use of the microcomputer as a tutor in physics have been made over the last half-dozen years; the full potential of the medium remains to be exploited", he said.

Professor Helm was able to attend two important scientific commemorative symposia while at Cornell. The first celebrated the sixtieth birthday of the astrophysicist Edwin Salpeter, who has been at Cornell for many years; and the second marked the fortieth anniversary of the founding of Cornell's Laboratory of Nuclear Studies and the retirement of the then director, Boyce McDaniell.

"I was also able to attend most of a new series of colloquia in the History and Philosophy of Science. I can give some indication of the breadth and depth of this venture by mentioning that the topics considered



Mrs Fay Croxton (left) and Mrs Sally Irwin, Rhodes' new Development Officers in Johannesburg

ranged from Sex to Sexism, from Priestley to Einstein, and from Fringe Science to Quantum Mechanics", said Professor Helm.

Most South Africans who appreciate music are aware of Professor Helm's vast musical knowledge and ability, so it is not surprising that soon after his arrival in America he was invited to join the newly-formed Ithaca Art Ensemble, a group of 14 singers which gave four concerts during the year and formed part of a larger choir in a concert performance of Schütz's *Christmas Story*.

Course on Black Literature

The Department of Anthropology at Rhodes introduced "Black South African Literature" as an optional course for second-year students this year. The course was led by Ms Susan Gardener.

"The course aims to explore African and European conceptions of individual subjectivity and its connections with society, to let black South Africans have their say about race and other topics springing from cross-cultural contact, and to discuss literary autobiography in an African and anthropological context.

"We wish to show how each of the authors studied - including Sol T Plaatje, Noni Jabavu, Es'kia Mphahlele, Z K Matthews and Richard Rive - came to writing as a means of constructing a viable and dignified identity in a country where this was denied them", explained Ms Gardner.

"All of these writers share the experiences of being among the first - sometimes the very first - in their generation to interact with white South African society; all experienced exile; and all have managed to retain a belief that 'South Africa belongs to us all'", she said.

Two Development Officers for Johannesburg

Rhodes University has appointed two Development Officers who will be based in Johannesburg.

Development work is nothing new to Mrs Sally Irwin and Mrs Fay Croxton who have co-directed numerous similar projects for charity. "We have organized things like sponsored golf tournaments in the past, so we know we work well together," Mrs Irwin said. Both ladies are interested in tertiary education, having been at university themselves, Mrs Irwin at St Andrew's in Scotland and Mrs Croxton at the University of Cape Town, and having had children studying too.

"We believe that Rhodes has a valuable contribution to make to university education, illustrated by its unofficial motto 'small is beautiful'," Mrs Croxton explained. "This new position presents us with a tremendous challenge, particularly under the present economic climate, and we are looking forward to it very much," Mrs Irwin concluded.

Rhodes plant scientist collaborates with leading French group

Professor Ian Railton of the Department of Plant Sciences recently participated in a research programme on chloroplast biogenesis being carried out at the University of Grenoble and Centre National de Recherche Scientifique in Grenoble, France.

The French group, headed by Professor Roland Douce, the world's leading authority in this field, invited Professor Railton to spend time in his laboratory investigating the

interaction of terpenoid-synthesizing enzymes with the envelope membranes of chloroplasts which is important for the molecular assembly of this organelle in plants.

The collaboration arose as a result of important discoveries made in this field by Professor Railton's laboratory over the past few years.

Whilst in Grenoble, Professor Railton was also external examiner to one of Professor Douce's PhD students.

Old Rhodian Reunion in Harare

An Old Rhodian Reunion was held in Harare on June 26, 1985. The University was represented by the Director of Public Relations, Mr Richard Buckland and his wife, Wendy.

With the ever-increasing cost of hotel tariffs, the members of the Union decided to hold an informal gathering and to do the catering themselves. Mr Harry Hall kindly offered his consulting rooms as the venue, an enthusiastic group of women provided an impressive array of snacks and reasonably-priced drinks which contributed to good attendance.

Richard Buckland told the gathering of almost 90 people about some of the recent developments at the University. The gathering consisted of a cross-section of young and not-so-young Old Rhodians who all seemed to be in fine fettle. The party was due to end at 8.30pm, but it was not until 11.00pm that the last guests were ushered into the cold night air!

— Dr Barry Blair (BSc 1966)

Old Rhodian visits his Alma Mater

Mr Hilary Jenkins (BA 1951) who is on the staff of the History Department at the University College in Dublin, Ireland, returned to Rhodes for six months on an exchange visit earlier this year. Mr Jenkins exchanged places with Professor Rodney Davenport, Head of the Department of History at Rhodes.

Known by his first name, Arthur, while at Rhodes, he went on to study at King's College Cambridge after studying at Rhodes. He then returned to South Africa to work at an Anglican mission school near Pietersburg before spending three years lecturing at Roma University in Lesotho. A move to the University College of Rhodesia and Nyasaland followed, and then to Dublin.

Mr Jenkins found students at Rhodes very articulate and refreshing to teach, partly, he believed, due to the varied backgrounds from which they come. Although his field is modern history, he lectured on the late classical period and early middle ages while at Rhodes.

During his stay at University College, Professor Davenport ran a course on modern South African history, and found that African studies form a very small part of the curriculum at Irish universities. He also led seminars on South African history at The Queen's University, Belfast, and, with Mrs Davenport (Matthews, BA 1948), at the Institute of Conflict Studies at the University of Ulster, Coleraine.

New post for Stead at Wits

The Dean of Studies at the East London division of Rhodes University, Mr Jonathan Stead, has been appointed Deputy Registrar at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg.

His portfolio will be student affairs, which includes student discipline, accommodation and residences, the students' representative council and sports union.

Mr Stead said recently that the appointment was challenging because of the changing complexities in all universities in South Africa.

He was appointed in November 1980, just prior to the formal opening of the East London division of Rhodes in February 1981.

During the past five years Mr Stead has been active in a variety of organizations in East London.

He was chairman of the Friends of the Library, chairman of the SA Institute of International Affairs, a member of the regional council of the SA Institute of Race Relations and a board member of the East London Literary Club.

During 1981 he was a finalist in the Border Marketing Man of the Year competition for his work in promoting the East London division of Rhodes.

Mr Stead said he was leaving with good memories and experiences, but he regretted leaving while there was "still apathy among people in East London."

He takes up his new post at the beginning of next year.



Pictured at a conference of Headmasters and Headmistresses of private schools held at St Andrew's College in August was this group of Old Rhodians. Back row left to right: Roy Gordon (BA 1962), Rex Pennington (1942), Paul Marsh (BSc 1961), Arthur Cotton (BSc 1959), Neil Jardine (UED 1959), Colin Silcock (BSc 1949), Alan Staples (BSc Hons 1969), Gordon Todd (UED 1953). Front row standing: Grant Nupen (BCom 1971), Ronnie Todd (BA 1962), Peter Cartwright (BSc 1957). Sitting left to right: Charmain Silcock (Collier, BA 1948), Biffie Todd (Birell, UED 1953), Mary Cartwright (Brill, BA 1958), June Jardine (Dicks, 1957), Rosemary Nupen (Selfe, BA(PhysEd) 1972) and Brian Carlson (BEd 1972)

Science turns to art

The scientists have turned to the artists at Rhodes to provide another view of scientific life.

The Department of Zoology and Entomology at Rhodes celebrates the 80th anniversary of its founding this year and plans to commemorate the event by commissioning a large painting with a zoological theme, to be hung in the foyer of the department building.

A competition will be held within the Department of Fine Art at Rhodes and the winner will be commissioned to complete the painting.

A dinner for staff, students and past members of staff of the Department was held on Friday, October 18, 1985, to celebrate the anniversary.

The Chair of Zoology was one of the first to be established at Rhodes, with J E Duerden as the first Professors. He occupied this position for 27 years until 1932. Dr Truda Brock (who later, as Sister Truda, became principal of the Grahamstown Training College) ran the department as Acting Professor from 1932 until 1937. In 1940 J Omer-Looper became Professor of Zoology. He retired in 1954, to be succeeded by Professor D W Ewer. In 1963 Professor Ewer retired and the present head of the Department, Professor B R Allanson, was appointed to the post.

The Coca-Cola Tertiary Education Fund

Representatives of the Coca-Cola Bottlers Association visited Rhodes in September to announce their new bursary scheme. Rhodes has been chosen, with the Universities of the Witwatersrand, Cape Town and Natal, to receive bursaries for black, coloured and Asian students because these universities have a policy of accepting black students.

There will be ten bursaries for Rhodes students in 1986, 20 in 1987, 30 in 1988 and each year thereafter. The University will select the candidates, whose progress will be monitored half-yearly. Up to R5 000 will be available to each bursary-holder.

Five years of Rhodes Music Radio

The fifth anniversary of the introduction of Rhodes Music Radio (RMR), the student radio station, was celebrated in August.

To mark the occasion, the committee organized a 125-hour non-stop broadcast marathon which was completed by a team of six announcers working alternately. The marathon began at 8.00am on Monday August 19 and ended at 1.00pm on Saturday August 24.

The end of the marathon was marked by a "champagne bottle salute" and toast to RMR by the Vice-Chancellor, Dr D S Henderson. Other events held that day included a fun run and a craft market.

RMR was started in August 1980 by **Byron Xypteras (LLB 1984)**, previously a member of the student radio station at the University of the Witwatersrand. In the early stages the station broadcast music to Kaif. In 1983 lines were laid to allow broadcasting to

the common rooms of the residences on the central campus. The committee of RMR hopes to lay lines to allow broadcasting to the remainder of residences in the near future.



André P Brink

Brink most popular writer

André Brink, Professor and Head of the Department of Afrikaans and Nederlands at Rhodes University, is the most popular writer in South Africa, with 37,7 percent of readers preferring to read his work, according to a newsletter published in May by the HSRC's Institute for Research into Language and the Arts. More than half a million copies of each of his last six novels have been published throughout the world, the newsletter stated.



Two students studying German at Rhodes have been awarded study scholarships by the Goethe Institute, which will take them to Germany for two months at the end of this year. At a party to celebrate the awards were (from the left): Professor D Welz, Head of the Department of German; Miss Caroline Kenny, who will study at the University of Göttingen; Miss Selina Makhele, who will study at the University of Prien in Bavaria; and Professor W Martens, a Senior Researcher from the University of Munich, a guest of the Department of German

First treasurers' course completed

The successful completion in October of the first Elementary Community Treasurers' course, organized by the Centre for Social Development at Rhodes was marked by the presentation of attendance certificates to 31 of the participants.

The course was run by Professor Keith Black and Mr Jeff Rowland, of the Department of Accounting at Rhodes. "Teaching the course was very rewarding, and we have started discussing the possibilities of running a more advanced course early next year", said Professor Black.

Mrs Thelma Henderson, Director of the Centre, said that the course had been mounted because of the perceived need for community adult education in Grahams-town. "We hope that this will be the first of many organized by the Centre", she said.

"This course was a tangible contribution by the University to the local community. Skills and knowledge can and should be transferred to local communities by universities. Societies, clubs and community organizations enhance the life of residents in a community, and they need to be run properly if they are not to collapse", said Professor J W Brommert, Vice-Principal of Rhodes and Chairman of the Board of Control of the Centre for Social Development, after presenting the certificates.

New name for Accountancy Diploma

The Certificate in the Theory of Accountancy (CTA) has been replaced by the post-graduate Higher Diploma in Accountancy (HDipAcc) this year, says Professor Keith Black, head of the Department of Accounting at Rhodes University. In the past, students could obtain a CTA either through a fourth year of study after completing a Bachelor of Commerce degree, or by completing

a four-year non-degree course. Very few students, however, followed the latter course, says Professor Black.

In order to obtain a new HDipAcc, students will have to complete the Accounting curriculum for the BCom degree before starting on the fourth year of study. The curriculum for the diploma remains the same as that for the CTA, and successful candidates will still be able to register with the Public Accountants' and Auditors' Board for their qualifying examination.

BSc (Information Processing) graduates who wish to complete the HDipAcc may do so as long as they select the correct courses for their degree and spend a fourth year satisfying some of the requirements of the Accounting curriculum for the BCom degree.

Changes in award scheme

The Registrar, Mr J O M Wilkinson, announced in July that the University has made several changes to its bursary and scholarship award scheme.

Rhodes has had very few undergraduate scholarships awarded on the basis of academic merit he said. There are the Alfred Beit Scholarship, the University Trust Scholarship and the University Scholarship. Two of each are awarded annually, based on first-year performance by students.

Several other scholarships are restricted in one way or another. These are the Aschman Scholarship for Journalism students; the SAWAS Memorial Scholarship for members or former members and their descendants of South African or British forces; and the Gladys Blackbeard Scholarship, which is open only to students who matriculated in Grahamstown.

Very little has been available to outstanding students in the second or third year of study, or the fourth year of a four year degree, Mr Wilkinson explained.

To remedy this the Rhodes Council has agreed to provide an additional R16 200 each year in order to increase the number of scholarships to ten and their value to R2 000 each. These will be called the University Scholarships and will replace the existing scholarships of that name.

Six of the scholarships will be allocated to the "Humanities group" and four to the "Sciences group".

The University Trust Scholarships are to be upgraded to R2 500 each and the number to be awarded increased from two to four; two to be allocated to the "Humanities group" and two to the "Sciences group". The Rhodes Council will provide an additional R6 200 each year for this purpose. Academic merit will be the only criterion for the award of these scholarships.

The Council has also agreed to a new bursary/loan scheme, said Mr Wilkinson.

Loans (not scholarships) derived from the University's resources, will be awarded as bursaries, with the recipients chosen in the same way as at present.

The bursaries may then be wholly or partially converted to loans depending on the academic performance during the year for which the bursaries are provided.

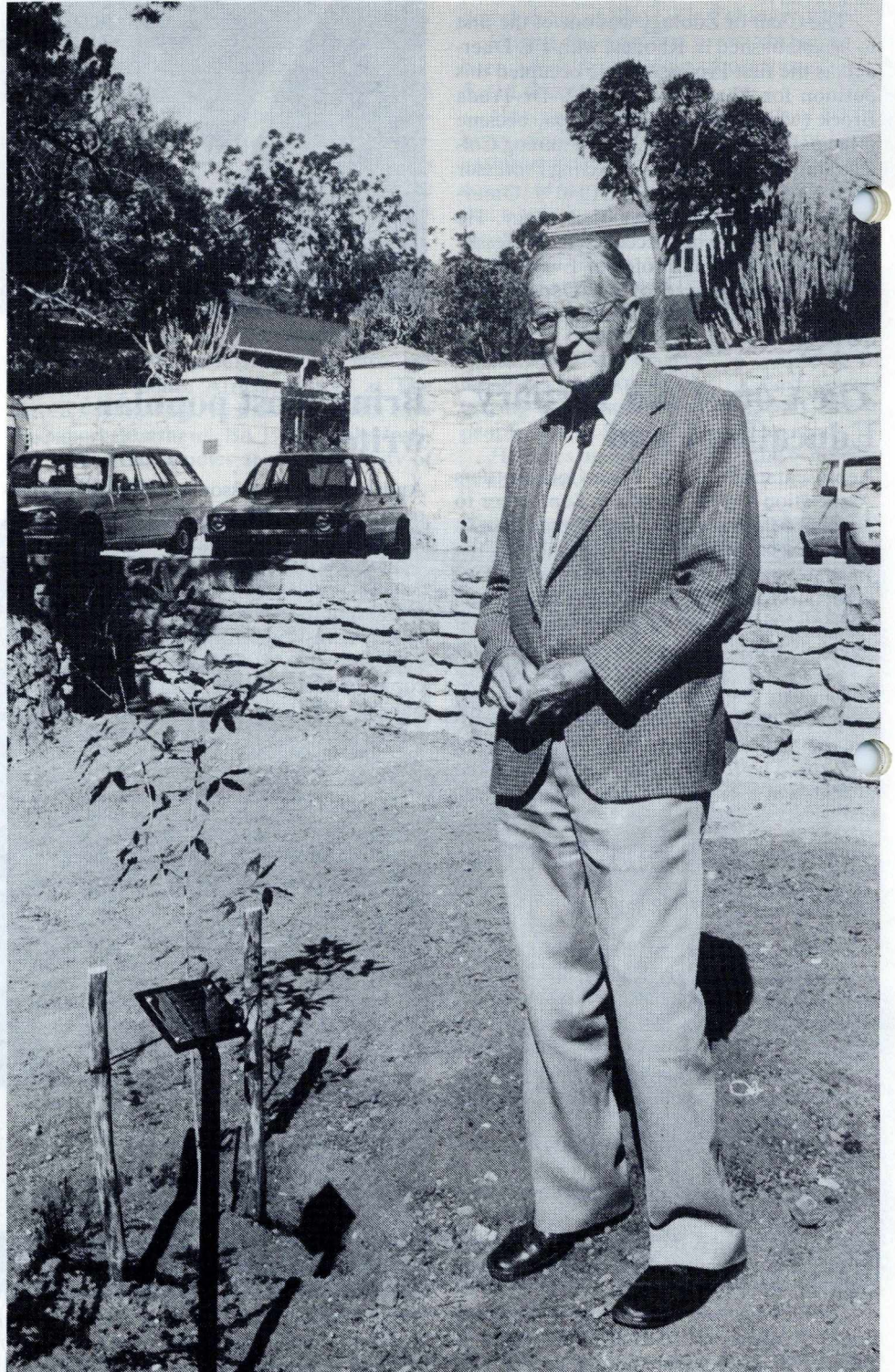
National Arbor Day at Rhodes

Rhodes University participated in National Arbor Day for the first time on August 9 this year. Two distinguished members of the University community were invited to plant trees on Rhodes ground to mark the occasion.

Dr Amy Jacot Guillarmod, Research Associate of the University, planted a broad-leaved yellowwood tree. She said that she was particularly glad to be doing so in front of the Schönland Laboratory, which is named after Selmar Schönland, one of this country's first ecologists and conservation-

ists. Dr Schönland was also instrumental in the establishment of Rhodes University, Dr Jacot Guillarmod said. She hoped the tree which she had planted would grow straight and tall through the centuries, to be a living example of the University's motto – *Vis* – strength, *Virtus* – uprightness, *Veritas* – standing for the truth.

Professor Dan Morton, Professor Emeritus and Vice-President of the Albany Horticultural Society who planted a white ironwood tree said that "the planting of individual trees is . . . not merely a means of improving the landscape from the aesthetic point of view: it symbolizes our decision to restore and improve the environment in which we live."



Professor Dan Morton, Professor Emeritus with the ironwood tree which he planted on National Arbor Day

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Since graduating, **Alec Ah Kun (CTA 1980)** has served his articles in Port Elizabeth and qualified as a chartered accountant in 1983. He is now living and working in Johannesburg where he is in the finance department of a large supermarket chain.

Dr Don Allen (BSc(Pharm) 1959) has been appointed managing director of MSD South Africa. Another OR on the staff is **Roy Masterson (1958)**, who is manager of business research.

Prof G S Andrews (BCom 1971) is at present Dean of the faculty of business administration at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg.

Professor Marcus Arkin who was Head of the Department of Economics 1967-73 retired from the South African Zionist Federation in April after 12 years as Director-General. He has been appointed a senior staff writer on the Jewish Times.

Puce Berry (BA Hons 1984) recently joined the Development Bank of southern Africa under their Trainee Scheme, working on various projects in KwaZulu, the Transkei and the Ciskei in the regional and development planning sphere. He has embarked on an MA in the Department of Geography at the University of the Witwatersrand.

Evan Berry (BSc(Pharm) 1962) is managing director of a company which manufactures cosmetics and nutritional products in Johannesburg. He has three children and enjoys sailing and climbing in the Drakensberg in his spare time.

David Blazey (1975) has been awarded a three-year bursary to Durham University in England where he will study towards a PhD in music. He recently gained an MA in music from the same university. He will be accompanied by his wife Gill and son Edward.

Cecilia Blight (HDE 1980) who completed her Higher Diploma in Library Science through UNISA in 1982, is now working for Natal Provincial Library Services as a book reviewer. She would love to hear from old friends and can be contacted at: 11a Leighton Street, Pietermaritzburg, 3201.

Nikki Brandt (1980), TV1's newest continuity announcer, started her career behind a camera as the first woman camera assistant at the SABC in 1981.

Rosemary Callender (Button, BJourn 1978) and her husband **Steven (BA Hons 1978)** are living in London where Rosemary is assistant editor of the Building Societies Gazette and Steven works in the Post Office.

Lois Cambitzi (BSc 1984) is an associate systems engineer with IBM in Johannesburg.

Jenny Campbell (BA 1978) is back in Grahamstown studying at St Paul's Theological College.

Mary Charlton (Cunningham, BA (PhysEd) 1976) is now living in Perth with her husband and two children.

The Hon. Mr Justice Danté Cloete (LLB 1939, LLD Hon Grad 1977) and **Valerie (Harries, MA 1941)** spent Christmas 1984 in Santiago, Chile, where their son **D J (Bob) Cloete (LLB 1974)** was acting chargé d'affaires at the South African embassy. The

Judge visited his counterpart and found Chileans to be very dignified and cultured people. His other son, **T D (Tom) Cloete (LLB 1974)** who was a Rhodes Scholar in 1972 is now practising at the Johannesburg bar.

Yolanto Coombes (Laçka, 1956) is living in London with her husband and two children. Having lectured in the Economics department for a number of years, **Dr Mark Courtney** is now an economist in the British Treasury.

Jennifer Crooks (MFA 1981) and **Penny Sioepis (MFA 1977)** were two of three winners of the Cape Town Triennial 1985 Merit Awards for art. Jennifer is a lecturer at the Port Elizabeth Technikon and Penny lectures at the University of the Witwatersrand. Ceramic artist **Hylton Nel (BAFA 1963)** was one of the handful of Eastern Cape artists whose works formed part of the Cape Town Triennial.

Richard Crowe (MFA 1980) has been awarded a grant-in-aid by the Human Sciences Research Council to enable him to further his studies towards a PhD. Richard is a medievalist and his interest is in early medieval manuscript illuminations, which he will study at Trinity College, Dublin, for nine months. He will be accompanied by his wife Susan and their two children.

Professor E A Davies (BA Hons 1972), head of the Department of English at the University of Fort Hare in Alice, Ciskei, delivered his inaugural lecture entitled "Literature and

the Second Universe" in June. He joined the staff of the University in July 1984.

Gareth Davies (BCom 1984) is with the Corporate Banking division of Barclays Bank.

Corporal Michael 'Mick' Davis (BCom Hons 1980) recently became the first national serviceman from the directorate internal audit to receive the Chief of the South African Defence Force Commendation medal which is awarded to members of the SADF for distinguished service. He was instrumental in developing auditing systems designed for the SADF. Prior to his national service Mick was the manager of Peat Marwick's technical and training department in Johannesburg.

Jane Deacon (Kannemeyer, BSocSc 1976) and her husband Anthony took their newly-born quadruplets home to their farm in Alexandria in April. The three boys and one girl will be cared for night and day by two teams of two maids working alternate shifts. Jane is the only daughter of **Mr Justice Donald Kannemeyer**, of a recent commission fame, and Mrs Kannemeyer, of Grahams-town.

Revd Ed den Blaauwen (BA Theol 1979) and **Julia (Ewing, BPharm 1981)** are now living in Springs where Ed is assistant to the Archdeacon at the Church of St Peter and St Paul.

Sandra Denovan (1983) is studying first year law at the University of the Witwatersrand.

Garth Erasmus (DFA 1980) who teaches art at the Zonnebloem Art Centre in Cape



Harry Hall (BA 1941) has donated this photograph of Founders Ball 1940, to the Rhodes Museum. He has been able to identify some of the faces but assistance with the rest would be appreciated. Revellers identified by Harry are left to right from front to back: Paddy McBean, Bob Cunliffe, Baby Berning, Heather Wilson, Betty Sullivan, Jock McDonald, Cecily Buyskes, Ken McIntyre, Eppie McDonald, Gwen Glasson, Ian McDonald, Ernest Meyer, Cynthia Wood, Jean Graham, Jeff Horton, Palmer, Eleanor Hull, Edgar Van der Voort, Doug Rivett, Betty Bradford, Brian Pardy, Redelinguys, Dave Schleiss, John Fieldsend, Roodt, Dickerson, Prof Mike Roberts, Copper le May, Tem Goss, Tribelhorn. Davy

Town, recently spent a month attending the prestigious Triangle Artists' Workshop in New York. He returned at the end of August.

George Euvrard (BA Hons 1978) has been appointed to the post of Lecturer in the Department of Education from January 1986. He was teacher/psychologist at York High School, George until he returned to Rhodes to study for an MA in Psychology.

Trevor Evans (BSc 1967) has been appointed to the board of Metal Box South Africa, where he is currently chairman of the Plastics Division.

Sue Dickie (BA(PhysEd)1978) married Colin Harris in Cape Town in June. She is working as an analyst-programmer at the Old Mutual.

Barry Falkson (BCom 1947) who lives in Pretoria had his first novel published in the United States in April.

B R Fieldsend (BA 1948) is now Group Life and Pension manager of a life assurance company in Zimbabwe. For 30 years prior to that he was at Peterhouse School, for 16 of which he was rector.

Robert Fish (BJourn 1984) is editorial assistant of *Marketing Mix* magazine in Johannesburg.

Bruce Forsyth (BSc 1952) is executive director of Gold Fields South Africa's new business and technical services division in Johannesburg.

Win Gaskell (BCom 1983) has launched a new venture in Harare. Called *WG Timesaver Services*, the company offers timesaver services to the public, particularly to people living out of town. Services offered include the booking of appointments, newspaper advertisements and hotel accommodation; a private taxi service; assistance with school-children like buying uniforms and taking them to appointments; shopping and attending tobacco sales.

Des Gendall (BA 1967) was recently appointed deputy headmaster of Dale College in King William's Town.

Chris Goetsch (BA Hons 1982) who spent some time studying mime with Marcel Marceau in Paris, performed his one-man show *Mime Matters* at the Festival Fringe in Grahamstown in July.

Harry Hall (BA 1941) who has been a member of the Board of Governors since 1970 is in private practice as an Educational and Vocational Consultant in Harare. His daughter **Debby (BA 1984)** is working in Harare as a private secretary, and plans to move to London soon. Harry was responsible for setting up Old Rhodian Unions in Kimberley in 1946, Durban in 1951, Bulawayo in 1957 and Harare in 1958. Harry's three Mc Grow step-daughters are all ORs who married ORs. **Robin (HPTC 1972)** who teaches part-time in Harry's remedial clinic in Harare, is married to **Bill Cowper (1965)**, a personnel manager. **Trish (BSc(Pharm) 1974)** does locums in East London where her husband **Brian Hooley (CTA 1972)** lectures at the Rhodes University Division. **Margie (BPharm 1978)** married **Tim Purdon (BPharm 1978)** who runs a pharmacy in Melkbosstrand. Between them they have eight children so Harry expects a rash of his family at Rhodes at the turn of the century!

Lynne Hargood (BA(PhysEd) 1979) is teaching geography and physical education at Queen Margaret's School in Duncan, Vancouver Island, Canada.

Brian Heath (MED 1984) is now principal of Alexander Road High School in Port Elizabeth. Previously he was principal of Komga Secondary School.

An invitation to colleagues to visit him in Oxford comes from **Grant Hughes (BA 1984)**. Grant writes that he is working just outside Oxford on a pig farm, which he says is the biggest farm of its kind in the world.

Dr C J F Human (LLD Hon Grad 1984) was appointed Director of the First National Development Corporation of South West Africa in May.

Revd George Irvine (Dip Theol 1960) the originator of Life Line in South Africa is working at St John's Methodist Church in Port Elizabeth. He and his wife **Lenette (Biggs, UED 1960)** have a son and daughter.

Carol-Anne Kelleher (BA 1982) married Joe Clark, a former ballet dancer with PACT, in Port Elizabeth in July. The couple left for Salt Lake City, Utah, soon after the wedding. Joe has a contract with Ballet West for a year and Carol-Anne intends to pursue her career as an actress and model.

Mike King (1980) has left Grahamstown for Graaff-Reinet where he has taken up a post with the Department of Nature Conservation.

The ancient craft of the street letter writer has been revived in a more sophisticated form. Using a specially programmed computer and word-processor which "talks". **Max Kowen (BA 1970)** who is blind, has started a successful venture in Johannesburg offering letter-writing services. "There is an astonishing variety of letter needs. Everyone has an occasional need for a better letter. To a friend, relative, employer, company, town office, government agency, foreign contact or whatever" Max commented.

Dale College Karate Club has acquired the services of **Roy Langley (HDE 1982)**, a qualified karate instructor and holder of a First Dan grading. While at Rhodes he was competitor-coach of the University's karate team. Roy is also a teacher at the college in King William's Town.

George Lavin (1917) who retired at the age of 88, lives in Durham. He sends good wishes to the University and to South Africa. He was unfortunately unable to attend the braaivleis held by the UK branch of the Old Rhodian Union, in September, due to ill health.

Marc Le Chat (BJourn 1983), who writes for *The Argus* in Cape Town, recently wrote a piece on "alternative music" and an alternative music company, Shifty Music. The company was born in a gypsy caravan studio in Bertrams near Soweto, Johannesburg. One of the musicians who has recorded with the company is **James Phillips (1981)** and his group the *Cherry Faced Lurchers*.

Martin Le Maitre (BA 1983), who is working for PACT, recently appeared as Antipholus of Syracuse in Shakespeare's *The Comedy of Errors*, directed by Janice Honeyman.

Guy Luyt (BSc 1948) is chief executive officer in the PCC Group in Johannesburg.

Rob Maclean (BA Hons 1977) was appointed head of sports administration at the University of Cape Town in July. He has taken over from **John Penberthy (BA(PhysEd) 1977)**, who is now corporate division training manager with Shell in Cape Town.

Peter Maher (BJourn 1984), who is doing his national service, has taken over from **Graeme Lillie (BJourn 1982)** as editor of the SADF publication *Uniform*.

Chris Mann, who was a part-time lecturer in the English Department 1976-79, and his band Zabalaza, won the band section of the television competition *Follow That Star*, in June.

Richard Martin (BA 1955) is rector of Hillcrest in Natal. It is a large parish with six outstations and no central church. His brother **George (BA 1955)** who has also been ordained, is teaching at Peterhouse, Marondera, Zimbabwe, where he has been since 1961.

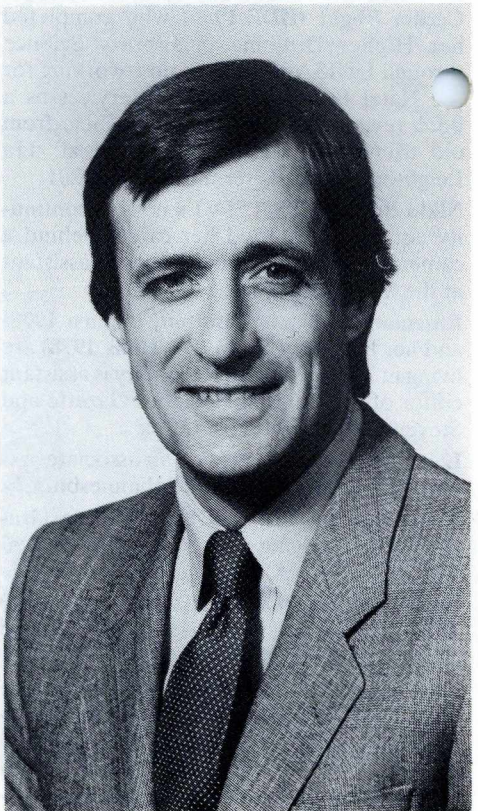
Paul Marsh (BSc 1962) is headmaster of St Alban's College in Pretoria where he manages to teach geography too.

Helen McDonagh (BA 1982) is working in her father's business in Fish Hoek, after spending a year touring the world.

Rob McGeoch (MA 1966) has been appointed headmaster of Northview High School, Johannesburg. He was formerly deputy headmaster of Jeppe Boys' High in Johannesburg.

Charles McGill (BSc 1962) has left his position as vice-principal of Dale College, King William's Town, to become deputy headmaster of Selborne College in East London.

Ian McGregor (BA 1970) was appointed to the post of executive vice-president at SSC&B Inc. in New York in June. He will be responsible for the company's Noxell Corporation Toiletries division account and for the Johnson & Johnson Baby Products Company account.



Ian McGregor (BA 1970)

Mike Mills (BA 1981) can be heard presenting the mid-morning programme on Radio 702. He and his wife Sue live in Boksburg.

D J Morphew (BA 1973) was awarded a PhD by Cape Town University in December 1984. For the last ten years he has taught in various theological institutions around the country and served as pastor in the Assemblies of God Church.

Hugh Morton (BSc Hons 1969) is lecturing on Statistics at Massey University in New Zealand where he recently gained a PhD degree. He is presently at the Cumberland College of Health Sciences in Sydney on a fellowship for six months. His sister, **Philippa Johnson (BA 1969)**, works as an illustrator in the Department of Surgery at the University of Cape Town. **Angela Morton (BA 1974)** works in the head office of Woolworths in Cape Town as a manageress.

Alan Mullins (MSc 1975) has been appointed vice-principal of the South African College School in Cape Town, where he has been teaching for eight years. He has also been promoted to the post of head of the mathematics department.

Andy Newton (Taylor, BSc Hons 1976) is happily settled with her husband and two small children in Perth, Western Australia.

Grant Nielsen (BJourn 1984) is a senior copywriter with an advertising company in Johannesburg.

Jock Omond (BA 1931) who is well-known for his involvement with gifted children, recently returned from the sixth world conference on gifted and talented children in Hamburg. His son **Roger (BA 1966)** who is chief sub-editor of the *Guardian* has written a handbook aimed at giving people a better understanding of apartheid. Entitled *Handbook on Apartheid* it discusses in detail the policy of separate development and the black consciousness organizations in South Africa.

Deon Opperman (BA 1984) and the cast of his play *Môre is 'n Lang Dag* were recently awarded the AA Mutual's Vita Award for Most Promising Actor. The other members of the cast were **Guy de Lancey (BA Hons 1984)** and students **Bruce Fields, Jeremy Mansfield** and **Andrew Wilson**.

The Revd Malcolm Pearse (BA 1964) and his wife **Eileen (Wright, 1964)** live in Halfway House where he is minister in the Methodist Church.

George Pentopolous (BPharm 1982) opened a pharmacy in April this year in Elsburg on the East Rand in partnership with his brother-in-law, Dimitri Cavaleros.

M G Rainier (MEd 1984) joined the University's staff as Student Adviser in October 1985. He has been teacher/psychologist at Grey High School in Port Elizabeth since 1981.

Following on his well-received work *Gentlemen of the Law*, which was published in 1982, **George Randell (BA 1925)** has produced another work on the judges of the Supreme Court of the Eastern Cape and some advocates of the Grahamstown Bar. The work is entitled *Bench and Bar*. George has been associated with the profession since he studied law at the University College. He was an attorney and later an advocate until his retirement in 1976. While at Rhodes he

was chairman of the Students' Representative Council, captained the cricket and men's hockey teams and was elected Senior Student in 1929.

Gaynor Richardson (BSc 1982) recently joined the staff of Fort Beaufort High School where she will teach biology. Her daughters are currently studying at Rhodes.

Rocky Ridgway (1946) of Port Elizabeth was recently elected President of ASSOCOM. Other Old Rhodians who have held the office include the Immediate Past President, **Michael Weir (BCom 1953)**, **Bill Yeowart (BA 1958)** and **J W van Eerden (1956)**.

Ida Rimmington (Hobson, BAFA 1941) wrote recently asking for news of several of her former colleagues. She would like to get in touch again with **Fay Humphries (Fullard, BAFA 1942)**, and **Frankie Bazeley (Hoole, BAFA 1942)**.

The Revd John Rist (BA 1962) moved to Umhlanga early in the year to take up the post of Superintendent Minister, North Durban Circuit of the Methodist Church. He and his wife Margaret have three sons.

Dr Peter Roberts (PhD 1979) is a research manager with the Water Research Commission in Pretoria. While at Rhodes he was responsible for developing the Hydrological Research Unit and the weather modification research programme.

David Schonland (BSc 1944) has just retired from the post of Senior Lecturer in Mathematics at the University of Southampton, England.

Prof M H Silk (PhD 1949) retired from the University of the Witwatersrand in 1977, where he had served nearly four and a half years as the Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Medicine. Since his retirement he has farmed for a while in the Vanderbijlpark area and is currently writing a book on chromium in South Africa for the Council for Mineral Technology.

Lesley Sinclair (Winslow, BA 1981) writes from London where she is with SATOUR, with news of several ORs. **Leslie-Sharon Lang (BA 1979)** is living in America, **Glen Marques (BJourn 1981)** is studying towards an LLB at the University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg and **Mike Crewe-Brown (DipEd 1978)** is also with SATOUR in London after spending three years in their office in Holland. **Clare (Hulley, 1979)** and **Mark Delaney (BA 1979)** are living in Pretoria where they have built a house.

Wilbur Smith's (BCom 1955) latest novel arrived in the bookshops in May.

Simon Tame, son of **Peter Tame (BSc 1953)** who hitch-hiked from Kenya to South Africa earlier this year, spent some time travelling around the Eastern Cape - his father's old stamping ground.

Leger Taylor (BEEd 1980) is principal of Westering Primary School in Port Elizabeth.

Dr Dolores Tew (Mather-Pike, BMus 1954) is the manager of the National Symphony Orchestra in Johannesburg, after a sojourn in Switzerland with her husband, Alan. She was a foundation member of the Rhodes Chamber Choir.

Prof Jennifer Thomson (PhD 1974) is head of

the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research's Laboratory for Molecular and Cell Biology at Wits. She is recognized as one of the country's foremost genetic engineering experts.

Helen Thornton (Thorpe, BSc 1953) who lives in Canada on Vancouver Island in British Columbia, was in Kenton on holiday recently, visiting her parents, the Revd and Mrs Thorpe.

A small exhibition of the work of **Professor C Todd** (Sweeney to his friends), was held in Port Elizabeth recently. He was Professor of Fine Art from 1951 to 1961, and then at Makerere before retiring to North Devon. Professor Todd is still very active, an exhibition mounted in Bideford some time ago brought him several commissions, both local and national.

Dr Keyan Tomaselli, formerly of the Department of Journalism and Media Studies, has been appointed Director of the newly-established Contemporary Cultural Studies Unit at the University of Natal, Durban. The Unit will conduct teaching courses in contemporary cultural studies concentrating on the various media, including film, television, music, dance and journalism.

Marsha (Harding, PhD 1969) and **Douglas Torr (PhD 1967)** are professors of physics at Utah State University where Marsha has a laboratory and staff performing theoretical and experimental studies of the earth's outer environment. Later this year they will move to Huntsville, Alabama, where Doug will be professor of physics at the university and Marsha a branch chief at the Marshall Space Flight Center, and chief scientist planning space missions managed by the Nasa Center.



Dr Amy Jacot Guillarmod, Research Associate of the University planting a broadleaved yellowwood tree to mark the occasion of National Arbor Day

Durban artist **Jannie van Heerden** (MFA 1973) presented his fourth one-man show and his first in the city in May. The exhibition featured paintings, photographs and etchings.

Dr Malcolm Venter (PhD 1984) is deputy principal of The Settlers High School in Cape Town.

Denise Wallace (Lennox-Short, MA 1938) is director of two property companies and a voluntary social worker for the aged in Durban. After leaving university she took a secretarial course in London and joined the offices of the British High Commissioner in Pretoria and Cape Town where she remained until her marriage. Thereafter she worked for the SABC and other Johannesburg concerns.

As a part of her doctoral studies a former Grahamstown resident, **Mercia Waring (BA Hons 1973)**, hopes to launch a development programme in Grahamstown and the Eastern Cape. Sponsored by large commercial companies, the plan has been dubbed *Forward East Cape* which includes *Forward Grahamstown* aimed at upgrading the black areas of the town. Ms Waring who now lives in Cape Town said that the aim of the project is to bring stability to the region and to increase opportunities for black people in the Eastern Cape townships.

Nevin Weakley (BA Hons 1971) is an associate director of McDonald Wheeler Fund Management Limited, specializing in investment and financial management, living in Canterbury, England.

Ant Wetmore (BCom 1972) is vice-president of a large Canadian lumber company.

The Grahamstown branch of the South African Association of University Women entertained the national president, **Miss Joan Whitmore (MA 1944)** in June. She will hold office for three years, heading a group of 10 branches with some 500 members. Miss Whitmore is in private practice as a consultant in the broad field of applied climatology.

James Whyte (1978) is living in Johannesburg with his wife and young son, and working as an actor.

Popular continuity announcer and TV variety producer, **Anne Williams (BA 1974)**, will be appearing in Peter Toerien's annual seasonal Agatha Christie production, *Murder at the Vicarage* over the Christmas period in Johannesburg.

David Wilson (BA 1979) has been appointed as a systems programmer in the Computing Centre at Rhodes. After completing his degree he worked as a programmer before joining a building society as an analyst in 1980.

Rory Wilson (BA 1971) has been appointed general manager, Transvaal, of SA Associated Newspapers (SAAN). He was formerly a member of the editorial staff of the Cape Times before moving to the Transvaal to become personal assistant to the managing director of SAAN, Mr Clive Kinsley, who recently took early retirement.

Early this year, **Barbara Wood (BA 1984)** was one of the first post-graduate students to enrol at the Port Elizabeth Teachers' College for the higher diploma in education.

OBITUARIES

William (Bill) Bond (BA 1931), former mining executive and journalist died in Durban in July after a short illness. He is survived by his wife Penelope, four children and several grandchildren.

Brian Godlonton, great grandson of the Honourable Robert Godlonton, and a former member of the Board of Governors at Rhodes, died in Benoni in August.



Brian Godlonton

Dr Harry Goldwater (BA Hons 1913) believed to be the oldest practising doctor in Johannesburg, died there in April after a short illness. Until a few weeks before his death, Dr Goldwater, who was 92, had his own rooms in the city where he still worked a full day as a consulting physician/allergist.

H P Gordon (BSc 1934) a former headmaster of Kimberley Boys' High School died in Vereeniging in May.

Margaret Greaves (Ross-Spencer, MSc 1928) who had a distinguished academic career at Rhodes, died in Queenstown in July. She was awarded the Junior Captain Scott Medal in 1927 and the Queen Victoria Scholarship in 1928. Her two daughters also graduated from Rhodes, **Helen Greaves (BMus 1953)** and **Erica Goodwin (Greaves, BA 1955)**, as did her sister **Effie Storm (Ross-Spencer, BA 1926)**.



Margaret Greaves (Ross-Spencer, MSc 1928)

George Louw (1923) died at Hermanus in September after a long illness. He is survived by his wife and three daughters.

Belle Potterton (Arthur, BSc 1927) died in a motor accident in Zimbabwe in June.

C J "Jack" Ross-Spencer (BCom 1929, LLD Hon Grad 1968) brother of Margaret Greaves, died in Johannesburg in September. During his distinguished career he was a chartered accountant, Mayor of Johannesburg in 1967, he served on the Rhodes University Foundation Trust and was Vice-Chairman of the Board of Governors.

Prof Albert Ruddock (1938-75) who was Lecturer then Associate Professor of Geology died in Johannesburg in September.

Dr Rudolph Schaffer (1919) who spent one year at Rhodes before pursuing medical studies at Trinity College, Dublin, died in Queenstown in July.

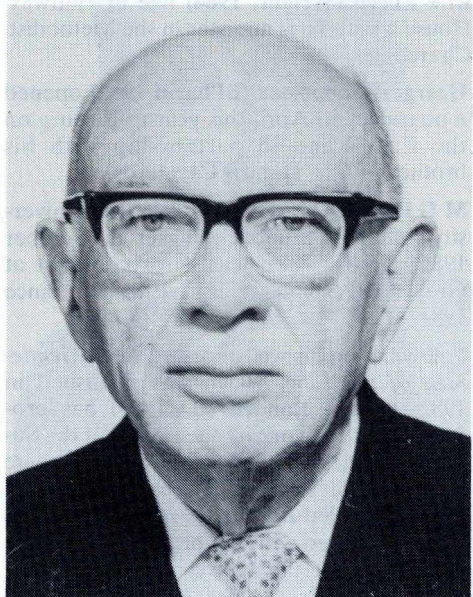
Colonel Noel Parkin Sellick, OBE MC (BSc 1921), died in January in Redhouse outside Port Elizabeth. Major Sellick was Head Student of College House during Major Walker's time. He was Director of Meteorological Services in what was Salisbury, Rhodesia from 1935 to 1957, and Vice-President of the World Meteorological Organization from 1951 to 1955. He and his wife retired to Redhouse in 1976. He also ran the meteorological section of the South African Airforce during the Second World War while stationed in Pretoria from 1939-1945.

Adrian Seymour (BJourn 1984) died after being involved in a motor accident in East London in August.

E J (Ted) Smale (1945) died of a heart attack after undergoing surgery in Johannesburg in October. He was recently appointed to the post of managing director of AECI, where he has been all his working life. Ted was the first South African to hold the post. He is survived by his wife, four children and four grandchildren.

Oliver Sparg (1967) died in a shooting incident in Gonubie in May.

Advocate Wilfred Verschuur QC (BA 1924), former Attorney General for South West Africa/Namibia died in George in May. He leaves his wife Irene, and daughters Linda Culverwell of Pietermaritzburg and **Libby McGill (BSc Pharm 1966)** of Port Elizabeth.



Advocate Wilfred Verschuur QC (BA 1924)